



**Minutes of the St. Mary's Episcopal Primary School Parent Council
Held on Monday 27th April 2015 at 6.30pm**

Present: Pauline Darnbrough, Sally Fraser (Acting Head Teacher), Fiona Frize, Jenny Kinvig, Matt Robinson, Mary Toop, John Ure

Apologies: Hanneke Booij, Hugh Grant, Mairi McIntyre, Alison Sammut

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1.	<p>Apologies Apologies were given as above.</p>	
2.	<p>Previous Minutes – 9/3/15 Review of any actions</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Standardised Test Results, a question was asked whether the average indicated on the graph is a theoretical or statistical average. Mrs Fraser said she would find out the answer to this. Mrs Fraser has been pursuing this with the organisation that produces the tests but despite several attempts she hasn't heard back from them, she will continue to follow this up. - The company has confirmed with Mrs Fraser that the line is a theoretical statistical average. - Matt Robinson will ask Mark Ruskell the outcome of his suggestions made at a previous PC meeting. Mark is enquiring about the school road markings and signs to indicate that cyclists can use Smithy Loan counter to the one-way system. - Mark Ruskell responded and asked Stirling Council about the signage; a sign has gone up at the High Street end of Smithy Loan. The other traffic calming measures are still outstanding. Mrs Fraser said that the school travel plan is almost complete. - Interviews to cover Miss Hughes maternity leave have been conducted. Unfortunately Mrs. Fraser was unable to appoint and will therefore be looking for a short-term solution and the post will have to be re-advertised. - Miss Johnston-Kehoe has been appointed to cover Miss Hughes maternity leave. - The Pupil Council asked if the notice board by the P7 entrance could be repaired. It was agreed that Matt Robinson would look at it, and if it is fixable, the PC will try and repair it and if not, the PC would investigate the purchase of a new notice board. - The Pupil Council is delighted and appreciative that a parent has fixed the notice board. - Matt Robinson is going to receive seed packs, he asked about where they should go. Mrs. Kinvig also informed the PC that the green flag re-assessment is due in April. A lot of work needs to be done in the grounds prior to this. Mrs. Kinvig is going to put together a list of jobs with a view to a work party being established with the opportunity for work to be carried out either after school or at the weekend. - The gardening evening went really well, thanks to all the parents who helped out. An employee volunteering organisation has approached the school offering to supply volunteers to come and do some work, a suggestion was made about installing a new shed and sorting and moving outdoor equipment and resources. Mrs. Kinvig will pursue this opportunity. <p>It was also agreed to postpone the next gardening evening and a new date will</p>	Mrs Kinvig

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3.	<p>be advertised.</p> <p>Head Teacher Report Miss Johnston- Kehoe is covering Miss Hughes maternity leave in P3/4. There will be a new P.E specialist, Miss Hayley Forrest will start on 30/4/15 and will be in school once a fortnight. Mrs. Fraser thanked the PC for funding the buses to The Discovery, the children thoroughly enjoyed the trip. She also thanked parents for helping with clearing and tidying the playground. The open evening was a great success, Mrs. Fraser thanked parents for attending, it was great for the children to have such an audience to see all their work. There were fantastic comments about the quality and quantity of work. The parental evaluations are due to be returned to school by 1/5/14, the school will send a text to remind parents. The school was represented at the Dunblane charrette, where their views were discussed. The school is also involved in the Dunblane street design project.</p> <p>Some members of the local community have complained about teenagers using the playground at evenings and weekends and their anti-social behaviour. The Police have been contacted and the community Police Officer will be visiting the school on 28/4/15. Anyone who is being disturbed by any anti-social behaviour should phone 101. Mess in the playground has been a significant issue.</p> <p>Mrs. Fraser is going to introduce a daily mile at school, as a focused fresh air break for all children. Other schools already do this activity and have seen the benefit to the pupils. This will no doubt improve general health and well-being and will have a positive impact on learning.</p> <p>A.O.B. A treasurer will be required for the PC after the summer holiday; it would be good to have someone in place soon for a handover. Agreed that the PC send an e-mail inviting parents to find out more about this position.</p> <p>The Parent Council Network meeting is on 28/5/14 at 6.30pm to 8.30pm at Stirling High, a volunteer is needed to attend.</p> <p>A question was asked about the amount of PC funds that are currently held by the school. Mrs. Fraser said she would find out.</p> <p>There was a discussion about the schools access to and the cost of hiring minibuses. Sharing a bus with another school is also a possibility on some occasions. Matt Robinson will speak to Paul Christmas (Boys Brigade) about using the BB minibus.</p> <p>Date of Next Meeting Monday 15th June 6.30pm</p>	<p>Fiona Frize</p> <p>Mrs Fraser</p> <p>Fiona Frize</p> <p>Mrs. Fraser</p>