

## St Joseph's Academy Parent Council

### Minutes of Meeting 4<sup>th</sup> May 2021

#### Attendance

Parents	
Gavin Duffy (Chair)	Apology
Julie Batchelor	
Dawn Bias (Church Rep)	Apology
Deborah Boyd	Apology
Jim Campbell	
Pamela Chigbo	Apology
Mairi Gribben	
Shirley Harkness	
Amanda Busam Kennedy	
Jackie Livingstone	
Catriona McCrindle	Apology
Paul McLaughlin	
Kate McLean	Apology
Anne Queen	
Marion Smith	
Douglas Thomson	
Grace Walker	
Staff	
Joseph Kane (HT)	
Angel Quigley (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

In Gavin's absence, Dougie Thomson took the chair and opened the meeting by welcoming everyone on the call and leading the opening prayer.

#### Minutes of Previous Meeting

Passed as accurate, proposed by Julie Batchelor, seconded by Jackie Livingstone.

#### Head Teacher Report

Mr Kane presented the [School Report](#), highlighting:

##### Options Choices

- Free choice options outcomes
- More Advanced Highers (9 in all)
- More National Progression Awards (NPAs – 7 in all)

##### Staffing for Next Year

- Staff numbers dropping by 4.0 FTE
- Informed by reduction in school roll
- No impact on planned timetable

##### S6 Leavers

- The yearbook is in progress
- There will be no prom, there is potential for an in-school leaver's event, TBA

## SQA Update

- Alternative Certification Model proving to be challenging and misunderstood by the media
- Guidance for N5 issued in November, Higher in January after which lockdown kicked back in, so original plan to assess in January and again in April had to be revised meaning assessments squeezed into a shorter period.
- There is a consistent approach across East Ayrshire making use of assessment papers provided by SQA
- Appeal process still to be finalised
- (Provisional) grades will be issued to pupils before the end of term

## **Willowbank Consultation**

The public consultation meeting is scheduled for Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> May

## **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**

DT led the closing prayer.

## **Date of Meetings:**

- 07/06/21