Parent Council Meeting

Wednesday 28 January 2015

Present: M Schmitz, D King, J Miller, L Kerr, S Munro, T Bain, M Mackie, M Arendarikova, K Reid

Apologies: , A McSorley, M Lawrence, F Peffers

No matters arising from previous minute.

**HT Report**

* The S5/6 Prelims went very well. National 5’s this week. 100% attendance. Pupils are nervous but enthusiastic.
* Holocaust day at each of the assemblies this week.
* Attendance is around 90%. There are a few serious medical conditions. The school are trying to encourage and support pupils to attend school.
* The school has a vacancy advertised at the moment for Teacher of Inclusion. S Munro, I Campbell and D King plan to interview on Friday 13th Feb.
* D King has a staffing meeting this Friday. Projected school role around 445 pupils, this is 10 more than last year . This should ensure the school keeps all teaching staff. Ideally the school will have an inclusion teacher and an extra science teacher.
* John McBain visited the school. He was impressed and said the school looked “well loved”. He was a school friend of Brian McAlinden and has pledged to give the school £2000 every year for the next 5 years.
* Timetabling has already started for the new school year. The school will continue to link with St Margaret Mary’s for the upper school.
* Pila ski trip was a great success.
* Uganda fundraising continues, there will be a Race Night on Friday 6th March.

**AOB**

* S Munro updated the Parent Council on the progress fundraising for Uganda. So far they have received £11000 for far, more than half way there.
* D King will contact J Adams. There are outstanding monies owed to the school.

Uganda - £500

Pila - £500

Sports Leaders T-Shirts - £90

Christmas Hampers - £100

And the clerk payment - (which I can wait for)

* K Reid will contact Lorraine Thomson from Glasgow Council on Alcohol to invite her back to the school. Everyone agreed that the talk on alcohol was very informative and look forward to hearing more on the subject of drugs.
* D King asked for Parents views on the Pupil Absence Reporting pilot. Parents who had used the Pilot Absence Reporting line had not had a good experience and stated they would rather phone the school. D King said she would collate this information and feedback to the team running the pilot.