



ST MUNGO'S PARENT COUNCIL

CHAIRPERSON: MRS ANISAH IJAZ

Minutes of a meeting of St Mungo's Parent Council held by video conference on Thursday 27th May at 7pm.

PRESENT:

Parent Council Members: Anisah Ijaz, Merle Stevenson, Antoinette Cherubini-Donaldson, Carolyn Tribble, Louise Harland, Florence Crozier, Anne-Marie Gregory, Sofia Akbar, Sharon Mwale, Lesley Mann.

In Attendance: Stephen Phee – Rector, Clare Marshall – Teacher Rep, Anne Hemfrey – Clerk

Apologies: Jacqueline Thomson, Pat Reid, James Kerr, Steve Feltbower

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Anne-Marie Gregory proposed the minutes and Florence Crozier seconded them.

MATTERS ARISING

Bid by Art Dept for Funds

Following approval of the above at the last meeting, CM confirmed that the design of the tea towels and bags is proceeding. There was further discussion about the type of memorial that should be provided. One suggestion from the last meeting was a memorial garden to recognize not only the recent deaths of two pupils but also the adverse impact of the pandemic on mental health etc. This would also have an environmental element with links to climate change. Pupils would be required to do the upkeep. A new suggestion was to commission a stained glass window ie convert an existing window to stained glass. Many of those present felt that this was a very good idea. A further suggestion was a "Peace Pole" - these can have different things written on them.

Anisah said she would email Stephen directly with a formal proposal for a memorial.

TREASURER'S REPORT

In April the Council paid the 2020/21 allowance (£590) into our account. There are therefore funds available for the memorial tribute discussed above.

RECTOR'S REPORT

A copy of the Rector's report is attached. Key points to note:

- SQA results: after moderation, pupils will be informed of final grades. CM will do full school data analysis.
- P7 transition – a draft plan will go to the primary schools shortly. Parents will not be allowed to accompany pupils. All based on risk assessments. There will be a separate programme for pupils with additional support needs.
- New timetable starts 14th June. If there are any changes during the summer, parents will be updated.
- Staffing - SP confirmed that he has got probationers in the subjects he wanted. No staffing issues.
- 6th year Leavers – “graduation” day 11th June. Celebration held outside with hot dogs, candy floss machine etc. Whole day event.
- 4th/5th year leavers will be invited to a lunch the last week of term.
- Parent/Staff Survey: Parents who wish to join the school improvement group to analyse information from the questionnaire are very welcome. Particular focus will be on what parents would like the priorities of the school improvement plan to be. Anne-Marie, Sofia, Merle, Florence and Sharon expressed interest in joining the group. CM said that if parents had a child with a particular need, they may wish to join to have their voice heard more clearly. All interested to email CM.
- Recruiting for Captains and deputies by the end of August
- There was a discussion on litter around the school following a report in the Falkirk Herald. Litter wardens will increase patrols. More bins are required. Stephen will liaise with pupils and parents to tackle the problem.

AOB

Parents expressed concern that exams for the same subjects were on different days in different schools, so pupils sitting them later had a potential advantage. SQA had accepted that each school would have its own exam timetable and that every exam paper had appeared on the “tik tok” site.

Appeals -pupils can be down graded as well as up graded.

Parents felt very strongly that while some teachers had put in a huge effort, others couldn't be bothered even to mark homework so that pupils had no idea how they doing in that particular subject. Stephen stressed that if parents had concerns about individual teachers, they should contact him directly with their concerns.

Pupils have been “vaping” on school grounds – this must be reported and the school will deal with it.

Parent /Teacher meetings online went very well, all credit to staff.

Parents queried the handling of racism incidents by the school. Pupils who report racist incidents are accused of “grassing” on fellow pupils. Stephen stressed that staff try to ensure that pupils don't know who has informed. Anisah asked if it would be possible for the school to examine the number of racist incidents this year in relation to past years and other schools. It

has come up a lot in the past year, which is surprising given that pupils have been at home so much. It is an issue that the school needs to look at more closely.

Date of Next Meeting: The next meeting will be the AGM, to be held on 30th September at 7pm (hopefully at the school!)