

Leith Academy Parent Council

Minutes of AGM Meeting held on 29 January 2018

| In attendance | Initials | In attendance | Initials |
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| Michael Irving (Head Teacher) | MI | Laura Brown (Chair) | LB |
| Colin Brown (Vice Chair) | CB | Cathy Sheehy | CS |
| Gillian Brown | GB | Angie Edwardson | AE |
| Hilary Marsh | HM | Hilary Brown | HB |
| Fiona Fitzgerald (Treasurer) | FF | Grant Bulloch | GB |
| Rachel Watson (Teacher) | RW | Kenny Milne (Teacher) | KM |
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| Apologies | | Minutes | |
| Roger Evans | RE | Victoria Mitchell (Clerk) | VM |
| Gordon Munro | GM | | |
| Lucy Enfield | LE | | |
| Adam McVey | AM | | |
| Xanthe Bird | XB | | |
| Nele Finsterbush | NF | | |
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| Item | | Action |
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| 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 28 November 2017 were accepted as an accurate record. | |
| 4. | Pupil Council They are currently involved in a series of meetings re the inspection etc and will be unable to attend. | |
| 5. | Finances Current balance £1421.01 once all donations and payments have been deducted. | |

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| 6. | <p>Fundraising. There will be a Parent Council stall selling tea and coffee and a tombola at the Diversity concert on 8th February. There will also be a New York Trip team selling cakes towards their trip. Helpers are required to be there from 4.00-6.30. We will arrange something for The Spring Fling also which is on 26th April.</p> | |
| 7. | <p>Flag Update Had a meeting with Mr Stewart regarding ongoing improvements. Plasma screens are up but have no advertising on them as yet. Sending out menus on the Pupil Bulletin. Veggie options being discussed. Canteen has been taken over from an outside contractor. Cash now being accepted. Biometrics is going to be introduced. Queuing system is being looked in to. Painting the cafeteria is not practical as it is breezeblock. Mr Gallagher's wider achievement class is looking in to making it look more attractive. Ben Stewart and Jennifer discussed putting more info in to the bulletin.</p> | |
| 8. | <p>Head Teacher's Update</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Staffing – we continue to work through staffing with appointments in; <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -1 x Maths Darren Roberts -1 x CDT recruiting • Prelims – pupils conducted themselves well, message now is to take the feedback and plan to improve in key areas as we approach May • Website – we have been able to upload key documents to the website to keep our information as current as possible, especially as we enter course choice and transition in the summer term • S2 into S3 Course choice info evening – supporting subject choice and learner pathways. • Christmas - Christmas service, the last week, Concert, YPI, Swim Gala and church service – some great events finished off by a visit to South Leith Parish Church, kept the history of our school firmly in our thoughts • S2 Parents Eve - S2 Parents evening with a strong attendance, we took parent views and also hopefully steered some course choice discussions | |

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| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Live N Learn session planned for S4 Feb 26th...same night as senior course choice info evening...all stakeholders involved – pupils, staff, parent sessions • Take closer look – this was held 15th and 16th January with feedback. A good process especially as we then got news of inspection a few days later. Some positives clearly identified and some next steps for us to work on • HMIE inspection to begin 5th Feb. Thank you to all Parents who have completed questionnaires • Attendance- Our attendance picture is improving thanks to the work of all involved, from taking a register to being on the working group. Of 23 Schools we were 19th towards the end of last session, the latest figures have us at 11th and we have real aspirations to hit the top 10. We know many young people have barriers, but the work being done to break them down is having an impact • Vision Values Aims- we are working through revisiting these with pupils and parents. MI to show the current progress and take views • LGBT+ - we were recently one of the few Schools in Scotland to be awarded the Silver Charter Award for LGBT+. Mr Stewart has led some great work in this area over recent years to get us to this point • SQA - The coming weeks now are very focussed on supporting pupils in their SQA preparations, with only 1 week on Friday till the half term then 6 weeks till Easter we need to work together to meet deadlines and prepare the pupils for upcoming exams | |
| 9. | <p>A.O.B. Email with positive feedback re parents night. Acting depute Rachel Watson introduced herself. Careers event on Wednesday 7th February 4-6pm. Leith chooses application has will be submitted for the girls ruby team. £458 has also been received from Edinburgh rugby.</p> | |
| 10. | <p>Date for next Meeting Tuesday 24th April 2018 7pm</p> | |