

St Joseph's Academy Parent Council
Minutes of Meeting 30th January 2023
ONLINE MEETING

Attendance

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

Parent Council Business

Opening Prayer

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

PC email list will be updated and as matter of course future invites will be Bcc'd to avoid sharing email details.

Minutes of Previous Meeting

Approved.

No Matters arising

Head Teacher Report

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

- Prelim diet has now ended - Paper copies of results to be issued by 17th February 2023
- Choices meeting have been completed
- SQA –Assessment Arrangements (AA) – Verification
 - SQA commented very positively on our AA policy – stating we promotes best practices
- S2 and S3 Reports completed
- Holocaust Memorial Day
- Industrial action
- February holiday 8th-15th inclusive, staff will be in school on both 14th & 15th
- Coronation – additional bank holiday on 8th May
- Review of the car park area -discussion about barrier to avoid parents using the accessible parking bays
- Staffing
 - Clerical and office currently at full compliment (1st time in 4 years)
 - PE supply teacher post to be advertised
- Secondment – Mrs Burnett will return on 1st March and Mrs Duthie will return to post of English teacher on the same date
- Full report can be viewed on the School website
<https://blogs.glowscotland.org.uk/ea/public/stjosephsacademy/uploads/sites/2043/2023/01/30183923/School-Report-300123.pdf>

Correspondence – None

AOCB

Cllr McKay – asked question if the schools careers advice aligned with the economic future and employment growth areas of the region?

Mr Kane – answered that the practice deployed by the school’s careers staff and SDS focusses heavily of future employment opportunities within the region and where the potential growth areas are.

Gavin Duffy – raised a point about how pupils and parents/ carers travelling to the school from further afield on public transport to participate in extra-curricular activities deserve a mention to commend their efforts. It was also mentioned that perhaps the school or PC could help facilitate an introduction to other parents / carers nearby to possibly car share / get lifts etc in order to ease the burden.

Closing Prayer - GD led the closing prayer.

Next meetings

~~Monday 30th January – ONLINE~~

Monday 13th March – In person (at St Joseph’s) we will be joined by the Eco-Committee

Monday 8th May – ONLINE

Monday June 19th – ONLINE