

St Joseph's Academy Parent Council

Minutes of Meeting 10th June 2019

Attendance

| Parents | |
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| Jim Campbell (Chair) | |
| Lesley Cuthbertson | |
| Julie Batchelor | |
| Anne Queen | Apology |
| Mairi Gribben | Apology |
| Shirley Harkness | Apology |
| Jackie Livingstone | |
| Kate McLean | Apology |
| Douglas Thomson | |
| Fiona Rosa | |
| Grace Walker | |
| Sharon Christie | |
| Deborah Boyd | |
| Gavin Duffy | |
| Staff | |
| Joseph Kane (HT) | |
| Aillish Kelly | |
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| Councillors | |
| Maureen McKay | Apology |
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Parent Council Business

Welcome and Opening Prayer

Jim Campbell welcomed everyone to the meeting and led the opening prayer.

Minutes of Previous Meeting

Minutes passed as accurate.

Actions from previous meeting

- Bank account signatory – JK has date in the diary

Action: LC / JK

Parental Engagement

Aillish Kelly provided information on her activities around Parental Engagement.

- Only 68 responses received to questionnaire issued to all parents around parental engagement

- Of the responses received the feedback was generally positive
- Only negative was around anti bullying
- Point to note for Parent council – feedback indicated parents are not aware of who the parent council are and what the parent council do
- Only 8 responses received from parents looking to take up the offer to attend a class to help understand typical learning processes

Aillish also provided information on the 2 drop-in sessions arranged for Parents/ Carers in the Galston and Auchinleck areas, who may find it difficult to attend Parents Evenings. Informal updates were provided on pupil progress and the Parents/Carers had the opportunity to raise any issues or concerns. Feedback was very positive following these events and there are plans in place to offer similar session in the new school year.

Thanks to Aillish for providing this summary.

Head Teacher Report (Appendix 1)

See attached Appendix for full details. Some of the highlights are as follows;

Once again Staffing is an area of significant discussion – see Appendix 1 for full details

Discussion around the departure of Mr Cowan. Questions raised around pay grade and remuneration for similar roles in different schools. Jim has asked Mr Kane to provide details on the job sizing process and the salaries for DHT and PT at St Joseph's and the Grange to try to understand if this is an influencer in the decision process for teachers leaving St Joseph's to take up a similar or lesser grade post at another school.

Further discussions were had around the PEF funding allocation with a few changes noted since last review.

Addition of an Inclusion Worker – a role that doesn't exist at present

Attendance officer – Mr Kane to advise on the number of pupils in SIMD1 & 2 that this role would support.

Action - JK

Core allocation hours for the Support for Learning Worker at St Joseph's reduced from 244 hours to 220 hours. Mr Kane has requested info on how the core allocation is calculated.

AOCB

Transport being offered to all pupils, who are entitled to school transport, who attend after school activities and not just those in the out-lying areas.

Proposed change to pick up time for school transport on Friday's from 2pm to 1.45pm

Treasurer's Report

No change since last meeting.

Correspondence

No correspondence received.

Closing Prayer

JC led the closing prayer.

Dates of forthcoming meetings for 18/19

Monday 26th August 2019(AGM)

Monday 30th September 2019

Monday 26th November 2019

Monday 27th January 2020

Monday 9th March 2020

Monday 27th April 2020

Monday 8th June 2020