

# Parent Forum Meeting Notes 18 September 2017

## National Parent Forum – Verbal Update by Gordon MacDonald

- John Swinney will attend the next NPF meeting on 30<sup>th</sup> September – update to be provided at next ED parent forum meeting.

## Feedback from Education Committee, 17 August 2017 –Update by Jacqui MacDonald, Chief Education Officer

- The first meeting of the Education Committee (with newly elected members) was held on 17<sup>th</sup> August
- Good inspection results including West Cleddans primary
- A 'Violence against staff' policy was approved
- Report on anti-weapon/knife crime discussed
- 'Developing Scotland's Young Workforce' was identified as a priority with the aim of supporting meaningful and productive school/employer partnerships operating in all secondary schools by 2018/19 and to support school/ employer partnerships involving primary and early years.
- The school calendar for 18/19 was approved and available on website

## Presentations & Voting: Parent Representative on Education Committee

- Presentations were given by Brian Harris and Gordon MacDonald for parent rep.
- Brian Harris won vote

## Additional Support Needs– Presentation by Gillian Dury, Principal Educational Psychologist

- Emphasis on 'inclusion' and holistic development
- Focus on attainment and well being
- Recognising the role of parents
- Support offered includes amending the way teachers teach or the materials used in classrooms
- Pupil support groups involving health professionals
- Cluster support groups meet monthly, chaired by pupil support coordinators
- GIRFEC Liaison group/early years community assessment team

## Future Agenda Items

- IT Provision
- National testing – more information for parents
- School meals – helping children make healthy choices
- Parking

## Next meetings:

Monday 13 Nov 2017 - Bishopbriggs Academy

Monday 5 Mar 2018 - Bearsden Academy

Monday 21 May 2018 - Lenzie Meadow Primary