

St Augustine's Parent Council Meeting 22nd October 2015

Attendees: Gael Malone, Liz McGarvey, Michael McGee, David McLean, Janice Kerrisk, Jill Jackson, Monsignor Duffy, Garry Naman, Vanessa Palomino, Gwom Peter, Jane Hogg

Apologies: Anne Moore, Lynne Keggie, Tomasz Neizabitoski, Katarzyna Neizabitowska, Mo Brownlee

Mr McGee welcomed new parent members.

1) Minutes and Matters Arising from Previous Meeting

The minutes were agreed.

Parking – Mrs Malone will attend the next neighbourhood meeting.

Awards – Mr McGee has looked into awards and will send requirements to the parent council.

2) Feast Day Mass

The Feast Day Mass will be held with the Archbishop on 23rd October at 11:15.

3) Staffing

Difficulties have been experienced in recruiting a temporary Acting Curriculum Leader for raising attainment in various subjects.

Mrs Eunson, Music, has now moved to Queensferry High.

Maternity cover:

Mrs Kloss, PE - will return to work

Mrs Connor, Geography – replacement found

Mrs Campbell, Business Education – no applicants

Mrs Scally, Languages – difficulties in recruiting, part-time cover arranged

4) Study Support / Revision Websites

Mr McGee reported that a lot of staff have given up their time to provide study support. This has had a positive benefit to pupils.

5) Mass of Remembrance

The Mass of Remembrance will be held on 19th November at 7pm. All welcome.

6) Fundraising

The social night had to be cancelled due to lack of attendees.

The parent council will investigate other fundraising opportunities.

The parent council decided to have a table at all parent's evenings.

7) AOCB

AOCB – it would help if AOCB could be emailed to the parent council in advance.

New Website - Mr Steve Moore, Computing, is developing the new school website. Mr McGee asked the parent council for website content ideas.

One Scotland – Mr McGee announced that the school won the Convenor's Award.

Homework – the research undertaken by Mr Dalglish has still to be published.

Study Support - Mrs Kerrisk thanked Mr O'Donnell and Mr Banks for the support they provide.

Study Schedule - Mrs Kerrisk asked if the pupils were provided guidance on how to schedule studies. Mr McGee advised that a study planner is available for their tablets and suggested speaking to Mr Banks for advice. There are also past papers on the SQA website.

Parent Council Essentials – this course runs on 28th October 7-9pm at Carricknowe Primary. Email Mrs Malone if interested in attending.

Mass – Mr Naman asked about school mass times. Monsignor Duffy advised that mass is held every Monday at lunchtime, at RE assemblies and there are a number of other masses which parents can attend.

Text Books – Mr McGee advised that text books were being used less and that digital media use was increasing. Websites will be advised in the coming months.

School buses – Mr McGee advised that bus companies are contacted when pupils using them are late. Mr McGee will advise bus routes to Mrs Hall and Mrs Palomino.

Feedback – Mr Naman advised that the school pupil feedback process is very good. He thanked Mr Banks for his support.

8) Next Meeting

Next meeting 14th January 2016 at 6.00pm