

St Joseph's Academy Parent Council

Minutes of Meeting 5th October 2020

Attendance

Parents	
Gavin Duffy (Chair)	
Julie Batchelor	
Deborah Boyd	Apology
Jim Campbell	
Pamela Chigbo	
Mairi Gribben	
Shirley Harkness	Apology
Amanda Busam Kennedy	
Jackie Livingstone	
Catriona McCrindle	Apology
Paul McLaughlin	Apology
Kate McLean	Apology
Anne Queen	
Douglas Thomson	
Grace Walker	
Staff	
Joseph Kane (HT)	
Councillors	
Fiona Campbell	Apology
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.

Opening Prayer

Gavin Duffy opened the meeting by welcoming everyone on the call and led the opening prayer

Minutes of Previous Meeting

Passed as accurate, proposed by Anne Queen, Seconded by Pamela Chigbo

Statement from new PC Chair

Gavin introduced himself, thanking Mairi for continuing with her role as Treasurer, Dougie for fulfilling the role of secretary for the last 2 years and Jim for taking on the role of secretary for the next year. Gavin indicated that he viewed his role as continuing to facilitate the role of the Parent Council encouraging all members to contribute.

Head Teacher Report

Mr Kane also thanked new, previous and continuing office bearers, and spoke to the school report, including:

- Covid-19 cases and protocols
- Lockers
- School Buses
- SQA 2022 Diet
- Willowbank Consultation
- WTA & Reporting
- Supported Study
 - Mr Kane highlighted to the PC that the provision of supported study is entirely voluntary on behalf of teaching staff and that there is a preference at St Joseph's for this to be face to face, and therefore is taking place at lunchtime, details here:

<https://blogs.glowscotland.org.uk/ea/stjosephsacademy/2020/11/10/s4-s6-lunchtime-supported-study-timetable/>

- P.E.
- Staffing

See <https://blogs.glowscotland.org.uk/ea/stjosephsacademy/parents/parent-council/minutes-of-meetings/> for full detail of school report.

Willowbank

GD encouraged PC members to participate in the consultation process, (which has been postponed) observing that:

- The consultation proposes using a small area of a small campus to relocate S1-S6 from Willowbank to St. Joseph's Campus in a move that's favourable for neither part
- Now that the whole of Willowbank Secondary is proposed to move (as opposed to S4-S6 in original proposal) that the proximity to St Joseph's argument is no longer valid, as it is effectively the creation of a new school
- There is only one option for consultation
- The target occupancy date of January 2022 is very ambitious
- That another consultation (Supported Learning Centres) is due to be carried out in December
- The proposed locations of St. Joseph's facilities and services displaced as a consequence of the proposed relocation of Willowbank appear to be an afterthought

Treasurer's Report

No Report (Mairi had connectivity / sound issues)

Action: Change in Chair and secretary means Bank Account signatories will need to be amended.

Correspondence

No correspondence received.

AOCB

Wearing of Jackets in School

Mr Kane advised that whilst the wearing of jackets in school is not normally allowed in classrooms as it contradicts the uniform policy, that as a result of the increased ventilation required as part of Covid-19 mitigation that the wearing of jackets can be permitted at teachers' discretion.

Use of Smart Watches

Mr Kane advised that there is no specific policy as regards the wearing of smartwatches, but as they could be viewed to be a potential aid in an assessment situation that it's likely they will be treated the same as mobile phones and require to be left outside exam room.

Closing Prayer

GD led the closing prayer.

Date of Meetings:

- 25/01/21
- 08/03/21
- 26/04/21
- 07/06/21