

St Joseph's Academy Parent Council

Minutes of Meeting 31st October 2022

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Attendance

Parents	
Gavin Duffy (Chair)	
Dawn Bias (Church Rep)	Apology
Deborah Boyd	Apology
Jim Campbell	
Pamela Chigbo	
Shirley Harkness	
Amanda Busam Kennedy	
Jackie Livingstone	
Catriona McCrindle	Apology
Paul McLaughlin	
Anne Queen	Apology
Marion Smith	Apology
Douglas Thomson	Apology
Grace Walker	
Staff	
Joseph Kane (HT)	
Andy Boyle (DHT)	
Angela Quigley (DHT)	
East Ayrshire Councillors	
Maureen McKay	Apology

Parent Forum Business

Gavin Duffy opened the meeting by welcoming everyone, acknowledging that it was pleasing to be able to carry out the first face to face parent Council meeting since the Covid-19 pandemic. Gavin outlined the agenda and explained that the first element is the AGM which includes the appointment of office bearers, with the remainder of the meeting standard PC business.

Gavin presented a PC Chair report outlining the activities of the last 12 months, highlighting:

- The ongoing partnership working between the Parent Council and the school.
- The importance of strong leadership of the school through the HT and SMT
- The tangible improvements in the school, in the improved atmosphere, participation and exam and positive destination outcomes
- The success in working in partnership with Willowbank school in addressing the flawed Willowbank secondary proposal as presented as part of the recent East Ayrshire consultation exercise
- His thanks to Parent Council office bearers and members
- The need to recruit new Parent Council members
- Looking forward to more in school events and interacting with parent forum and staff again.

As there were no other nominees, Gavin Duffy agreed to continue as chair, beyond his 2-year tenure for another 12 months.

- Grace Walker will continue for another year as Treasurer.
- Paul McLaughlin will take up the role of Secretary, taking over from Jim Campbell when a handover is complete.

There was a discussion around the lack of new members and ways in which to recruit, including highlighting at in-school parent events, and the potential for a video from GD.

Parent Council Business

Opening Prayer

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

Minutes of Previous Meeting

Approved.

Head Teacher Report

Mr Kane presented the School report, and updated the PC on progress in the following areas:

- Catholic Ethos
- Improvements in SQA performance (See SQA Attainment in [termly update](#) for detail)
- SQA Appeals 2021/22
- Reporting / Parents' Evenings
- Supported Study / Sports & Clubs
- Community Involvement
- Campus Head Post / HMIE Associate Assessor / Staffing

Note that there is some detailed reporting on these items in the comprehensive [termly update](#) issued by Mr Kane in August.

Treasurer's Report / Fundraising

There is no change to the balance in the Parent Council account with the balance remaining at £1422.35.

There was a wide-ranging discussion on fund-raising led by GW, including:

- Encouraging more parents to sign up to the [easyfundraising](#) site, nominating St. Joseph's Academy, Kilmarnock
- A fundraising event (coffee morning) in the New Year
- Event / PC Presence to coincide with the Christmas Concert / Options evenings in January.

Correspondence – None

Closing Prayer - GD led the closing prayer.

Dates of Meetings for session 2022/23:

- ~~Monday 28th November 2022 - Online~~
- **Monday 19th December 2022 - Online**
- Monday 30th January 2023 - Online
- Monday 13th March 2023 In School
- Monday 8th May 2023 - Online
- Monday 19th June 2023 – Online

RESPECT

EQUALITY

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TRUTH

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Catholic Ethos

NET Ministry Retreats – Ongoing all month

House Group Masses

Rosary Group

Diocesan pilgrimages to Lourdes and World Youth Day

National Pilgrimage to Carfin and Aid to Church in Need Rally

National S1-S3 Residential Weekend (June 2023)



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SQA Appeals

Outcome released to schools today

Many pupils and families notified this afternoon

Small number of pupils/families will be advised of outcome tomorrow

30% of our appeals were successful which is higher than normal



Reporting/Parents' Evenings

S2 Parents' Evening – Took place on 4th October

S4 Reports – Will be issued on 4th November

S3 Parents' Evening – 9th November

S5/6 Parents' Evening – 23rd November

S1 Parents' Evening – 6th December



Sport, Clubs and Supported Study

Detailed schedule of Extra-Curricular offerings and supported study was shared earlier this month

School Football Teams

Ayrshire Schools Cross Country

Karate Grand Prix, Local Gymnastics



Community

Awards Ceremony

NFLCC Pumpkin Trail

Beautiful Inside and Out

Killie Trust

Various Mental Health and Wellbeing activities

Maths Challenge, Scotland Rocks



AOCB

Campus Head Post

Associate Assessor

Staffing

