

St Joseph's Academy Parent Council
Minutes of Meeting 16th September 2024

1. Welcome

Paul welcomed everyone and led us in prayer.

2. Present - Paul McLaughlin (Chair), Gail McFarlane, Gillian O'Rourke, Elena McMillan, Leanne McGinty and Joseph Kane (HT)

Apologies – Marion Smith, Steven Howat, and Dougie Thomson

3. Minutes of Last Meeting – Nil

4. PC AGM –

a/ PC Chair gave verbal report and special welcome was given to Leanne.

b/ PC membership – numbers are on the rise and try and continue with drive to recruit and maintain numbers.

c/ Election of new office bearers

Paul resigned as chair due to work commitments.

Amanda resigned as secretary. A note of thanks was given to Amanda for her time as role of Secretary.

Gail was then elected as new Secretary.

Pamela Treasurer

East Ayrshire PC steering group – Elena accepted this role.

Church Rep – Dawn

At next meeting need to discuss chairperson

5. School Report by Mr Kane – previously submitted.

6. Treasurers Report – Nil though £200 in cash this is to be handed into school for monies PC had agreed to fund. Paul to contact Grace regarding Bank Account £1000 in bank and £268 in easy pay.

7. School Christmas Fayre 23/11/24 - Mrs Shearer looking for volunteers for school stalls all monies raised going to school funds. Mrs Shearer looking for £200 donation to help fund Fayre – this was agreed.

8. Correspondence – Nil

9. A.O.C.B – Darvel bus overcrowded children sharing seats – Mr Kane not aware of this – he will investigate it.

Email from Parent – regarding technical course - school has contacted all pupils. Paul to reply to parent individually.

Is there anything in place to teach children about Autism/ADHD/dyslexia and for kids to understand triggers?

- Not as part of routine curriculum but does happen in PSE.

PC presence at Parents evenings – Paul happy to attend S4 evening on 10/10.
Dawn happy to help at other evenings.

10. Date of next meeting – 28/10/24 7pm