

Leith Academy Parent Council
Minutes of AGM Meeting held on 07 June 2017

In attendance	Initials	In attendance	Initials
Jack Simpson (Headteacher)	JMS	Laura Brown (Chair)	LB
Colin Brown (Vice Chair)	CB	Fiona Fitzgerald (Treasurer)	FF
Anna Bowman	AB	Rodger Evans	RE
Barney Sax	BS	Hilary Marsh	HM
Lucy Enfield	LE	Xanthe Bird	XB
Mike Irving (Acting Head Teacher)	MI	Janice Aubeeluck	JA
Grant Bulloch	GB	Andrew Barnett	AB
Katrina Milligan	KM		
Apologies		Minutes	
Catherine Sheehy	CS	Victoria Mitchell (Clerk)	VM
Hilary Brown	HB		
Nele Finsterbush	NF		

Item	Notes	Action
1.	Welcome and Introductions LB opened the meeting and welcomed all in attendance. Introductions were made.	
2.	Apologies Noted Above	
3.	Minutes of Previous Meeting and Matters Arising The Minutes from the meeting on 25 April 2017 were accepted as an accurate record.	
4.	FLAG update (Food for life action group). No meeting update. Hilary Brown & Nele going for a school meal on Monday 12th to sample. The group will be meeting regularly. S1 encouraged to stay in school until Christmas. "The Café" painting still in discussion. IT and Lewis Patterson involved with plasmas. Some information is on the screens and one has been fitted near the front door.	JMS
5.	Finances Please see attached spreadsheet from FF. Statements are now received at the school. Balance of £656.75. All required payments have now been paid out. Fund raising will be required. £900 funds will be received in July	

	from the C.E.C. Cathy Sheehy will be paid money owed from making fans for Billy Elliot by the Drama department.	
6.	<p>Pupil Council</p> <p>James/Poppy unable to attend as they have now left. New recruitment for a new head boy & head girl or team captains. Also approx. 25 prefects. This will happen at the beginning of next term.</p>	
7.	<p>Head Teacher's Update</p> <p>Staffing - JMS confirmed that he had been appointed to a secondment as Senior Education Officer with the Authority for a year in the first instance and that Mike Irving had been appointed as acting HT. He also intimated that Jennifer Ness would be leaving as CL English, having secured a job in South Lanarkshire. Probationers had been requested in English, French/Spanish, History/Modern Studies, PE, Physics and Mandarin. There are issues however with the last two and alternative staffing arrangements will be required.</p> <p>PEF budget plans – JMS shared the intention to advertise two posts focusing on closing the gap. A third Family Liaison Worker post may follow in September.</p> <p>Parent Pay – There was discussion on this initiative re online payments for school expenses and the issue of the fee imposed for using the system</p> <p>Funding – JMS conveyed the thanks of faculties and departments for the recent contributions from the Parent Council to their requests for funding.</p> <p>S6 Last Day – JMS paid tribute to the committee who had worked hard to make this initiative a success, especially Sadiq Baidani and Michal Twardowski. The inflatable assault course and boxing ring, pizzas and juice had proved popular.</p> <p>Spring Fling – This was another successful event on 27 April.</p> <p>Meaningful May – Pupils with few or no National 5 exams had been offered a series of experiences during SQA exam leave time, some of which focused on Employability Skills.</p> <p>EEN Local Hero Awards – Nominated with two other schools in the 'School of the Year' category of this competition, LA lost out to Bruntsfield Primary School.</p> <p>S1 Benmore – The S1 residential experience 8-12 May had been successful and enjoyed by the pupils.</p> <p>'Your Views Count' – A parental engagement event on the afternoon of 12 May had not attracted huge numbers of parents but enough to get some concrete feedback on the school's priorities. The intention is to have 'Your Views Count' sessions at future parent consultation meetings.</p> <p>Primary Maths Magic Morning – P7 pupils visited the school on 19 May as part of our transition arrangements.</p> <p>Edinburgh Fringe Festival Poster Competition – There are 4 LA pupils on the shortlist.</p> <p>Paolozzi Art Awards – JMS who had just hotfooted it from this event at</p>	

	<p>the National Gallery reported that S5 pupil Fraser Kelsey had work which was highly commended.</p> <p>Sports Day – This resurrected practice had been hugely successful on 31 May. Next session it is proposed to have it after exam leave so as to be able to involve new S5 and S6 pupils.</p>	
8.	<p>Election of Office Bearers</p> <p>Laura Brown - Chair Colin Brown - Vice Chair Fiona Fitzgerald - Treasurer Victoria Mitchell - Clerk Nele Finsterbush - North Neighbourhood</p>	
9.	<p>AOCB</p> <p>Too late to organise anything for The Gala Day. We will just concentrate on an early Christmas fair. Also think about water stations for marathons etc for fund raising. Raffle/Tombola for Billy Elliot. No response from email sent out asking for donations. Janice Aubeeluck will donate 6 bottles of wine. Xanthe Bird will donate a bottle of whisky. Katrina Milligan (new member) offers future help with fundraising.</p> <p>S1 Trips to National Museum Of Scotland cancelled - Jack is following this up.</p>	<p>JA/XB</p> <p>JMS</p>
10.	<p>Date for next Meetings</p> <p>Monday 4/9/17 Tuesday 28/11/17 Monday 29/1/18 Tuesday 24/4/18 AGM Wednesday 6/6/18</p>	