

St Joseph's Academy Parent Council

Minutes of Meeting 7th June 2021

Attendance

Parents	
Gavin Duffy (Chair)	
Julie Batchelor	Apology
Dawn Bias (Church Rep)	
Deborah Boyd	Apology
Jim Campbell	
Pamela Chigbo	Apology
Mairi Gribben	Apology
Shirley Harkness	
Amanda Busam Kennedy	
Jackie Livingstone	
Catriona McCrindle	Apology
Paul McLaughlin	Apology
Kate McLean	Apology
Anne Queen	
Marion Smith	
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.

Opening Prayer

Gavin Duffy 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 Jackie Livingstone, seconded by Dougie Thomson.

Head Teacher Report

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

COVID-19

- 5 pupil cases in 6 days
- 4 did not require contact tracing due to the long weekend and in-service days
- 15 pupils self-isolating

Timetabling for session 2021/22

- JK acknowledged messaging from school in May regarding attendance of S4 – S6 was confusing
- New timetable will start on 14th June, similar to most schools in EA
- This year all options changes to JK by 25th June

Staffing

- Various leavers, new starts and secondment captured in HT report

SQA Update

- Grades will be shared with pupils by Friday 18th June
- Pupils will be able to appeal their results via direct link on SQA website between 25th June and 12th August
- SLT will be on-site mid-summer to assist with appeals

Willowbank Consultation

The public consultation meeting that took place on Tuesday 11th May observed strong opposition to the Willowbank proposal from Willowbank, St Joseph's and St Andrew's parents.

The closing date for feedback on the proposal is Friday 25th June, see <https://www.east-ayrshire.gov.uk/CouncilAndGovernment/Consultations/School-consultations.aspx>

Treasurer's Report

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

Correspondence

No correspondence received.

AOB

AQ & JC fed back on the recent SQA Consultation which was about SQA marketing and not as anticipated

JK confirmed that staff were being given time away from school to receive their Covid-19 vaccine

DT asked if there was any information on School Transport Requests (this TBA by Transport over summer)

The Parent Council collectively offered a vote of thanks to all teaching staff at St Joseph's Academy in the way that they have stepped up to continue to offer a fantastic service in what has been a very difficult year for pupils and staff.

Closing Prayer

GD led the closing prayer.

Dates of Meetings:

- 23rd August 2021
- 4th October 2021 (AGM)
- 29th November 2021
- 31st January 2022
- 14th March 2022
- 9th May 2022
- 20th June 2022