

## **Meeting of Bellshill Academy Parent Council held on Monday, 26 January, 2015**

**Present:** Mr D. Jamieson (Chairperson), Mrs C Gowrie (Parent Member), Mrs L Gardiner (Parent Member), Mrs E Gowrie (Parent Member), Mrs C Hendry (Parent Member), Mrs J Goddard (Parent member), Mr A Moore (Teacher Representative), Mrs J. Ward (Clerk to the Council).

**Apologies:** Mrs Heffernan, Mrs Munro, Mr Webb, Mr Forwell, Ms Macbean

### **Previous Minutes**

These had been previously circulated and approved.

### **Head Teacher Report**

In the absence of the headteacher Mr Jamieson read out a written report which Mrs Munro had submitted.

### **ABC Group**

Meetings are still ongoing between group and NLC senior staff. Head of Service is actively pursuing this on our behalf.

### **Staffing**

Full complement of staff in all departments at present. Adverts for permanent posts for Chemistry, Business Studies and Geography will hopefully be made before end of session. Temporary staff who are in these posts at present are subject specialists.

### **New Higher Courses**

Work is continuing in developing and delivering these courses. More information when prelim results are known. Mr McBride, PT Sciences, is presently touring the country explaining how Chemistry should be delivered and other teachers from other schools are doing the same for other subjects.

### **Reporting**

School is looking at a new approach to Reporting to give parents more information and this will be brought to the Parent Council at the next meeting for consultation.

### **Building Work**

New Science labs are almost complete. Next phase is to develop Art and Design and Photo Media suite and then develop a fitness and dance suite. Plans have been finalised for the Art and Design but discussions are at an early stage regarding the fitness and dance suite.

New furniture has been delivered to 'Blue Room'

Study room has been completely refurbished

Music is about to be repainted and re-carpeted

### **P7 Transition**

Outstanding numbers from Noble and Mossend Primaries. Unfortunately a large number of pupils from Lawmuir are going to Cardinal Newman. However these pupils already have siblings at that school.

### **University**

14 S6 pupils have received either conditional or unconditional offers for university.

Subjects are Law, Business, Accounting, Aerospace Systems, Aeronautical Engineering, Sociology (SocScience), English, Politics, Events Manager, Chemical Engineering, Chemistry, Human Resource Management, Marketing.

### **Partnerships**

HMI are holding an Induction Day on 12 February in the school to showcase the work we are doing in Partnership with the community.

### **Finance Report**

In the absence of the treasurer, Mrs Ward reported that funds are still in account to be paid to school with regards helping with cost of refurbishing 'Blue Room' Will discuss at next meeting.

### **Trust Report**

Mr Jamieson advised the Parent Council that the Trust had agreed to purchase software for the Music Department.

### **AOCB**

#### **Survey responses**

Mr Moore gave a statement on the result of the survey on Homework and Study Skills. Disappointing feedback from parents with only a small number replying. After some discussion it was agreed to bring this to the next meeting with the intention of arranging some event for P7-S1 prior to close of school in the summer and to look at rest of school being involved in September.

Mr Jamieson stated that the 'Easyfundraising' scheme had not been as successful as he had hoped and asked if parents could be notified on the use of this in future letters or newsletter. Agreed to bring forward to next meeting.

The date of the next meeting is 2 March 2015 at 6.30pm.