

St Brendan's Parent Council

Minutes of meeting held on Zoom 16th November 2021

Present

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

Apologies

Mrs Kellas	(Parent Representative)
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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 how we have been impacted with Covid absences

The visit from Anne Munro went well – Really pleased with feedback from children, and comment was made of how well the uniform looked.

Preparation for confirmation well underway. The full school had the opportunity to celebrate mass for all souls day with a few classes being able to be in attendance over in the church whilst the rest watched online,

IDL for the full school has been the current COP 26 campaign of climate change.

The in-service focus was on Dear time, with Mrs Bridge championing this and encouraging children to read for enjoyment.

Rights respecting schools- We are going for silver! Miss Paterson is the school champ for this and is working on achieving this goal.

The Digital Den is now fully open and operational.

Review Of Vision, Values & Aims

A discussion around this took place with Mrs Oates asking a few detailed questions around "What matters" so the new vision can be created.

Positive feedback on School communication with Parents/carers

Mrs Hewitt spoke and acknowledged the amount of content on seesaw with feedback etc, giving parents reassurance,

Mrs Matthewman questioned if the funds have been secured for the seesaw platform? Mrs Oates confirmed that the council are going to substitute this however we need to purchase it initially. Sumdog – teachers are looking to introduce written maths homework alongside sumdog.

Mrs Oates confirmed that the parent's night will go ahead online.

Future Use of Car Park at Church

Fr Ness provided a breakdown of how the carpark is getting restored. Fr Ness expressed his concerns over the usage of the carpark. The group of 8 parishioners will decide on the outcome of how the carpark is used in the future.

Age for Sacramental Preparation

A discussion around this took place as Fr Ness was no longer on the call for his in-put.

Traffic/Road safety update

Mr Grey gave a detailed account of where things were at. There will not be a pilot of reduced traffic during school times. Councillor Duffy confirmed that they have met with council officials and discovered a road safety working team. He advised we need to keep pushing on. Mr Grey suggested next steps maybe being a press release letting the community know of the frustrations of the council not taking on any suggestions. Other members in agreement. A discussion took place.

AOCB

Mrs Henderson shared the new email address for the Parent Council and asked that this is shared with the whole school parent body with encouragement to use it. Discussion around this took place. Mr Grey expressed interest in attending the up and coming PC meeting for members within NLC.

Anne Cassidy

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Parent Council Clerk