

## St Joseph's Academy Parent Council

### Minutes of Meeting 9<sup>th</sup> October 2023

#### Attendance

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

#### 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

##### PC Chair report – Gavin

Modest interaction required by PC in the past year.

Good attainment noted and good relationship with the senior management team. The joint campus was a good transition.

Priority for the upcoming year is to grow the numbers of the PC.

### **Election of Post holders**

Paul McLaughlin takes up role as Chairperson.

Amanda Busam Kennedy will take up the responsibility of the Secretary.

Pamela Chigbo will take on the role of Treasurer.

Mr Kane – would like to put on record his gratitude to Gavin Duffy for all his support and counsel during his tenure as Chair of the PC.

### **School Report**

Mr Kane delivered the school report focussing on the points below.

- Insight data trends
  - EAC school averages
  - St Joseph's doing well when looking at virtual comparisons
  - Average tariff points (STJA making significant strides forward under the guidance of Mr Kane)
- Pre-lims dates will be confirmed end of October and will be before the Christmas break.
- Parent evening dates all available in the school App
- Extra-Curricular Activities
  - Christmas fayre – Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> will be organised by the pupils
  - PC will request a bottle stall at the event and request that we start asking for donations.
- Appointments imminent
  - 4 applicants for the role of head of RE
  - Miss Woodward – Mat leave
  - Mrs Duthie – successful in the guidance role

### **Treasurer report**

Only income is Easy Fundraising @ £120.

Taking the balance to £1401.70

### **Correspondence**

#### **FB enquiry about taking advantage of Scottish Rugby cashback for schools.**

Discussed and we the school will look into option and appetite from both pupils and staff to start rugby club. Although it is noted that starting a new sport from scratch is a tough ask.

### **AOCB**

#### **Recruitment drive**

**PC presence at parents evenings**

**S3 – 9<sup>th</sup> November – Jim**

**S2 – 21<sup>st</sup> November – Dawn**

**S1 – 5<sup>th</sup> December – Paul**

**Jim Campbell – Library study use is difficult for S6 when other kids are using the space at lunchtimes.**

**Mr Kane will ask for other areas that could be quieter for the S6 pupils during lunch breaks.**

**Grace to be removed from the FB admin and will pass easy fundraising info to Pamela.**