

# St Brendan's Parent Council

## Minutes of meeting held on Zoom 5<sup>th</sup> October 2021

### Present

Mrs Oates	(Head Teacher)
Mrs Matthewman	(Chairperson)
Mrs Henderson	(Secretary)
Mrs Douglas	(Treasury)
Mrs Dornan	(Parent Representative)
Mr Grey	(Parent Representative)
Mrs Anderson	(Guest)
Fr Ness	(Guest)
Kenneth Duffy	(Labour Councillor for Ward 19)
Anne Cassidy	(Clerk)

### Apologies

Mrs Kellas	(Parent Representative)
Mrs O' Donahue	(Parent Representative)
Mrs Hewitt	(Vice Chairperson)

Mrs Matthewman welcomed everyone and gave apologies of the members unable to attend.

Previous minutes were accepted.

#### Head Teacher report

Mrs Oates gave a breakdown on staffing and provided a detailed insight into additional staff from Building Back Better initiative, which is a covid recovery programme.

We have a modern apprentice who joined in August who is young and enthusiastic and will qualify as an ASNA at end of academic year.

Nursery is fully staffed with breakdown of staffing in both rooms.

Rainbow reading and number box, also read, write ink interventions are in place.

A breakdown of upcoming staff training was provided.

P7 opportunities was discussed.

After school clubs will be able to take place now after the October week.

Preparations for Confirmation for the P7 are underway.

Skills Academy: A breakdown was provided of what this involves.

Sponsor Event: individual participation of staff and Fr Ness, total raised to date £2000.

### **Cost, availability and recycling of school uniform.**

Mrs Oates confirmed that a meeting with the supplier had taken place in which she expressed the parent body's frustration that supply and demand weren't met. Mrs Oates shared that they will look further afield for other suppliers.

Front of school has school uniforms that have been donated or handed in and has been greatly used. A discussion took place with next steps being Mrs Oates going back to suppliers and speaking with the children of the school for their views on current school uniform.

### **Fundraiser Update**

As Mrs Oates previously confirmed the total to date was £2000. Miss Burns will look into if a memory update would work. The Halloween photo booth will raise additional funds.

### **School Road Safety**

Mr Grey raised the subject of the traffic around the school. Proposals have been sent to road department and they have replied and Councillor Duffy has organised a meeting with multi parties to talk about the new proposals. They will provide update at next meeting. Fr Ness spoke of the church's car park outstanding repairs, Fr Ness provided an insight into where things are at the moment.

### **Covid 19 – Impact on learning**

Mrs Oates had provided an insight of covid recovery in her report and how it looks going forward.

### **Parent Information Evenings**

There will be a settling in report for parents and 121 reports with parents of children who hold a GIRFME.

Mrs Matthewman wanted the thanks from the parent body to all teachers and staff for their dedication and presence in the online meeting.

### **Halloween**

There will be loads of class activities for Halloween with a photo booth that Miss Burns is running. New guidance states that assemblies can now be taken once risk assessed. So hopefully we can have those up and running soon. Mrs Oates also shared that the Motherwell pantomime is on however thinks that its best as there would be no refunds if the unfortunate event of an outbreak. We will go with an online pantomime this year again.

### **Parent Council Community**

Mrs Henderson confirmed that a mailbox has been set up now for parents to use and they will share how to use this.

### **AOCB**

Mrs Booth has stood down as parent representative. Mrs Feeney has shown interest in taking on this vacancy.

*Anne Cassidy*

*St Brendan's Primary School*

*Parent Council Clerk*