

OLM Parent Council

4th October 2022

Minutes

Attendees:

Fiona Harkess – Outgoing co-Chair

Anne Marie O’Brien – Outgoing co-Chair

Cristina Scheeffer

Catherine Dillon Ruddy – Head Teacher

Angela O’Connor

Nicola Cochrane

Jon McGrane

Rashid Khaliq

Christopher McLaughlin

Syed Jaffry

Ajaz Ahmed

Karen Cumming

Lynne Foley

Provost Mary Montague

1. Appointment of Office Bearers

There were no nominations for the position of Chair

Cristina Scheeffer was nominated as co-Vice Chair

Anne Marie O’Brien was nominated as co-Vice Chair

Jon McGrane was nominated as Secretary

2. Outdoor Improvement Team

Cristina provided an update from the Outdoor Improvement Team:

There was a successful Action Day on the 4th September with a good turnout, with the following all achieved:

- Equipment was moved from the Chestnut Garden to the Willow Garden.

- Weeding and bulb planting was carried out
- The area for the new Fairy Garden was prepped
- A new Water Mill was built

Ms Cummings is continuing to assist with applications for funding – spending 1 day a week on this until December

Syed raised the potential for charity funding for Outdoor Improvement

Provost Montague raised a point about ‘Voluntary Action’ – who help find sources of funding

ACTION – Syed to enquire as to what may be available

ACTION – Lynne to add Syed to the Outdoor ‘WhatsApp’ Group

3. Sustainable Travel Update

David unfortunately is no longer available to support the Parent Council

ACTION: Rashid to pick up with David and get a hand over on the good work he has done to date in the Sustainable Travel areas

Chris provided an overview on the historic issues with access, and the challenges faced

Provost Montague offered support to get the Council involved.

4. Diocese Update

Chris provided an update and asked that any support / suggestions needed from the Diocesan Council be raised directly with him.

OLM’s Newsletter has been added to St Joseph’s weekly Newsletter.

Catherine proposed rolling out a 1st Communion dress initiative across the Diocesan

5. Lost Property

Karen provided an update on the Uniform Swap initiative.

Catherine proposed the initiative be extended to:

- Halloween Costumes
- Nativity Costumes
- Christmas Jumpers

ACTION: Fiona & Lynn (PSA) to send out a comms on the plan for the Uniform Swap.

6. Head Teacher Update

Catherine provided an update via the HT Report.

7. AoB

The timing and duration of the meeting was discussed – a decision was made to move future meetings to the slightly later time of 6.30pm.