**Parent Council Minutes**

*Virtual meeting via Zoom Tues 22 Mar’22*

**Attendees:** F Cleland, A Gilfedder, C Mcleish, L Millar, CF Boyle, C Docherty, J Pugh, A Cumming, K Elliott, R Mcknight, Cllr J McGuigan, Cllr K McCreary, Cllr M Devlin, A.M.Clancy

**Apologies:**, P Mclaughlin, Fr Hughes, Mrs McCarron, N Stubbs

**Notes from last meeting:**

Minutes approved, note that the head teachers report should have been included as an appendix.

**Format of Parent council meetings:**

* Discussion that meeting’s had become question and answer for the head teacher rather than addressing issues the parent council can assist with.

*Action*: Reminder to be issued to parents/guardians they can and should approach the school with questions rather than wait for a PC meeting. PC email address to be issued again to the parent body and highlight it’s use.

**Constitution**: Ongoing review by Chris and Roisin.

**Head Teachers Report:** Mrs Cleland provided an update on staffing, Sacraments, School redecorating, Transitions & P7 Activity week. Valves and PE.

See report attached.

**Communion:** It was confirmed there will be no restrictions on attendance come May and a letter will be issued to parents in the coming weeks.

**DHT Vacancy:** Recruitment is ongoing with the closing date being Fri 25 March. There was healthy interest and they are expecting to interview 5 candidates.

**School Dinners:**  Parents raised the issue that the standards have fallen, Mrs Cleland responded that due to staff absences teachers have been assisting where and when they can to prevent this and confirmed that the menu is agreed at council level and guidelines are followed.

**Traffic:** This has been discussed previously but still an issue with cars parking near school causing a hazard to children walking to and from school.

Councillor Devlin advised there is pilot schemes in other schools around SLC where they are trialling no parking zones.  She will keep us updated with the outcome of these trials.

Cllr McCreary adviced this issue had also been discussed with other community groups in Bothwell not just near the school but in bothwell as a whole. Ongoing discussions to find solutions.

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As the back gate is considered the best route for safety Mrs Cleland will reconsider restarting the walking bus from the Church car park and also consideration to be given to opening this up to parents with younger kids walking to nursery.

The front car park is very busy and a cause for concern at drop off/pick up times, this area is for residents only however is used by many parents,  Both these issues will be addressed short term by  highlighting again via the app that caution be taken when driving near the school.

**Next Meetings: Tuesday 3 May**

*Secretary. K Elliott*