



Parent Council

Chair: Simon Jessney

Minutes of meeting held on Thursday 14 Sept 2017

At 7.00pm in the School Conference Room

1. Members Present:

Simon Jessney	Chair
Robert Birch	Head Teacher
Fiona Conroy	Depute Head Teacher
Jaclyn Martin	Depute Head Teacher
Jennifer Di Mambro	Depute Head teacher
Joyce Gass	Parent Member
David Forson	Parent Member
Graeme Murray	Parent Member

2. Previous Minutes. No minutes were taken during the July meeting

3. Rectors Report. Robert Birch updated the Council on the following points:

- a. Staffing – noting that parent council involvement would be required for DHT recruitment.
- b. SQA results. The parent council congratulated pupils, parents and staff on a strong set of results, keeping up the outstanding results of pervious years.
- c. School Show. This year's show is "Bugsy Malone" and tickets would be on sale soon for the dates 9 Oct – 12 Oct.
- d. Consortium Arrangements. These were in place with other schools and the process was operating well so far.
- e. Home Economics refurbishment. No update available for when this long outstanding work will be completed.
- f. Positive Destinations Evening. This will be held 5 Oct.
- g. S4 CV writing. Morgan Stanley had provided excellent support to pupils, with further support from SE staff.

4. Building Repair Update. Following the discussions with Councillor Paul Kelly improvements had been made to the state of repair of the building, and the process

of fault reporting and follow up had also improved. However, no longer term commitments had been made, despite recent announcements in the press, of funding provided to other local schools. Simon Jessney proposed the following:

- a. We arrange a walk around the school for all parent council members (following the election of the 2 new members)
- b. He will contact Paul Kelly about the repairs and keep the PC informed of any progress.
- c. He would approach Paul Kelly for an update on the Home Economics overdue repairs.

5. **School Improvement Plan.** Jaclyn Martin would update the PC on the SIP following the staff review taking place now. We would then decide how the PC can support the plan.
6. **Communication.** We would be entering a few bullets into the monthly newsletter, and posting the minutes on the website, and will seek as many ways as possible to engage with all parents.
7. There were no items to report from **Correspondence** or the **Treasurer**.
8. The **AGM** will be held on Thu 5 Oct at 7.30pm.
9. **AOB:**
 - a. Robert Birch had investigated David Forson's question about the wifi in the HE block. Investigations had indicated that this was about the I pads rather than the wifi, but Robert birch would update the PC on progress.
 - b. All felt that the prizegiving evening had gone very well, well done to all those that were involved.
 - c. Simon Jessney handed out a summary of the PC training for 2017/18. Nominations for training should be placed through the Chair, we will raise this at future meetings to maximise the opportunities for DHS representation.
 - d. Elections were being held for 2 PC vacancies, 9 parents had expressed an interest.

Training for 2017/18

Proposed Date	Event	Provider
September 12 th 2017	Criteria Led Selection Training	NLC 18.30 – 20.30 Coatbridge High School
September 26 th 2017	Welcome to the Parent Council Introduction to First Class Role of Office Bearers	NLC
October 24th 2017	Parent Council Essentials	SPTC
November 21 st 2017	Parents' Consultative Group 1	NLC
January 23rd 2018	Helping to Improve your School	SPTC
February 27 th 2018	Parents' Consultative Group 2	NLC
March 20th 2018	Effective Meetings	SPTC
April 24 th 2018	Parents' Consultative Group 3	NLC
May 8 th 2018	Criteria Led Selection Training NLC Learning Festival (8 th and 9 th)	NLC 14.00 – 15.30 Civic Centre
June 5 th 2018	Parents' Consultative Group 4	NLC