

St Joseph's Academy Parent Council

Minutes of Meeting 29th April 2019

Attendance

Parents	
Jim Campbell (Chair)	
Julie Batchelor	
Anne Queen	
Mairi Gribben	
Shirley Harkness	Apology
Jackie Livingstone	
Kate McLean	Apology
Douglas Thomson	
Fiona Rosa	Apology
Grace Walker	
Sharon Christie	
Staff	
Joseph Kane (HT)	
Councillors	
Maureen McKay	Apology

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

Head Teacher Report (Appendix 1)

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

Staffing

- Mr Tomb appointed as PT Technical, Business Education and Computing
- Mr Fulton appointed PE Teacher (46 applicants for the role)
- Miss Pioli appointed computing teacher

- Computing has gone from 0 pupils to 64 pupils
- Miss Pepper appointed English teacher (maternity cover)
- Mr Kelly appointed Biology teacher (maternity cover)
- Interviews for 0.7FTE for 1year maths teacher post scheduled for 30th April
- Vacancies out to advert;
 - Drama
 - Modern Studies
- Mrs Mitchell is retiring.
- Vacancies to be resolved
 - Chemistry
 - Music
 - PE

Concern raised from Parent council members around English classes for S4 pupils being split across 2 teachers. Mr Kane explained reason for this and provided assurances that the level of teaching is not affected. PC requested that time is allocated to allow the 2 teachers to communicate.

Timetable for current S1, S2 and S3 pupils changed on Monday 29th April.

Mr Kane expressed his thanks to Mr Cowan for all his efforts in preparing the timetables.

96% of new S3 & S4 pupils were able to take their preferred combination of subjects, as selected during the options period and process.

Year Head Responsibilities

S1	Mr Boyle
S2	Mrs Shearer
S3	Mr Cowan
S4	Mrs Shearer
S5	Mr Boyle
S6	Mr Cowan

Insight Review

Published by Government twice per year.

Highlights for St Joseph's

S4 Literacy & Numeracy – all but 4 current S4 pupils completed literacy and numeracy courses. This is down from 10 pupils the previous year.

Early identification of pupils in S2 and S3, who may require additional support to complete literacy and numeracy courses, already ongoing.

The following is a snap shot of the percentage of pupils successfully completing literacy and numeracy at N3 through to N6 level

N3 – 95.83%

4% increase on last year

N4 – 92.5%

7.25% increase year on year – 5 year high for the school

N5 – 71.67%

8.56% increase year on year – 5 year high for the school

N6 – 42.5%

10.53% increase year on year – 5 year high for the school

Success in both Literacy and Numeracy has improved for S5 leavers.

There was a decline last year in the number of pupils who left St Josephs and have gone on to a positive destination.

AOCB

Question raised around the current Merit Awards system – advised that the current system will not continue. Mrs Shearer currently working on remodelling the system.

Treasurer's Report

No change since last meeting.

Correspondence

No correspondence received.

AOCB

Closing Prayer

JC led the closing prayer.

Dates of forthcoming meetings for 18/19

- Monday 10th June