

Parent Council Meeting 9.9.21

Present:

Catherine Dillon-Ruddy, Clare Duns, Angela O'Connor, Josephine McGrotty, Cristina Scheeffer, Fiona Harkess, Catriona Bark, Anne-Marie O'Brien, Emma Stevenson, David Reilly, Mairead Brophy, Jon McGrane, Pauline Murphy, Claire Coburn

No apologies

Agenda Item	Next Steps
<p>1. Welcome and prayer - Catriona Introduction of office bearers Chairs: Catriona Bark and Fiona Harkess Vice-chair: Anne-Marie O'Brien Secretary: Emma Stevenson Welcome to new members Cristina, David and Jon.</p>	<p>Emma to add new members to Whatsapp and email groups</p>
<p>2. AGM Admin - Fiona Minutes agreed by Fiona and Anne-Marie Code of conduct and future meeting dates agreed. Remits and responsibilities were discussed.</p>	<p>See attached presentation for details of dates and job list.</p>
<p>3. Equality and Diversity group - Claire C The group met regularly between February and the summer break. They discussed the equality and diversity work with pupils and focused on how best to engage with parents. There was an appetite for some parent network groups for those with shared experiences, for example parents of children with additional support needs or parents from particular cultural backgrounds. On the 26th of May the group met virtually and this meeting focused on culture, language and faith, considering how the school celebrates diversity and taking into account parental feedback on diversity and equality. The group was well attended.</p>	<p>Further information to be found at https://blogs.glowscotland.org.uk/er/OurLadyMissions/we-are-olm/diversity-equality-team/</p>
<p>4. School Improvement Plan - Fiona SIP has several areas where PC can support including parental involvement in numeracy homework, further engaging families and the wider community in STEM learning, encouraging higher levels of parental engagement generally and involving parents in the pupil committees and other aspects of the development of the young workforce. The authority will be bringing out the updated parental partnership strategy. This might also tie in with the equality and diversity group.</p>	<p>School will build on the existing bank of videos created last year and more recently in preparation for the Meet the Teacher event.</p> <p>Fiona and Catriona to meet with Josephine, may call on Whatsapp reps to carry out audit of parent forum.</p>

<p>5. Outdoor Improvement Update – Cristina Over the summer the group continued to improve and maintain the grounds by watering plants, playground painting, repairing broken items etc. Gordon and Cristina rescued some pots, hanging baskets etc from chestnut garden and replanted these. Next steps include playground painting, installation of playground equipment, volunteer day to relocate items from chestnut garden. Volunteer is needed to carry out grant applications.</p> <p>Mrs Duns secured a STEM grant for £1400 which is going to go towards a variety of things including outdoor learning kits. A group of pupils will use their STEM skills to decide where to locate bee hotels, bird boxes etc.</p> <p>Outdoor group to look into Morrisons gardening voucher scheme.</p> <p>There was some vandalism over the holidays and more recently two big windows were smashed in the infant department.</p> <p>Cristina is also on the Community Council and a community garden group in Giffnock. There is a wealth of information available from this group.</p> <p>Learning for sustainability will be a focus of the outdoor group, especially given the current context of COP26.</p>	<p>Cristina/Emma to set date for next Outdoor group meeting to overtake tasks listed.</p> <p>Cristina to share info with Fiona and Clare D</p>
<p>6. PSA update on office bearers, AGM report and Treasurer’s Report. Archbishop Tartaglia Football Tournament taking place this Sunday 10-3.30 Ever changing COVID restrictions have meant that some planning has been last minute. Around 300 children are down to play in the tournament, hoping for a dry day and lots of people to turn up. Canon Tartaglia is coming for the prize giving.</p>	<p>Volunteers may still be required for this.</p>
<p>7. Headteacher’s Report – Catherine Welcome back to all after a summer break</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Pupils all settled and routines established• Thank you extended to the outdoor group for the efforts to maintain the school grounds	<p>Catherine?? To try to secure church representation for PC.</p>

over the summer period. The bursts of colour are a triumph and the spaces well utilised during the start of term and lovely weather

- Spiritual support from Canon Stephen – we are so grateful for his guidance and commitment to the faith life of the school. Two outdoor masses streamed to our families on Our Lady’s birthday yesterday with a full calendar of events agreed for the coming session
- Covid cases throughout the school. Warn and inform letter new protocol with school not being involved in track and trace activities. Covid risk assessment in place as previous practice with review 6 weeks into term. Update in newsletter will be issued as appropriate. Assistance with collection at P1 & P2 would be much appreciated as some parents quite understandably anxious and attempt to maintain social distancing/face coverings will reassure our school community we are doing all we can to minimise transfer.

- Archbishop Tartaglia Tournament – following update at last meeting thanks extended to Michael Cairns in particular for the organisation of this tribute competition. Social Media details of event and the support of the PSA for our first fund-raising opportunity very much appreciated. Julie, Joanne and the team of volunteers have been pulling this side of the event together and their creative and efficient approach has to be commended. Funds will be available for development priorities. (NB link dates for meetings for going forward as traditionally the first Tuesday of each month for PSA meetings)

Tree to commemorate has been blessed and awaiting plaque. All attendees will receive a prayer card and players will receive a pennant flag memento.

The school community are greatly saddened by the loss of two members of staff. Thoughts and prayers are with their families.

There is a diocese meeting on 16th November for which we need a church member to attend on behalf of the PC.

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AOCB - Some reports of children finding it hard during isolation period.	People who have concerns regarding their child's well-being should contact the school for support.
Date of next meeting: Thursday 21 st October	