

Trinity High School Parent Council Meeting 15/11/21

Present

Mr Marshall, Clare D, Maureen McC, Jane S (councillor), Siobhan L, Laura Mcl, Jan S, Jacqui McD, Yvonne J, Miss Waddle, Miss Parker, Father John

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Apologies

Gemma McG, Claire H, Claire J, Karen Y, Shona Luse

Mr Marshall Head Teachers Report

Mr M thanked Maureen for all her hard work as chair of PTA.

Interviewing for new staff

- 4 x support lead
- 1 x key worker
- 1 x support worker

These roles should be in place by Christmas 21/Jan 22.

That would be a full compliment of staff for the support faculty.

Support for learning had a post to fill.

Currently no science technician, that post has been advertised.

Attendance

Below 90% for the first time. seasonal cold and flu contribute to figures.

There are 20-25 pupils late to school every day. this needs improvement.

16 staff members who have been trained up to drive the minibus have been out at three events.

A teacher has been successful in securing funding to develop cycle parking and facilities in the school grounds. Very early stage and awaiting to hear what the next stage is. Hoping to have substantial parking for bikes, bikeability and purchase of bikes.

There has been outreach worker from Erskine Parish working with feeder primary schools and now looking to work with high school. possibility for award for pupils who participate.

Visit from the local authority to deliver 3.2 presentation. Julie Calder and Mhairi Thomson. They are pleased with report and there are only a few loose ends to tie up any data.

Mr Marshall and pupils met with Kevin, an ex Trinity pupil from the West of Scotland Pioneering Framework for Making Changes Together and who runs the Foodbank initiative. His mission is that all local schools become involved and the children are keen to support this. The hope is to embed this into the school curriculum so this will be a legacy to leave behind for future pupils at Trinity.

Parents were sent a link to the Educational Reform survey that is part of the overall review of the Education system by the independent advisor, Ken Muir. The school had pupil focus groups that also fed into the review.

Pupils encouraged to use their right to vote/or not vote in the youth parliamentary elections. S1 – S3 will log in during ICT and vote. S4 – S6 will have the opportunity to vote at lunchtimes.

S1 have participated in a welcome mass. The year has been split into two to attend mass on different days.

Pupils took place in 1000 steps for St Margaret's. this feeds into anti bullying week and Feast of St Margaret.

Catholic Education week runs from Feast of St Margaret to Feast of St Andrew. Secondary and primary pupils will feed into various masses.

Non uniform day will be on Friday 3rd Dec after Mr Marshall was approached by upper secondary to highlight the charity Woman's Aid. Donations are welcome but the purpose is to raise awareness.

Monday 1st Nov Miss Gallagher (HMI) made a visit to the school for a wellbeing visit. She met with teachers and pupils for a ½ day to gather information that will feed into a national document for wellbeing.

She was impressed with the way the school works together, effective support in place for vulnerable, great vision and effective measures in place to document and act upon.

Other positive comments were transition from p7 – 1st year, meaningful feedback, good tracking system, young people are good at expressing themselves.

She recommended that keep parent body up to date and there will be a project leader for communication.

Miss Parker showed us slides on Health and Wellbeing Strategy. Six block model for improving mental health in young people.

Miss Waddell talked us through Inclusive Support slide.

Jan S commented on her daughter's experience and lack of scribe when needed for exams. Mr Marshall ensures he will work with the young people to make sure everyone is ready for assessment.

Jan S commented that as a parent of 2nd year, she has issues with understanding the school and knowing what is happening.

Mr Marshall told us there will be an S2 parents information evening and virtual parents meeting where parents will get to meet all teachers.

AGENDA – Clare Douglas

Increase the PTA agenda in the school. Launch of FB page and a new email address. This will be looked at this week by Clare D and Laura Mcl and ready to launch.

Looking to assist the launch with asking pupils to design the logo.

Fundraising opportunities

£1000 flight path funding secured by Clare D

£2500 funding secured by Maureen McC via Celebrating Renfrewshire application.

This means that £3500 is available to support the young people to develop the outdoor space at the school.

Jane S will send any other funding opportunities to PTA.

Consultation with pupils as to how the money will be spent.

Possible launch of 50/50. Set up paypal. All present agreed that this was something we could try.

Maureen McC suggested we remind parents about utilising easy fundraising.

Parent Council will produce their own Sway newsletter with links to the easy fundraising page and the Angelinis Christmas toy fund page

Possibility of setting up 100 club, £3 a month standing order, winner gets £100 and school keeps the rest. All present agreed that this was something we could try.

AGM will be in June in line with constitutional guidelines.

Siobhan L will attend and feedback on Diocesan and Parent meeting.

Kustom Kruizers is a bike repair shop that delivers workshops in Trinity. Look at the possibility of bringing them into the school. Mr Marshall would cover the cost as its educational. Could we raise awareness of community projects like this as its to the benefit of the whole school community.

Clare D asked about Twitter engagement. Mr Marshall feels it's a great way to celebrate young people's success and would be great if parents could tag the school in achievements.

Clare D is happy to take on the role of School Fund Rep as part of Chair. All present agreed.

Treasurer Report

Maureen McC has passed on all the statements to Clare D and current balance is sitting at £293.91.

Clare D suggested setting up internet banking and look for signatories who will be in the school system for a few years.

Maureen McC has asked that the office redirect monthly interest statement to Clare D.

Next Meeting

13th Dec at 6pm

Mr Marshall ended the meeting with an update on budgeting and the DMR review and consultation. Devolved resources should give school more control over budget. Local high schools have submitted a joint response to the DMR consultation. There is minimal change in what is allocated to schools but how and when. It could benefit Trinity as we have a higher school role and should potentially allow schools more flexibility however it would help if it was more strategic i.e a year in advance in order to plan more appropriately. The maintenance budget is cause for concern. This new system will start next April 22 when the document is created and finished.