

**Leith Academy Parent Council**

**Minutes of Meeting held on 25 April 2016**

<b>In attendance</b>	<b>Initials</b>	<b>In attendance</b>	<b>Initials</b>
Alison Fair (DHT)	AF	Nele Finsterbusch	NF
Trish Emblem (Chair)	TE	Laura Brown (Treasurer)	LB
Anna Bowman (Neighbourhood Meetings Rep)	AB	Philippa Kemp	PK
Hilary Marsh	HM	Rodger Evans	RE
<b>Apologies</b>		<b>Minutes</b>	
Colin Brown (Co-Chair)		Fiona Fitzgerald	FF
Hilary Brown			
Councillor Munro			
Councillor McVey			

<b>Item</b>	<b>Notes</b>	<b>Action</b>
<b>1.</b>	<b>Welcome and Introductions</b> TE opened the meeting and welcomed all in attendance. Introductions were made.	
<b>2.</b>	<b>Apologies</b> Noted Above	
<b>3.</b>	<b>Minutes of Previous Meeting and Matters Arising</b> The Minutes from meeting on 03 February 2016 were accepted as an accurate record. Trip to Paris (S3) – going ahead AF confirmed. Astroturf upgrade is now complete at a cost of £22k. This should last approx. 2 years. To date we have not lost any bookings but are looking at ways to advertise to increase revenue. CGI should introduce a new booking system which will allow people to book direct through website. TE to put a communication to Councillors re. how funding can be put in place to replace the astroturf when it comes to the end of its life (approx 4 years) CB did contact Hibernian Football Club – no response to date. STV EH were invited to our Diversity Evening but declined.	
<b>4.</b>	<b>FLAG – School Meal Provision</b> PCA thanks Hilary/Hilary for all their efforts and welcome new school catering manager Jennifer. PCA has agreed funding for Blackboard (or similar board) for use in canteen area. HM will liaise with Jennifer direct on this.  Minutes from the FLAG meeting are available on request. HM emailed Ben Stewart to update him on our meeting last night and how pleased everyone was with the progress being made by FLAG as a whole, and our wish to support Jennifer in whatever way we can. We have approved the expenditure on a blackboard so Ben was going to speak to Alison about	

	<p>this today to progress. HM asked him to get in touch with one of us from the Parent Council once decided so we can arrange for the funds to be released ASAP.</p> <p>It is all very exciting and hopefully we'll see more of our children returning to the school cafeteria, and the next year's S1s having a healthy introduction to this aspect of school life.</p>	
5.	<p><b>Pupil Council</b> Litter in the Community – Leithers Don't Litter, a litter pick has been arranged for this weekend. Politeness and Respect. One week to focus on one topic to help raise morale for pupils and teachers. Possibility of a reward for the whole school e.g. <b>non uniform</b>, free period.</p>	<b>AF gave update</b>
6.	<p><b>Finances</b> Still problems with Bank Statements going to previous Treasurer. Bank Balance to date - £2000.00 PCA have agreed to fund a Blackboard for canteen area. HB will liaise with Jennifer to move this forward. AF will liaise with GP (Drama) regarding funding/donation for their next show. AF will invite Cat to AGM and also get information on how to get girls more involved with Sport.</p>	<b>HB</b> <b>AF</b> <b>AF</b>
7.	<p><b>School Twitter Account</b> There is an issue with this account at present. Rachel Watson has been in communication with Digital Learning Team to try and resolve this issue with no resolution at present.</p>	<b>AF</b>
8.	<p><b>Head Teacher's Update</b> <b>Spring Fling Music Event</b> will take place on 28 April 2016. AF will arrange text to remind parents. (Text sent at 1500hrs on 26/04/2016).</p> <p><b>Diversity Night and Workshops</b> were very successful with a full house for the show and a good turnout for the workshops.</p> <p><b>The new timetable</b> will take effect from 6 June 2016.</p> <p><b>Parenting Programmes</b> - Growing Confidence Sessions called 'The Teenage Brain' will take place before end of term. Blair Connor and Bryan McPhillips, two trained members of staff, will run this pilot for S1/2 parents. If successful, more programmes will run next session.</p> <p><b>Leith Academy Draft Improvement Plan 2016-17</b> with key priorities;</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Improvement in children and young people's attainment, particularly in literacy and numeracy.</li> <li>2. Closing the attainment gap between the most and least disadvantaged children and young people.</li> <li>3. Improvement in children and young people's health and wellbeing.</li> <li>4. Improvement in employability skills and sustained, positive school leaver destinations for all young people.</li> </ol>	<b>AF</b>

