

15th May 2024

MINUTES OF THE OUR LADY OF GOOD AID CATHEDRAL PRIMARY SCHOOL PARENT COUNCIL HELD ON 13TH MAY 2024

Present: Jacqueline Burns (Chair +minutes), Pauline Cook, Carrei Wheelan, Gillian MacGregor, Mhairi McGuire, Julie Flynn, Nancy Clifford, Kerry Anne Ferrie, Graeme Young, Lorraine Campbell, Marie Claire Duffy

Item	Action
Item 1 - Welcome The Chair welcomed the group to the meeting	
Item 2 – Minutes and Actions of the Previous Meeting. Approved and no outstanding actions	
Item 3 – Parent Council Visibility The PC is working on a short introduction about the PC which can be put on the school website, along with recent copies of meeting minutes. Plan to talk about the parent council at the upcoming P1 inductions and let people know about the meetings. Try to encourage new membership to the PC where possible.	
Item 4 – Headteachers Report School working on the improvement plan for next year, taking time to reflect a review progress. Writing and digital themes have been themes and will continue. Need to reflect national priorities but also any immediate priorities within the school. Staff taking time for self- reflection and acknowledge achievement over the previous years. One of the key themes for next year will be around religious education, including supporting staff in their own faith and trying to promote and create an authentic Christian community within the school. The current WellSpring work being undertaken by the diocese was highlighted and there may be opportunity to reflect on this as part of the improvement plan. There will be the opportunity to consult with parents, with the proposed plan in the coming term. PEF- the school continues to use the PEF money for additional staffing for the A Team. This focusses on having short term interventions to improve attainment. The focus will expand into supporting health and wellbeing, considering targeted inputs in relation to poverty and how this can create barriers to learning. The council were informed that Mrs McCarthy who has been unwell, is improving and her recovery is going well. All members of the parent council wish her well in her recovery and sent her their best wishes.	
Item 5- Fundraising Committee Update The Ladies Night had to be cancelled due to low ticket sales and will not be rearranged for this academic year. Planning is ongoing for next year, including events such as the family fun night, 200 club amongst others. Purchasing of P1 polo shirts will happen for the new school term beginning.	

<p>Item 6- School Transport</p> <p>The council continues to move forward with its proposal to amend the mileage limits for school transport. This will take effect for primary schools in August 2025 and secondary schools in August 2024.</p> <p>A small group of parents from the parent council and others are looking to challenge this decision with the council.</p> <p>A focus on the local context of the school, identifying that in comparison to the non-denominational primary schools which share a catchment Cathedral Primary is significantly more affected, will be important.</p> <p>The group will continue to work, and are hoping to speak to local elected members about the issue and would encourage other parent council members to get involved.</p> <p>This could have a significant impact on our campus, with additional traffic on campus at the start and end of the day as well as in the surrounding streets.</p> <p>Look to speak to Firpark and Clydeview parent councils to have a united front from the joint campus (although ASN transport is protected).</p>	
<p>Item 6- AOB</p> <p>Class Assignments for next term- At this time the approximate classes for next year have been set, but the school are still waiting on definitive staffing arrangements to confirm allocations. This will be confirmed close to the end of term.</p> <p>The school year plan will be issued shortly- with relevant dates for the diary for next year.</p>	