

Leith Academy Parent Council

Minutes of Meeting held on 03 February 2016

In attendance	Initials	In attendance	Initials
Jack Simpson (Headteacher)	JMS	Colin Brown (Co-Chair)	CB
Trish Emblem	TE	Laura Brown (Treasurer)	LB
Anna Bowman (Neighbourhood Meetings Rep)	AB	Hilary Brown	HB
Hilary Marsh	HM	Katrina Sellar	KS
Oscar Shirlaw (Pupil Council)	OS	Nele Finsterbusch	NF-
Victoria Griffiths	VG	Roslyn Gaunt	RG
Gill Pereira (Drama Teacher)	GP	Ben Stewart	BS
Tracy Rendall	TR		
Apologies		Minutes	
		Fiona Fitzgerald	FF

Item	Notes	Action
1.	Welcome and Introductions TE opened the meeting and welcomed all in attendance. Introductions were made.	
2.	Apologies Anna & Tracy arrived late to meeting – they had attended North Neighbourhood	
3.	Minutes of Previous Meeting and Matters Arising The Minutes from meeting on 24 November 2015 were accepted as an accurate record. Trip to Paris (S3) Not recommended cancelling trip at this stage. There is no indication that things are worse in Paris, and currently no FCO advice not to travel there. Fiona Rennie was to ask for next instalment – 1 pupil pulled out. The trip is going ahead. Leith Academy will continue to plan. Fiona Rennie has assured JMS that communications have been made to parents. £40 deposit paid, 1 st instalment £150 paid and now 2 nd instalment now due. Plasma screen at front of school – Engineer scheduled to look at this with a view of getting regular updates. Last Minutes – Twitter Account – see communication from Grant Bulloch.	
4.	Drama Department Gill Pereira thanked PC for donation given to Grease performance. Looking to do fundraising for next show possibly Sunshine on Leith. There are lots of plans based on the curriculum. Drama Department looking for donations to help purchase props, costumes etc. They would like to take the show this year to Edinburgh Festival Fringe. TE gave information on Leith Decides to register for next year for some funding and also informed GP through the PC there are approx. 300 parents on our mailing list if she would like to put a communication together and TE will distribute.	

5.	<p>FLAG – School Meal Provision</p> <p>HM, HB, BS, Gladys and Lorna Dewar (Health and Wellbeing from LA) attended 1st meeting 2 weeks ago and an Action Plan has been started. Next meeting is on 22 February and we will get update on 25 April.</p> <p>LA and all schools in Edinburgh Council have the bronze Food for Life Catering Mark award from the Soil Association. We were informed that Gladys is due to retire at end of March and replacement for her will be done through the Council but Leith Academy does not get a say in new recruit.</p> <p>There has been a significant improvement in quality of food and most popular at present are bacon, sausage rolls, pizza and pasta.</p> <p>There was discussion on improvement to the physical layout of eating area. Plasma screen will also be used to promote this once up and running.</p> <p>Possible funding from Leith Decides next year for physical improvements.</p>	
6.	<p>Pupil Council</p> <p>Sent survey to Tutor Groups and asked pupils to vote.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Health – Café / After School Clubs 2. Litter in the Community – Leithers Don't Litter, a litter pick had been arranged and completed. Hoping for more to follow 3. Politeness and Respect. <p>One week to focus on one topic to help raise morale for pupils and teachers.</p> <p>Possibility of a reward for the whole school e.g. non uniform, free period.</p> <p>Bulletin Board looking good and started to be updated.</p>	Oscar updated PC
7.	<p>Finances</p> <p>Still problems with Bank Statements going to previous Treasurer.</p> <p>Laura will ask Bank if Statements can be sent direct to school to stop the same problems in future.</p> <p>Bank Balance to date - £855.00</p> <p>Donation to Prom Committee - £200.00</p> <p>Possible donation to improve the physical improvements to café. Raise at next FLAG meeting to see what changes are allowed.</p>	
8.	<p>Timetable and Curriculum 2016-17</p> <p>JMS gave presentation on the above.</p> <p>Role for August 2016 – 872</p> <p>Projected numbers over next 5 years – 1200 by 2020</p>	
9.	<p>Head Teacher's Update</p> <p>S4 Parent Consultation – The initial draft turnout was 64%</p> <p>JMS visited Shanghai at the beginning of December to collect the Confucius Classroom of the Year award 2015 on behalf of CEC</p> <p>Litter Pick – Oscar gave update from Pupil Council</p> <p>YPI – sponsored by the Wood Foundation – S3 pupils were involved through Social Subjects in researching charities and advocating their work. A panel of judges awarded the £3000 prize money to the group which presented on behalf of North Edinburgh Dementia Care.</p> <p>Outcome of school uniform survey: shirts and ties (dark blue for S1-S3; light blue for S4-S6), black jumper, cardigan, trousers, skirts. More information to follow.</p> <p>Positive figures for Safe from Bullying</p> <p>Pupils who said –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • my school is good/very good at dealing with bullying -57% • I have been bullied at school in the past year -27% • I am a little/very worried about bullying - 40% 	

	<p>(City average responses for the same statements were 60%, 27% and 35% respectively.)</p> <p>All S2 pupils were canvassed.</p> <p>Positive destinations for school leavers in 2015 have come through as 91.1%, up slightly from the comparative figure for 2014 (90.7%). Follow-up statistics will be available in March 2016.</p> <p>HM Inspectors visited the school on 03/02/16, meeting with SMT, a staff group and a focus group. This was focused on CfE implementation, with an emphasis within LA on curriculum, skills development, individualised support and particular elements of attainment.</p> <p>House Points – In the battle for the House Cup (awarded by the Parent Council) the current tally is Anderson 933; Barton 1109; Cowan 1121; and Port 999.</p> <p>P7 Parents’ Information Evening – There was a good turnout at this event of some 50-60 parents.</p>	
	<p>AOB</p> <p>Astroturf requires replacement at a cost of £180k</p> <p>Leith Academy has been given a price for rejuvenating it of £18,500 this should extend the life span for approx. 2-3 years.</p> <p>Write to Council to enquire what plans they have for funding Astroturf renewal after this stopgap measure.</p> <p>Would we contact STV EH to attend Leith Academy Diversity Night?</p>	TE
	<p>Date of Next Meeting</p> <p>Monday 25 April 2016 at 7.00pm</p>	