

**Minute of Meeting of Duncanrig Secondary School Parent Council
held at the School on Monday, 2 December, 2019 at 7.00 p.m.**

Present: Mrs A Campbell, Mr C Collins, Mrs C Baillie, Mrs J Beveridge,
Mrs E Dyer (Chairperson), Mrs K Doyle, Mrs R George, Mrs J Jenkins,
Mrs S Kane, Mrs F Kelly, Mrs N Littlejohn, Mrs V Martin, Mr S Nally,
Mrs A Newton, Mr J Reid, Mrs H White.

Apologies: Mrs L Macleod, Mr D Reid, Mr C Wylie

Also Attending: Mrs L McRoberts (HT)
Mr Chris Davidson (PT)
Cllr C Stevenson
Mrs S Wilson (Clerk)

THE MINUTES

The Minute of the meeting held on 28 October, 2019 was approved.

MATTERS ARISING

Traffic Management within the School: The challenging and frustrating effort to invite a representative from SLC to come to one of our meetings to respond to concerns about this matter continued. The Chairperson expected to receive a return call from Mr David Hinshelwood. It was anticipated that he would come to one of our meetings. It was suggested that any SLC representative should be invited to attend at the later time of 7.30 p.m. to give the meeting time to reappraise the various points of concern. The Chairperson also confirmed that she could send out a note of the points previously raised for members information.

TREASURER'S REPORT - Mr C Wylie

In the absence of the Treasurer no report was available.

CORRESPONDENCE

None.

PRESENTATION ON NUMERACY - Mr C Davidson

The meeting was greatly interested in the work of the Numeracy Team and the impact it was having, giving confidence to pupils as they handled aspects of maths involving fractions, percentages etc. Associated Primary Schools benefited from the interaction with Duncanrig and parents were delighted with the results. The Parent Council was very pleased to learn that that funding to keep these projects going had been secured for a second year. Schools from other authorities were also keen to learn more about the initiatives. Everyone involved was to be commended for providing this support. Mr Davidson was thanked for giving his time to come to the meeting to share these good practises that were obviously being well received and making a great difference to pupils.

HEAD TEACHER'S UP-DATE - Mrs L McRoberts

LGBT Youth Scotland Silver Award: This prestigious award recognises the pupils efforts, supported by Miss Sievwright, in raising awareness of LGBT issues. A formal presentation is due in the New Year. Only five schools in the country have gained this award.

Staffing: There was much pleasure in reporting that Mrs Allison Orr (from Garnock Academy in North Ayrshire) had been appointed to the post of music teacher and would replace Mr Shanks who would be leaving the School on 13 December. It was anticipated that there would be supply cover until Mrs Orr took up her post with us in the New Year.

Concert Band: The Parent Council added their congratulations on hearing that the Concert Band had won a gold plus award at the Scottish Concert Band Festival at the beginning of December. This would be the last time Mr Shanks would be accompanying the band at a competition, although it was anticipated that he would be along at the School's Christmas Concert later in the month.

Maths Project: The School planned to use funding from Education Scotland to improve numeracy across P6/7. Mrs Thomson from the School's Math department has been visiting groups of Associated Primary Schools on a weekly basis to teach maths. Feedback from parents has been extremely positive as these young pupils skill and confidence with numbers is showing significant improvement.

P7 Transition Events: The P7 Information Event was hugely popular as the School welcomed parents, carers and pupils to this event last week. Pupils from S1 spoke of their experiences of coming up to 'the big' school and there were opportunities to take part in department workshops during the evening. The sports transition programme is also underway with young folk enjoy sessions taken by the sports ambassadors.

School Garden: This project continues to develop thanks to the effort of pupils, staff and members of the community. The School was gifted several hundred trees that are in the process of being planted.

Dates of Future Meetings: Monday, 20 January, 2020
Monday, 24 February, 2020
Monday, 30 March, 2020
all of the above commencing at 7.00 p.m. in the School Library.

Signed as approved by E Dyer (Chairperson) date 20.1.20