

St Vincent's Primary School

East Kilbride

Parent Council

Minutes of Meeting held on Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2018

**Members of Council**

Chair – Olive Thomas

Vice Chair – Celeste Dickson

Treasurer – Michael Feeney (Assistant Sharon Hamilton)

Minute secretary – Clare Simpson

Church Rep – Gerard Gordon

HT – Eileen Tompkins

DHT – Danielle Timmons

Acting PTs - Yvonne Boyle & Lorena Ziolo

Parent Members – Sharon Hamilton, Lisa Miller, Carol Cruikshanks, Bonnie Salinas, Jaqueline Burke, Suzanne Cullen, David Kelly

**Attendees**

Olive Thomas, Eileen Tompkins, Clare Simpson, Michael Feeney, Sharon Hamilton, Bonnie Salinas, Lisa Miller

**1 Opening Prayer and Welcome**

Agenda issued and reflected in these minutes. Chair opened meeting and welcomed all in attendance. Meeting continued with prayer from Eileen Tompkins in the absence of Church Rep.

**2 Apologies**

Vice Chair Celeste Dickson, Councillor Archie Buchanan, Church Rep Gerard Gordon, DHT Danielle Timmons (Yvonne Boyle/Lorena Ziolo), Parents Carol Cruikshank, Jaqueline Burke, Suzanne Cullen, David Kelly

**3 Minutes of previous meeting held on Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> January 2018**

Minutes were taken as read and approved

**4 Head Teachers Report**

- **Staffing & Enrolment Update** – There will be 12 classes for next year, composition as yet unknown as depends on placing requests. Miss Timmons will be returning to the school

after the Easter break. The acting PTs Mrs Boyle & Mrs Ziolo have done a great job covering. The school will also see the return of Mrs Murphy after the summer break and Mrs Kelly after Christmas.

- **School Improvement Priorities** – suggestion to get a group of parents together to consult with on school improvement priorities.
- **PEF Funding** – This years allocation will be £57, 600. Parents, Children and Parent Council to be consulted regarding ideas and suggestions on how money should be spent/allocated. Parent Council suggestions included playground upgrading for outdoor learning, Health & Wellbeing – walking bus, Extra teaching staff (additional support staff), Afterschool clubs, Numeracy.
- **ICT Refresh** – Lots of new equipment coming in, 30 new chrome books covered by PEF funding, approximately £9000.
- **App Central** – The new school app is going ahead and will be launched on Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> March, with training for staff on Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> March. Aim is to promote and distribute fliers at parents night 28<sup>th</sup> March and display banner outside school after Easter Break.
- **Assembly police visit** – The police will be visiting in the new term to discuss the safe use of the internet. They have also been asked to attend the parents night should any parents wish to discuss with them.
- **100 years of Catholic Education** – Events to celebrate. There will be a final events mass at Falkirk Stadium which St Vincents will be attending with St Louise. Only 15 pupils can represent the school, this will be done through ballot selection.

#### **5 Fundraising update**

February school disco was a success and another disco is scheduled for Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> April, Communion breakfast Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> May and Summer Fayre Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> June.

#### **6 Any other Business**

Transition of nursery to school – evening with new parents to be organised, smaller induction groups for the children to ensure all needs are identified.

Diminishing numbers attending parent council meetings – suggestion to take a poll of preferred evening to host. Also still looking at possibility of one parent representative from each class.

#### **7 Date of next meeting**

Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> April 2018 – main focus will be on communion breakfast, summer fayre and sports day