

Leith Academy Parent Council
Minutes of AGM Meeting held on 08 June 2016

In attendance	Initials	In attendance	Initials
Jack Simpson (Headteacher)	JMS	Nele Finsterbusch	NF
Trish Emblem (Chair)	TE	Laura Brown (Treasurer)	LB
Anna Bowman (Neighbourhood Meetings Rep)	AB	Hilary Marsh	HM
Hilary Brown	HB	Rodger Evans	RE
Bridget Linton		Dr SP Singh	
Rila Malile		Tina Zhang	
Sarabjit Singh		Guarbreet Kaur	
Rocio Carrillo		Cat McCready	
Apologies		Minutes	
Colin Brown (Co-Chair)		Fiona Fitzgerald (Secretary)	FF

Item	Notes	Action
1.	Welcome and Introductions TE 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 meeting on 25 April 2016 were accepted as an accurate record. HM to email Ben Stewart re. purchase of blackboard. Hopefully this can be done before end of term. HB to speak with Councillors regarding the bin at Academy Park not being emptied. Email Mary Bainbridge to inform her that during transition days at Leith Academy pupils are not allowed to go out for lunch on Thursday. I have done this and both Ms Bainbridge and Mr Simpson are aware	HB FF
4.	Election of Office Bearers Chair - Trisha Emblem Co Chair - Nele Finsterbusch Treasurer - Laura Brown Secretary - Fiona Fitzgerald North Neighbourhood - Anna Bowman A follow on meeting took place after AGM and discussion around Chair, Co-Chair, Treasurer, Secretary, North Neighbour Rep This will have to be discussed with Chair before next meeting.	

5.	<p>After School Sports 90% of sessions are run by senior pupils 30% of pupils are female participants 14 girls attend rugby team under 15yrs There will be a Sports Fayre in August for S1 and all other pupils in school. Hoping to develop a Sports Council Sports Personality of the Year. Asking pupils what they would like. Local Dance Club – linked in with LA and Portobello Upgrade the website Twitter account is in operation Offer made to attract parents to become more involved via message using PC mailing list – Cat to provide wording Any queries relating to After School Sports should be directed to: Cat McCready, Active Schools Coordinator.</p>	
6.	<p>Pupil Council Carried forward to new term for updates</p>	
7.	<p>Finances Please see attached spreadsheet from Laura Brown Still chasing bank regarding statements.</p>	
8.	<p>Headteacher's Update Staffing Changes – 9 interviews over next couple of weeks for various subjects. 3 Retirals – Science, RME, SfL end June Budget: Revised budget will be sent soon showing a 10% reduction in Business Support. Not yet sure what Business Support will cover. iPads – should have been distributed beginning of June to new S4 but contract has been taken over from BT to CGI and there seems to be some technical issues downloading relevant software. The latest email says they may have a solution which would then allow us to distribute in August. Fringe Poster Comp – Three pupils' posters have been chosen to be displayed as part of exhibition at Dynamic Earth Young Scot Awards 2016 – The xl group in conjunction with the Pilmeny Centre won the Heritage Category for their work on Gretna and Gallipoli. Presentation was at the Edinburgh International Exhibition Centre in April. Toilet Refurbishment – This was supposed to have been done in February, then postponed until Monday of this week but again slippage – the reason given is delay in delivery units. Commencement date still to be confirmed. JMS pushing for a date on this. Leith Academy did take part in the Lothian Schools Football tournament and S4 made it to League Cup Final!! Inspire US 2016 – Nadia Steels and four S4 pupils are working on this competition which will see the winners going to Florida and Washington DC in the run-up to the presidential election. Winners to be announced in July. Amy Donald nominated for Local Hero Awards through <i>Evening News</i>, partly in connection with her work in school through YPI which saw £3k given to Dementia Care</p>	

	Four pupils have been shortlisted in the annual Paolozzi Awards with an exhibition in the Scottish National Gallery.	
9.	<p>AOB</p> <p>Parent Council Future Plans – Flip Chart and Post It Notes used to explore options. Outcomes and further ideas to be discussed at first meeting of new term</p> <p>Trisha Emblem would still be happy to organise the Speed Careers Event Invitation to Brooke Walker, Mandarin Teacher.</p> <p>LB asked for a specific day for Event to take place as she has people who would come along.</p> <p>Parents wanting their children to take Nat 5/Higher in their native tongue should speak with Mrs Whitelaw (Head of Mod Lang).</p> <p>NF and HB to write to SQA re. extending provision of exams in pupils' native tongues – e.g. currently Polish is not offered.</p> <p>JMS will ask colleagues in other secondary schools how this affects them.</p>	
	<p>Proposed meeting dates for next term</p> <p>Monday 05 Sept 2016</p> <p>Tuesday 29 Nov 2016</p> <p>Wednesday 01 Feb 2017</p> <p>Tuesday 25 April 2017</p> <p>Wednesday 07 June 2017 AGM</p>	