

**St Joseph's Academy Parent Council**  
**Minutes of Meeting 19<sup>th</sup> December 2022**  
**ONLINE MEETING**

**Attendance**

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

**Parent Council Business**

**Opening Prayer**

Gavin Duffy opened the meeting by welcoming everyone and leading the opening prayer. It was agreed that we should be clearer in future meeting invites to state whether meetings are ONLINE or IN- PERSON to avoid confusion. Apologies to anyone affected by this miscommunication.

**Minutes of Previous Meeting**

Approved.

Matters arising

PC discussed the recruitment of new members and acknowledged the missed opportunity at the school Christmas Cracker show which was well attended.

Future events held in school such as shows and parent evenings would present a great opportunity for the PC to engage with other parents and inform them of the important role the PC plays within the school and the benefits of open communication between parents and staff.

It was suggested that a pop-up banner promoting the PC would be a worthy investment for future events and Mr Kane kindly suggested that it could be on permanent display inside the school entrance.

Action – Paul McLaughlin will look into to costs and as a collective we will agree on messaging for the banner.

A calendar of school events can be made available and we can agree if PC representation would be worthwhile for the purposes of recruitment and engaging with the wider parents group.

### **Head Teacher Report**

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

- Catholic Ethos
- Net Ministries
- 1<sup>st</sup> National generation of hope
  - o Catholic charity focussing on evangelising young people in Scotland
  - o 140 places for the retreat – 14 places taken and this will be offered out to pupils again
- Recognised the sterling work of Mr Mann and noted the faith based shift within the school.
- Extra-curricular activities within the school are very positive which is not easy to sustain under the current disputes.
- Noted the requirement to attend the New Farm community council to strengthen relationships between the school and the wider community
- Noted remembrance Sunday representation by school pupils
- UCAS Applications
- Success of the Christmas Concert and how arts based subjects were a positive influence throughout the school.
- Industrial action resolution was looking unlikely this financial year.
- Upcoming option evenings were discussed

**Correspondence – None**

**Closing Prayer** - GD led the closing prayer.