

6Leith Academy Parent Council
Minutes of AGM Meeting held on 25 April 2017

In attendance	Initials	In attendance	Initials
Jack Simpson (Headteacher)	JMS	Laura Brown (Joint Chair)	LB
Colin Brown (Co Chair)	CB	Fiona Fitzgerald (Treasurer)	FF
Anna Bowman	AB	Rodger Evans	RE
Hilary Brown	HB	Hilary Marsh	HM
Catherine Sheehy	CS	Penny Radway	PR
Nele Finsterbush	NF	Janice Aubeeluck	JA
Apologies		Minutes	
Trisha Emblem (Joint Chair)		Victoria Mitchell (Clerk)	VM

Item	Notes	Action
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 1 st February 2017 were accepted as an accurate record excluding FLAG error as per HM. Questionnaire was from pupils and was re Café name only.	
4.	Pupil Council James/Poppy unable to attend.	
5.	Community Links Fund Girls rugby application was approved and £898 full funding has been granted and received. The voting was very high and it was achieved in a short time. We will need to keep CLF updated with the improvements. Will be worth looking in to again next year.	
6.	Finances Please see attached spreadsheet from LB/FF. Balance of £2,595.75 all previously requested funds have been paid out. Bank statements will be sent to the school office from now on. Extra signatories will be added at a later date. NF mentioned Poverty Equity Funding.	LB/FF

	<p>Discussion on PC Fund recipients -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Pupil Support - Model UN Conference Fee £210 agreed. ○ Chemistry Dept - Nat 4/Higher £100 agreed. ○ Science Dept - Vacuum Pump and Oil £78 agreed. ○ Health & Welfare - Compost, seeds, veg plants and fruit bushes £150 agreed. ○ Social Subjects - Atlases £100 agreed. ○ Modern Studies/Geography - Higher Whiteboard/e-textbook £120 agreed. ○ PE Dept - BGE/National Whiteboards £100 agreed. ○ Maths Dept - Concrete manipulative £285 agreed. ○ English/Literacy - Reading for understanding x 31 £100 agreed. ○ English/Literacy - Condensing mic/snagit £176 agreed. ○ Modern Languages - Licence for website French+Spanish £480 agreed. <p>Other Fundraising Ideas - Links Gala Day Saturday 10th June. Will need a gazebo and tables. Find out cost to rent a spot. Tombola, home baking, tea/coffee, rolls. Maybe school groups will put on a show/dance.</p> <p>Christmas fair ideas - may be a good idea to have it earlier November.</p> <p>Craft fairs interested in having stalls in future.</p>	
7.	<p>Head Teacher's Update</p> <p>CEC Biennial Pupil Survey – While LA's percentage figures for each of the 27 questions were generally above the City average for 2017, many were down on LA's own figures from 2015. The school will be looking at particular areas identified by pupils with a view to addressing particular concerns</p> <p>S3 Outward Bound Trip - 33 pupils went on a successful field trip to Loch Eil, accompanied by four members of staff. JMS has received a letter from Kezia Dugdale MSP thanking the school for its inclusive provision following a meeting with a parent whose child was on the trip</p> <p>3 Pupils went to Florida for baton twirling competition – Megan Carberry, Morgan Rodgers and Megan Ward represented Scotland in the American Baton Twirling Championships 17th-20th February in Florida.</p> <p>S2 Parent Consultation - The attendance figure was 63%.</p> <p>LGBT Black History Month – On 23rd February the school hosted a community event to mark this and also raised money on Purple Friday (24 February).</p> <p>S3 Parent Consultation – The attendance figure was 61%. Parents expressed the view that the online booking system should continue for another year.</p> <p>Pupils Meeting with Prince of Wales – The XL group were awarded the Prince's Trust Community Impact Award at a ceremony in London on 15 March for their work on the Gretna Centenary.</p> <p>National Film Award – Dylan Starr-Adams was presented with the Into Film 'One to Watch' Award again at a ceremony in London on 14 March.</p> <p>Citadel Youth Centre Award – Two LA pupils – Tammy Kendall and</p>	

	<p>Stephen McWhirter – were part of a group from the Citadel who were finalists in YouthLink Scotland’s National Youth Worker of the Year awards in Glasgow for their partnership links with Tom Kitchin.</p> <p>EEN Local Hero Awards – The school has been shortlisted in the ‘School of The Year’ category, again in recognition of the xl group’s work. The awards ceremony is on 12th May.</p> <p>Non Uniform Days – The last two (on 31st March and 21st April) raised £1200, divided between Comic Relief and CBIT.</p> <p>Positive Destinations – The figure for school leavers as of May 2016, released in March 2017 stands at 92.36%.</p> <p>S6 pupils on BBC Newsnight – A group of pupils were interviewed for a seven-minute piece on identity in the wake of Brexit and plans for Indyref2.</p> <p>School Improvement Plan 2017-18 – Following on from the Management Residential on 23rd-24th March, JMS highlighted that the priorities would remain the same, using the headings of the National Improvement Framework, viz:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Improvement in children and young people’s attainment, particularly in literacy and numeracy ○ Closing the attainment gap between the most and least disadvantaged children and young people ○ Improvement in children and young people’s health and wellbeing ○ Improvement in employability skills and sustained, positive school leaver destinations for all young people <p>Various practical tasks will be allocated under these headings, some of which will be eligible to be financed from the school’s Pupil Equity Funding (PEF) monies. Pupils view from the pupil survey (see above) will be incorporated into the plan. Parents and members of the local community are invited into school on the afternoon of Friday 12th May to give their views on the school’s priorities for the Improvement Plan for 2017-18.</p>	
8.	<p>FLAG Meeting</p> <p>Meeting took place on 6th March. Meal deals and theme days advertised. Pupil questionnaire now returned. Positive feedback. "The Café" will be the name and may be displayed so the location is known. This will be discussed at the next meeting. Still discussing painting the walls. The existing picture frames will be recycled, but new pictures will be added. 2 new plasma screens are to be supplied and are ordered. Ben and Jennifer discussing acceptable use policy regarding tidying up and mess. New theme days to trial. Food to be tasted by parent council, date to be agreed. Outside littering appears to have improved.</p>	<p>JMS</p> <p>NF/HM</p>
9.	<p>AOCB</p> <p>John Swinney responded re Polish language teaching. Too expensive and</p>	

	won't be happening soon. SQA will be contacted. E.I.S. discussion with Unison on Thursday 27 th April meeting if anyone interested in going. Black leggings for PE clarification is needed.	JMS
10.	Date for next Meeting AGM Wednesday 7 th June 2017 at 7pm in The Club House	