

St Joseph's Academy Parent Council

Minutes of Meeting 9th May 2022

Attendance

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

Opening Prayer

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

Minutes of Previous Meeting

Passed as accurate.

Matters Arising

Miss Cathie advised that P7 pupils transitioning to St Joseph's in August 2022 would receive information packs in advance of 2 transition days on campus in June.

Head Teacher Report

Mr Kane presented the [School Report](#), and updated the PC on progress against the following areas:

Timetabling

- The timetable changed for new S2-S4 pupils on 03/05/22 with no issues
- New S5/S6 pupils return from study leave on 06/06/22
- Changes to options will be facilitated where possible
- Advantageous to move to new timetable as early as possible and academic year should be viewed as running from May to April.

Health & Safety

- 51 window frames in St Joseph's faulty
- Vast majority covered by insurance so no cost to school to repair
- Replacement schedule to follow, hopefully planned for summer
- Opening windows are available in every room and CO₂ levels are acceptable.

S6 Leavers

Mr Kane thanked S6 Pupils and their parents and carers for the positive way in which they approached their last day and leavers events, being a credit to the school community and their families.

SQA

- The SQA exam diet has begun, with revision classes offered in advance and throughout the exam period.
- Mr Kane added that SQA appeals this year were different than usual in that pupils will not be able to appeal for a grade above the school's estimate.
- Estimated grades will be issued to pupils from 30/05/22.

Improvement Planning and PEF (Pupil Equity Funding)

- Mr Kane indicated that the school improvement plan would be shared with the OPC in advance of the next meeting.
- Mr Kane advised that PEF funding proposals mainly targeted help for non-attenders

Willowbank Consultation

Given the developments discussed at the last PC meeting (EAC plans to pursue funding from Scot Govt for the redevelopment of the Onthank PS and Mount Carmel PS sites including development of ASN provision meeting the needs of Willowbank School), it was agreed that the Willowbank proposals were moving away from the St Joseph's campus and could be removed from the agenda as a standing item.

Fundraising

There was a positive discussion on fundraising with the following outcomes:

- Setting up a [easyfundraising](#) site
- Looking at Tesco Community Grant scheme
- Coffee Morning (to raise funds for school and potentially Father Martin's Ecuador Trust)
- In school Christmas event(s)

In addition to the fundraising discussion, the PC agreed that there would be benefit in setting up a PC Facebook page, with the following members identified as administrators

- Gavin Duffy
- Marion Smith
- Amanda Busam Kennedy (Advisor)

Treasurer's Report (*Account Balance = £1422.35*)

GW Advised that the PC bank account was now back up and running.

Correspondence – None

AOB

The PC agreed that a mix of in-person (including AGM) and online meetings was the preference for future meetings, beginning in the next school year.

Closing Prayer - GD led the closing prayer.

Dates of Meetings:

- 20th June 2022

Session 2022/23 meetings to be scheduled at meeting on 20th June.