

St Pauls Primary Council Meeting Minutes - Wednesday 5th May 2021

Present (Meeting via Zoom) - Mrs Maher, Emma Stewart, Karen Hallan, Yvonne Moohan, Lisa Townsley, Karen Copland

Apologies - Jen Mulholland, Lisa McIlreavy, Mary Sloan

- Nothing from previous meeting, minutes available on the school website.
- Accounts Update - No adjustments from previous meeting. Yvonne M. due reimbursement for receipts held. Payment made for order of P7 hoodies, with remaining balance (amount previously agreed) to be given to school for children's P7 end of term celebration.
- Head Teacher Update - Anchor Base staff returned after multiple staff absence. The Principal Teacher of the base has returned however, not as full-time PT. Two other class teachers within the base will share the acting PT post till the end of the summer term. Mrs Murdoch will support learning across Anchor classes. Mainstream staffing – currently down two teaching staff and two support staff due to shielding/illness. Mrs Connelly has now left her role within the school office, a replacement staff member has been appointed but yet to begin role. Role currently being covered by peripatetic staff members. P7 transition (virtual) took place last night, Tuesday 4th May, however issues for some parents/carers regarding access. To be repeated for parents/carers again on Monday 17th May. Home-link/Guidance staff from St Andrews today for first visit, second session to take place next week. Individual/enhanced transitions for some children will hopefully be arranged for June, depending on COVID restrictions. Due to difficulties in maintaining bubbles/cancelled exams etc there is limited space to accommodate visits to high school(s), however, we hope to have one visit arranged in June. P7 trip booked for Castle Semple for 21st June. It was agreed that CFK monies be used to cover the cost of the trip. Due to restrictions etc, scaled back celebration in place of prom/awards ceremony. No parents/carers will be in attendance, school staff dealing with arrangements. Relevant videos will be uploaded for parents/carers to view. P7 teacher working on Yearbook with class. P7 ties have been delivered and will be distributed at the school Awards. P1 transitions from nurseries are complicated due to requirements to maintain nursery bubbles. Mrs Nicholson to utilise Seesaw to share the powerpoint for P1 parents. We will be working to allow for a short visit for children to see their class and meet their teacher.
- Traffic - Chair raises issue of road on Morar Drive brought by parents/carers. Chair feels this is a Renfrewshire Council issue, not school. Mrs Maher agrees to contact

on behalf of parents. Any response will be forwarded to Primary Council. Few local schools piloting different schemes re school traffic/roads, again details will be forwarded to as/when received.

- Parent/Carer issues - Mrs Maher was asked “What is the process for child/ren who continuously interrupts class learning?” Response - without knowing specific details the general approach is described. Talking through issues, involving parents and other agencies as appropriate. Putting strategies in place to minimise disruption, supporting all pupils to enhance learning. Mrs Maher was then asked about a permanent teacher for P2 as there have been several changes so far this year. Mrs Maher informs that this has been due to illness / absence etc the issue is out with her control/been unavoidable. As always, steps taken to try and minimise disruption/provide stability for children as far as possible.
- Communion/Confirmation - dates have been issued to parents/carers with relevant details of the sacraments.
- AGM - Due to current Chair's time within St Paul's ending in June, no Chair would be in place for September AGM therefore it has been suggested that this be brought forward to June. All in agreement. AGM agreed for 3rd June. Due to rescheduling of the AGM, new P1 parents to be emailed details to allow the option of attendance. Also agreed that the Primary Council Constitution be revised at AGM.
- No other business.
- Next meeting – AGM 3rd June 2021