

St Brendan's Parent Council

Minutes of meeting held on zoom on 15th September 2020

Present

Mrs Oates	(Head Teacher)
Mrs Matthewman	(Chairperson)
Mrs Hewitt	(Vice Chairperson)
Mrs Henderson	(Secretary)
Mrs Whitton	(Treasury)
Mrs Kellas	(Parent Representative)
Mrs Dornan	(Parent Representative)
Mrs Booth	(Parent Representative)
Fr Owen Ness	(Guest)
Mr Grey	(Guest)
Mrs O'Donahue	(Guest)
Mrs McMnamin	(Guest)
Mrs Clark	(Guest)
Anne Cassidy	(Clerk)

Apologies

Kenneth Duffy	(Labour Councillor for Ward 19)
Nathan Wilson	(Conservative Councillor for Ward 19)

Previous minutes were confirmed

The chair, Mrs Matthewman welcomed everyone and introduced herself and asked everyone to do the same.

It was asked of the members of the parent council if they would be ok to have their picture taken to be on the school website. Everyone agreed

Mrs Matthewman passed on gratitude from all parents to all staff members for their dedication to the online learning during lockdown and how things have been in the school for the return of pupils.

HT Report

Mrs Oates confirmed that we have been selected as a Digital Pathway School and Miss Burns is heavily involved in this. Mrs Oates gave an insight into what's involved within this new initiative.

Mrs Oates also gave a breakdown on staffing.

Mrs Oates shared what the focus has been for the 1st term of school and how covid recovery is being implemented.

The Holy Sacraments were discussed with dates for First Reconciliation being Tuesday the 22nd and Wednesday the 23rd of September. The month for First Holy Communion will be in November however no confirmed date as yet.

Assessments were discussed and Mrs Oates gave an insight on how these would be gathered.

Online learning during lockdown was discussed with the focus being the percentage of participation.

AOB

Fundraising was discussed at length.

Nursery and the outdoor learning was discussed.

Baron's road and the gathering of parents were discussed, with Fr Ness giving a detailed explanation of reasoning why the chapel gate could not be used. Alternative ways in which the congestion could be addressed was discussed.

Mrs Matthewman asked Fr Ness if the chapel car park could still be used by parents for drop off and pick up's from school. Fr Ness replied that as long as the parents adhered to the current guidelines and protocols the car park could still be utilised however did confirm that it would be monitored as he has a duty of care to comply with within church grounds.

Halloween and celebration events – this was discussed at length and it was agreed that the children can come to school dressed for Halloween however could not have an additional props such as wigs etc.

Mrs Matthewman addressed eligible members and provided the next steps in the election process.

Mrs Whitton questioned around school photographs and Mrs Oates explained reasoning on why this wasn't arranged as yet.

Next meeting scheduled for Tuesday 20th October.

Anne Cassidy

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Parent Council Clerk