

It was agreed tat St Joseph's Academy Parent Council

Minutes of Meeting 23rd August 2021

Attendance

Parents	
Gavin Duffy (Chair)	
Julie Batchelor	
Dawn Bias (Church Rep)	
Deborah Boyd	Apology
Jim Campbell	
Pamela Chigbo	Apology
Mairi Gribben	Apology
Shirley Harkness	Apology
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)	
Donna Shearer (DHT)	
Councillors	
Fiona Campbell	Apology
Maureen McKay	Apology
Pupil Leadership Team	
Julia Rameckers	Head Girl
Michael Duff	Head Boy
Cona Maitland	Deputy Head Girl
Christopher Queen	Head Boy (Junior School)

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, particularly the representatives of the Pupil Leadership Team and then leading the opening prayer.

Pupil Leadership Team (PLT)

The members of the PLT present introduced themselves and their roles and also those of the members not present:

- Julia Rameckers is Head Girl
- Michael Duff is Head Boy
- Cona Maitland is Deputy Head Girl
- Euan Connell is Deputy Head Boy
- Katie Farley is Head Girl (Junior School)
- Christopher Queen is Head Boy (Junior School)
- Euan Livingston, Ros Maitland, Jane Takadiwa and Dominika Bochenek are all House Representatives

The PLT members present then spoke of their priorities for the year ahead, highlighting:

- Visibility in the Street
- More eco-friendly

- Safe Space Support
- More after school activity
- Faith & charity focus
- Ease Transition by making P7 more informed and building P7 confidence

Minutes of Previous Meeting

Passed as accurate.

Head Teacher Report

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

COVID-19

- Procedures for tracing have changed, with routine tracing of class groups or peer group bubbles no longer happening. Generic warning letters will be issued on behalf of NHS Ayrshire and Arran to those who may have had to isolate had we applied last session's tracing guidance.
- Cases high in comparison to last year
- Staggered break continues until October
- 200 test kits issued to pupils should be sufficient until October, and will issue 4 times per year

SQA

- 11 appeals submitted which is less than previous years, no urgent appeals - outcome will be advised by October
- Planning for exams as normal with contingency of teacher judgement
- Attainment trends positive with St Joseph's now highest attainment in East Ayrshire

Staffing

- No teaching staff vacancies

Willowbank Consultation

The public consultation meeting that took place on Tuesday 11th May 2021 observed strong opposition to the Willowbank proposal from Willowbank, St Joseph's and St Andrew's parents.

There has been no further feedback from East Ayrshire on the proposal, the chair of Willowbank School PC had emailed EA Education on 16th August for an update.

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

Closing Prayer

GD led the closing prayer.

Dates of Meetings:

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