

St Joseph's Academy Parent Council
Minutes of Meeting 26th August 2019

Attendance

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

Parent Council Business

Welcome and Opening Prayer

Jim Campbell welcomed everyone to the meeting, including Catriona McCrindle, who is attending for the first time.

Jim led the opening prayer.

Send a copy of the prayer to all PC members.

Action: DT

Minutes of Previous Meeting

Minutes passed as accurate.

Actions from previous meeting

All actions Complete

Head Teacher Report (Appendix 1)

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

Missio Scotland Assembly – Both visitors commented positively on pupil engagement and behaviour during this assembly.

Staffing – Miss Angela Quigley will assume the role of DHT(Acting) until Feb 2020, following the departure of Stephen Cowan in September.

Posts

English – maternity cover required – out to advert, closing on 30th August.

PT Social (Acting) – following Miss Quigley's appointment as DHT (Acting) this role will be advertised internally only.

Pupil Equity Fund Consultation

The Parent Council are in support of Mr Kane's proposals for the PEF spend in 2019/20.

During discussions Mr Kane shared information relating to the operating levels of a large proportion of the new S1 intake who are operating at Primary 4 levels. This justifies Mr Kane's reasoning in continuing to spend PEF on the PT Inclusion, PT Modernisation and PT Family Engagement roles.

Large proportion of spend to be used for an Attendance Officer to provide support to circa 80 pupils, majority of which are in SIMD1 & 2.

Teacher Judgement Survey – Long discussion around the Teacher judgement survey's and how accurate the information is.

Results Analysis – See attached

S4 – best on record over the past 6 years at 5+ National 5

S5 – In line with National Average

S6 – Advanced results down but in line with pattern over last 6 years

Information based on initial SQA data.

School Improvement Plan – See attached

Latest plan shared with PC for review. Any comments to be raised at next PC meeting

1st Priority – Literacy

2nd Priority – Teaching and Learning

3rd Priority – Health & Wellbeing

Note the page explaining acronyms.

Treasurer's Report

No change since last meeting.

Correspondence

No correspondence received.

AOCB

Next meeting on 30th September will be the AGM. Letter/ text to go out from the school to all Parents/ Carers to make them aware.

Action: School Admin/ JK

Jim Campbell formally thanked Mr Cowan for his dedication and support of the school and the PC during his time at St Joseph's Academy and wished him all the best in his new role.

Closing Prayer

JC led the closing prayer.

Dates of forthcoming meetings for 18/19

Monday 30th September 2019

Monday 26th November 2019

Monday 27th January 2020

Monday 9th March 2020

Monday 27th April 2020

Monday 8th June 2020