

## St Augustine's Parent Council Meeting 14<sup>th</sup> January 2016

**Attendees:** Gael Malone, Liz McGarvey, Michael McGee, David McLean, Jane Hogg, Lynne Keggie

Apologies: Janice Kerrisk, Jill Jackson, Monsignor Duffy, Garry Naman, Vanessa Palomino, Gwom Peter, Anne Moore, Tomasz Neizabitoski, Katarzyna Neizabitowska, Mo Brownlee

### **1) Minutes and Matters Arising from Previous Meeting**

The minutes were agreed.

*Parking* – Mrs Malone attended the neighbourhood meeting. Parking will be discussed at the next meeting.

*Awards* – Mr McGee has sent requirements to the parent council.

*Feast Day Mass* – good feedback was received.

*Fundraising* – Mr McGee proposed a Christmas Fair. Mrs Keggie suggested that this takes place in late November to allow time for other Christmas activities.

Mrs McGarvey reported that £95 was raised from coffee donations.

Mrs Keggie proposed that the Parent Council was represented at all future events.

### **2) Christmas Celebration**

Mr McGee asked the council for feedback on the format of the service and concert at Christmas. The parent council agreed that the formats were appropriate.

Mrs Malone stated that the school website is up and running for details of future events.

### **3) Staffing**

Maths – Mr McGee reported that an advert has been placed but it has been difficult to recruit.

Inclusion – Mr McGee advised that this position has been re-advertised for a year.

### **4) Transition Mass**

This will take place in the Cathedral on 3<sup>rd</sup> February at 11:15. Every RC and feeder school in Edinburgh is invited.

### **5) Education Sunday**

Education Sunday is on Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> February promoting the school at various parishes. ***Mr McGee will send a text to inform parents of this.***

***Mr McGee will review the speech to be delivered by pupils.***

### **6) Engaging Parents in PE**

Education Scotland will run this event at Lawrence Hill Academy, Alloa on 30<sup>th</sup> January 9am – 1pm.

### **7) School Improvement Groups**

Mrs Malone, Mrs McGarvey and Mr McLean advised that they would like to be included.

### **8) School Excursions**

Mr McGee asked the council if they were able to assist with school excursions to allow continuity of classroom cover.

The following availability was advised:

Mrs Malone - Afternoons  
Mrs McGarvey - Thursday afternoon  
Mrs Hogg - Thursday / Friday

***Mr McGee to send out a list of excursions.***

#### **9) Options**

Mr McGee advised that the school was conducting a straw poll into S3 and S4 subject choices.

#### **10) AOCB**

Mrs McGarvey reported that S1 homework appeared to be lacking. ***Mr McGee will investigate.***

Mrs Malone advised that the Scottish Parent Teacher Council is running a session "Involving all Parents" on 19<sup>th</sup> January.

Mrs Hogg raised concerns regarding the South Queensferry buses being late occasionally. Mr McGee advised that school buses have a certain route and that an alternate is available should traffic situations arise. ***Mrs Hogg will keep Mr McGee informed of concerns regarding this bus route.***

#### **11) Next Meeting**

Next meeting 17<sup>th</sup> March 2016 at 6.00pm