

St Joseph's Academy Parent Council
Minutes of Extraordinary Meeting 22nd June 2020

Attendance

Parents	
Jim Campbell (Chair)	
Julie Batchelor	
Anne Queen	
Mairi Gribben	Apology
Shirley Harkness	
Jackie Livingstone	
Kate McLean	Apology
Douglas Thomson	
Fiona Rosa	Apology
Grace Walker	
Paul McLaughlin	
Catriona McCrindle	Apology
Gavin Duffy	
Francis McCann	Apology
Deborah Boyd	
Staff	
Joseph Kane (HT)	
Councillors	
Maureen McKay	Apology

Meeting conducted via Zoom call, as a result there will be limitations to the detail of what can be discussed, particularly relating to personal data relating to staff, pupils, parents & council officials.

Parent Council Business

Welcome and Opening Prayer

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

Extraordinary meeting to review the full document relating to the return to school in August 2020. This will be the only item on the agenda for this meeting.

The document being discussed can be found on the following link;

<https://blogs.glowscotland.org.uk/ea/public/stjosephsacademy/uploads/sites/2043/2020/06/19071907/SJA-August-Model-Letter.pdf>

Mr Kane took us through the document stage by stage.

Points raised as we went through the document;

- As a result of government directive and given the model, there isn't a lot of time for preparations around on-line learning.
- Gradual introduction isn't a change to the original plan. This is simply to ensure the pupils get to know and understand the requirements around H&S, the restrictions which will be in place and to iron out any teething issues and subject choice changes impacting on timetable.
- S1 & S2 can't be in school on same day as there is insufficient staff
- If social distancing remains there may be a need to rotate S1 & S2 on Thursdays/ Fridays
- Question raised as to the possibility that Friday could be increased to a 7 period day. This is not on the agenda.
- Question raised around potential for Schools to explore the use of community space and the provision of additional staff;
 - St Matthews Church is a possibility, however, throws up additional challenges
 - Staff – not a school decision, up to government to provide answers
- Transportation is a huge concern for Mr Kane.
- Should siblings need to attend school together, because there is no-one at home, but one of the siblings isn't due in school, on that particular day, then the school will make provision to accommodate them within the IT suite. However, no direct teaching will take place with the pupil who isn't due to attend.

Jim expressed his thanks to Mr Kane and all the teaching staff for all their efforts over the last few months. This sentiment was echoed by all Parents.

Closing prayer led by Jim Campbell.