

St Margaret RCPS Parent Council 11th May 2021 1800 -1900 via Teams

Parent Council Present;

F Gillan D Massaro, A Syme, D Mullholland, D Mc Donald, K Mitchell, M Malloy, N Hooker, M Steven, S Sutherland
Apologies L Gemmell, C Potter

1. Welcome and prayer – Those present said a shared opening prayer

2. Fundraiser Progress- Mrs Mitchell gave an update on the “Walk to Rome” fundraiser. Current funds £1641. Pupils used 5 ways to wellbeing approach during activity. Final amount raised to follow. Great job by all. Pupils seemed very engaged with sponsored walk.

Action: NH asked to draft projected commitments for the year once final fundraising figure is available. Miss McDonald was thanked for her help and contribution to the fundraising

3. Discussion on St. Columba's RC Learning Campus Consultation- All

Fraser gave feedback to archdiocese on shared campus consultation from school and cluster discussions to inform diocese response.

This included the advantages of a new build. Integration with college campus and opportunities to share resources for example to increase range of qualifications able to be offered. All wanted to maintain the strong catholic ethos of St Columbas and hope shared spaces can reflect this. Some concerns about protection of younger children’s safety and well being. Infrastructure around the site needs to be thought out and planned. St Columbas pupil roll is projected to rise so there needs to be capacity build in for St Columbas to grow.

Feedback from the Parent Council discussions echoed these positives and concerns particularly safeguarding and mix of used for the site and whether the education sites is seen to be priority or at the end of the queue in relation to the sites and space. NH raised issue of what influence and access college will have with pupils in terms of marketing , careers guidance etc. MS concerned that the other developments are being priorities over the campus suite and creation of the best space for pupils. An example of this is the linking of a petrol station with the planning application for the site.

FG had submitted Parent Council comments to the consultation process. Questions put by PC will be answered in the final consultation document.

All urged to attend last consultation on 17th May 1800 to 1900 online if they can .

4. School Improvement work- FG introduced this section. Areas of focus have been chosen well for this year. HMIE inspectors recently gave positive feedback to the school.

Digital Culture- Colm Molloy shared power point on digital actions and initiatives.

This included Use of School App, Twitter, updated policies on digital use, home learning. The school is developing a digital learning culture including promoting digital teachers and learners. Working ongoing towards two awards - Digital Schools Award and Cyber Resilience badge

Health & wellbeing- Alison Syme

3 key priorities Pupil & Staff Wellbeing and updating policies. Mental Health First aid training still on agenda to give support to staff once training is rescheduled.

FS mentioned continued COVID awareness and the rules and mitigations in place to keep staff and pupils safe.

Teaching & Learning- Donna Mulholland

Mrs Mulholland shared a PowerPoint on the teaching and learning and assessment and moderations policy which has been consulted on . Key areas are Quality teaching, Support for learning, Effective learning and Assessment, Moderation.

Plans for Sports week- Week beginning 31st May- Dee McDonald

Plan is to make the week special. It runs Mon 31st May to Fri 4th June. Traditional events will happen in class PE time. Videos and photos will be taken to give wider school community an insight into events. Classroom activities will involving House groups and link to C f E though HWB & Sport eg Olympics Themes. Pupils will be able to wear PE kit all week and staff will participate in daily activities. Communication in this will go to parents on Friday 14th May via the app.

5.Update on Sacraments- Deborah

P7 s are Preparing for Confirmation 25th May at St Margaret's s 27th May at OLOL

P4 Reconciliation will be received in school once Priest is able to visit. . P4 started First Communion preparations and they will be receiving First Communion in P5.

AOCB Mrs Mulholland put thanks of pupils on record the P7 hoodies purchased by the Parent Council. They are enjoying use of these and SS recorded thanks for Lynne and Claire who led on fundraising and procurement of these items.

Closing Prayer was said.

Date of next Meeting - TBC