



# St Joseph's RC Primary and Nursery Parent Council Meeting

04th March 2024 / 18:00PM/

## Attendees:

Frances Burns, Patricia Mooney, Laura Wright, Ashley Colquhoun, Anette Jane Thomson, Claire Thomson, Stevi-Lee Hagger,

**Excused/unavailable:** Linda Gourlay, Emily McLaren, Audrey Smith, Sharon Brophy, Mark Mckay

## Agenda

### Welcome

- 1) Attendees and excused noted

### Follow ups:

- 1) PVGs - Sharon Brophy, Stevi-Lee Hagger, Linda Gourlay and Ashley Colquhoun to get their PVGs done. Requested to get this sorted ASAP.
- 2) The total from the Parent Council Christmas Fayre has been counted and is £351. Everyone is quite pleased with this for our first event.
- 3) A form regarding fundraising possibilities/events was put on the Facebook page. Only 4 responded, however there were some good options listed and they have been noted (followed up in the next section).

### Events Calendar:

*Currently scheduled events are:*

- 1) The school has organised an odd socks event for World Book day on the 7th of March. In lieu of any money, it is asked that those that are able donate a small item to the sharing shelf in the front of the school.
- 2) Crazy Hair day is set for the 15th of March
- 3) St Joseph's day will be on the 19th of March
- 4) P7 leavers: It is discussed whether or not the P7 parents/children would like assistance in any way to organise their event. The Parish hall has been booked, but unaware if anything else has been done. It is decided that Claire Thomson will reach out to the P7 parents and ask if they would like any assistance from the Parent Council and potentially what they would like us to help with.  
It is also discussed if perhaps the Parent Council should have a meeting with P7 parents at

the start of each school year to put forward options for leavers events, offering perhaps themes, venue etc as a means to ensure all leavers are able to get the same experience. P7 Leavers hoodies and ties are also discussed and hoodies will be sorted for the start of the last term.<sup>6</sup>

*Proposed events:*

- 5) Christmas Fayre is discussed and it is determined to check with Connect to ensure we have all liability insurance in place so that we can host it in the school this year.
- 6) The school staff will have a meeting and discuss the usual events and activities that are hosted by the school to see which ones the Parent Council can assist with, such as Halloween and Summer parties.

### **Connect Training**

- 1) 5 members of the council have signed up for upcoming training. Dates have been shared amongst the Parent Council members and those who wish to attend have been advised to book on asap.
- 2) Anette Jane attended the Organising Social and Fundraising Events and shared some feedback from this meeting, including the issued PDFs.

### **St Joseph's House structure and equity strategy:**

- 1) Frances briefly explained the equity strategy that the school has in place and after a meeting the school recently attended it has come to light that St Joseph's has most of the equity structure, as set out, in place. The only aspect needing further work is within taking care of our planet and there are action items in place to get started there already.
- 2) Frances shared the Strategy for equity that the school has in place and advised that a few information sheets will be sent out to parents to further explain what the school and children are doing within each category.
- 3) The school has earned their Silver UNCRC Rights of the Child award and are now working towards the Gold award.

### **Easy fundraising:**

Claire Thomson advised that the easy fundraising app/link has been passed over from the previous parent council and there are a few parents who are still using it. This is a fantastic easy way for all parents and guardians to help raise money for the school when doing online purchasing. Simply download the app and then use it when you are making any purchase in stores listed on it. The link has been shared to the Facebook page and is also attached here:

[https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/support-a-good-cause/step-1/?char=304808&invite=gma0wa&referral-campaign=c2s&utm\\_campaign=refCROtest&fbclid=IwAR0Yrg8QM2t3Y0UCZzXzYN43ZK3yUd5homjeVMU0H1i\\_tliC0i-l8MxC4Yc](https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/support-a-good-cause/step-1/?char=304808&invite=gma0wa&referral-campaign=c2s&utm_campaign=refCROtest&fbclid=IwAR0Yrg8QM2t3Y0UCZzXzYN43ZK3yUd5homjeVMU0H1i_tliC0i-l8MxC4Yc)

**School funds:**

Frances has advised that there is a bursary fund allocated to the school and wishes to have a discussion on what parents would like this money to be spent on. Previously the fund has been spent to get the play area outside installed for the children. An idea is to get feedback on what the fund is to be spent on during Parent's Night later this month.

**ATSSA awards:**

The school is working towards the Bronze ATSSA (Attachment and Trauma Sensitive Schools Award) award.

Frances advised of the teddy bear policy: if a child needs a little helping start there is a small selection of bears that they can have and take around with them for any reason. The policy within the school is that every child has the best and same start when they come to the school to get them started. The school also has trusted adults so that a child is used to several in the event someone is busy with another matter.

**Any other business:**

- Extra meeting for the Gala day: To have the best gala day possible for everyone at the school it is decided to put forward a few meeting date options for parents to attend a meeting to help discuss and organise it. The 25th, 26th or 27th of March are put forward as possible dates. They are to be advertised on the facebook page to try encourage as many as possible to attend.

**Action Items**

1. Decide date for Gala Day meeting

**Next Meeting Agenda**

- 1.

**Next meeting is to be held on the 13th of May 2024 at 18:00PM**