

St Joseph's Academy Parent Council

Minutes of Meeting 4th September 2023

Attendance

Parents	
Gavin Duffy (Chair)	
Dawn Bias (church Rep)	
Deborah Boyd	Apology
Jim Campbell	
Pamela Chigbo	Apology
Shirley Harkness	
Amanda Busam Kennedy	
Gillian O'Rourke	
Catriona McCrindle	Apology
Paul McLaughlin (secretary)	
Marion Smith	
Douglas Thomson	Apology
Grace Walker	Apology
Carol-Anne Burns (Park School)	
Staff	
Joseph Kane (HT)	
East Ayrshire Councillors	
Maureen McKay	

Parent Council Business

Opening Prayer

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

Minutes of Previous Meeting

Approved.

No Matters arising

Park School – Feedback from Carol-Anne Burns

Kids really enjoying being part of the St Joseph's campus. Pupils have been very welcoming, and the Park School pupils really appreciated the banner in the Street welcoming them.

Head Teacher Report

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

- SQA Results
- Pre-lims will be in December of 2023
 - Timetable now available
- P7 transition – new pupils are settling in well
- Show my homework – now up and running
- School app – now has an integrated outlook calendar
- Work experience – CVO placements
 - Jim Campbell – feedback on the travel to placements within the permitted timeframe is an issue.
- UCAS evening was a success and overall feedback was very positive
- Staffing update – see full report
 - Unfortunately the school will be losing Mr Mann who was a very positive influence during his tenure.

Treasurer report

No change

Future Fundraising

This has to be a top priority over the next few months;

Ideas;

Attending the local RC churches with raffle tickets especially as St Joseph's is the only RC secondary within East Ayrshire.

Requesting donations via parent pay?

Other fundraising ideas will be welcomed

Recruitment drive for new PC members

Another top priority as we will be losing some long-time members in the summer of 2024 when the last of their children will be leaving St Joe's.

Need to attend upcoming open nights

Correspondence – None

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PMc – to arrange pop-up banner once we have the graphics of logo's etc

Closing Prayer - GD led the closing prayer.

Next meetings

9th October AGM