

## St Joseph's Academy Parent Council

### Minutes of Meeting 8<sup>th</sup> March 2021

#### Attendance

Parents	
Gavin Duffy (Chair)	
Julie Batchelor	
Dawn Bias (Church Rep)	
Deborah Boyd	
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)	
Andy Boyle (DHT)	
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.**

#### 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 Julie Batchelor, seconded by Dawn Bias.

#### Matters Arising from Previous Meeting (Willowbank School Consultation)

Councillor Campbell had advised by email that her meeting with Linda McAuley Griffiths and Eddie Fraser had been cancelled, and that she had taken PC concerns to Julie Muir and continues to discuss with Linda and Eddie.

GD advised that he had had a response to the letter that he and Jane Slider (Willowbank PC Chair) had sent to Eddie Fraser outlining the parents' opposition to the proposal. GD & JS have been invited to a meeting with Linda McAuley Griffiths on 10<sup>th</sup> March.

#### Head Teacher Report

Mr Kane presented the School Report, highlighting:

- School handbook update anticipated update completion April.
- Interim S1 reports issued w/c 1 March - with lots of feedback from parents
- S5 / S6 reports are written to be issued w/c 15 March
- Covid-19 Lateral Flow Testing
  - Tests will be issued to pupils when they are in school, anyone who needs kits have been issued with them
  - Lateral flow follow up will be by way of a reminder that kits can be collected, but if pupils elect to opt out or not present to collect kits, school staff will not pursue beyond daily reminders to all pupils i.e. no individual follow up, responsibility sits with pupils if they do not respond to request to collect kits.

- Options Process completed by pupils with analysis in progress, but delayed by planning for phased return from 15 March
- “Get out to help out” initiative proving to be popular with staff and pupils and raising funds for SCIAF
- SQA Update
  - SQA advising that “No evidence = No Award”
  - Between 2 & 4 pieces of evidence required depending on subject & level
  - Assessment requires to have relevant breadth & depth
  - Likely that most subjects / levels will require two pieces of evidence that will be collected between now and May / June
  - Timing of practical assessments vary on subject by subject basis
  - April assessment diet now rescheduled for May
- 15 March – 1 April Phased Return Summary

Year Group	Days in School (per week)	Full Year Group?	Days in School	FTF Contact Time
S6 / S5	3	Y	Mon / Tue / Fri	50%- 66%
S4	2	Y	Wed / Thu	50%
S3	1	N (50%)	Wed or Thu	Mainly online
S2	1	N (50%)	Mon or Tue	Mainly online
S1	1	N (50%)	Mon or Tue	Mainly online

- Consultation with trade unions and parent council prior to issue to pupils & parents.
- Trade Unions supportive
- Parent Council supportive
- High level information to pupils & parents on 9 March
- Detail to pupils & parents later in the week.

See <https://blogs.glowscotland.org.uk/ea/stjosephsacademy/parents/parent-council/> for full detail of school report (when available.)

#### **Willowbank Consultation – See Matters Arising**

#### **Contact with Feeder Primary Parent Council**

GD advised on a potential invite for P6 / P7 parents from feeder primary PCs to strengthen links and act as a potential recruitment exercise in publicising the merits of the school on a parent to parent basis.

DHT Andy Boyle (transition lead) advised that he was happy to include input from PC Chair & Members in transition events & flyers (as had previously been the case prior to Covid-19)

Consensus of PC was that a targeted PC meeting could be arranged with invitations extended to feeder primary schools, to avoid any contentious (or restricted) business.

Alternative contact methods suggested included existing PC members with current connections with primary schools, fulfilling a liaison role and PC Chair speaking at transition events.

#### **Treasurer’s Report**

No Report. **Action: Change in Chair and secretary means Bank Account signatories will need to be amended.**

#### **Correspondence**

No correspondence received.

#### **Closing Prayer**

GD led the closing prayer.

#### **Date of Meetings:**

- 26/04/21
- 07/06/21