

St Bernadette's Parent Council Meeting Minutes from meeting on 26th April 2022

Attendees:Peter Butterly (Chair), Louise O'Rourke, Marianne Savage, Audrey Duncan, Joanne Harley, Katie
Sweeney, Mike Kelly, Craig Beer, Nick Masterson (minutes),Apologies:Fr John, Ann Duncan, Jennifer Walker, Nevenka Carson, Councillor Laura Murtagh and Natalie
Masterson

No	Item	Action req'd
	Attendees/ Apologies	
	All the above people were in attendance with apologies received from Fr John, Ann Duncan, Jennifer Walker, Nevenka Carson and Natalie Masterson.	
1.	Minutes of Last Meeting	
	Minutes from meetings were approved and seconded.	
2.	Update by Chair	
	Football strips Chair confirmed that the football strips were collected during the Easter holidays and will deliver them to the school on Wednesday 27 th Apr 2022 and will make a post on the schools Twitter page to showcase the strips.	
	Car park etiquette Chair confirmed that feedback concerning the speed of traffic on Edward Avenue and incorrect roundabout etiquette had been passed onto Councillor Laura Murtugh. Chair has yet to hear back from Councillor Laura Murtugh and will update the group at the next Parent Council meeting.	
	Connect Newsletter Chair advised Mrs Heeps circulated the latest version of the Connect newsletter and highlighted the points below:	Chair to place item on future agenda
	 The newsletter contains details of a Heath & Wellbeing survey available to parents and carers. Survey closes on 30th April 2022. The newsletter also contained details of upcoming online training events such as "Communications and Social Media for Parent Groups" Chair advised the newsletter contained an eco-resource page with information on resources which may be useful within the school. 	
3.	Finances Update provided by Katie Sweeney.	Chair to place item on future
	Account balances	agenda
	£1,678 in main account £788 in fundraising account £3,227 in 200 Club	
	Total = £ 5,693	

	 Further deductions £1,370 reserved for Todhill Grant – Mrs Savage to speak with Mrs Edwards to understand plan for this money. Group discussed having an intergeneration and community element within the plan. Mrs Savage to update at the next Parent Council meeting. The Parent Council agreed to a request to top-up the hardship fund by £250. 	
4.	Fundraising	
	School picnic The fundraising group met on Monday 25 th April 2022 and discussed possible fundraising events for the year. These included a picnic with tombola and games. Date for this is to be confirmed.	Chair to place item on future agenda
	School Disco The fundraising group also discussed the end of term school discos (1 for for younger children and a 2 nd for older children). Tentative date for both discos is Thurs 16 th June 2022 and further details will be circulated in due course.	Chair to place item on future agenda
	200 Club The draw for the 200 club took place in the school on 26 th April 2022 and the following numbers were selected.	Chair to place item on future agenda
	£100 - 145. Jim Clark £50 - 8. Claire Rodger £50 - 82. James McDonald £25 - 171. Margaret Scott £25 - 134. Ann Nolan	
	Congratulations to all our winners. Prize money will be available to collect from the school office.	
	The group also discussed the slight reduction in membership over the last couple of months. Chair to liaise with Mike Kelly as parishioners from Our Lady of Lourdes and St Bernadette expressed an interest in joining the 200 club.	
5.	Headteacher Update Staffing	Chair to place item on future agenda
	 Mrs Savage updated the Parent Council on staffing changes. Congratulations to Ashley Murtugh (previously Miss MacAulay) and her husband who were married in the Easter holidays, Nicola McCarter-Gall has left her post in Early Learning Centre (ELC) following a secondment. Thanks to Nicola for her years of service in the nursery, Catriona Kinnaird is returning a Senior Early Years Officer (EYO) in June. Lynne Morrison-Love joining the nursery as EYO, Currently hosting student teachers Anthony Gray in the ELC until early May and Eilidh MacDonald in P1 until late May. 	
	P7 residential trip Residential trip was a great experience for the school and the P7s were a credit to their school and families. It was such a success that the school has already booked the facility for the residential trip next year (this will also occur the week before the school's break for Easter).	
	Home Learning Survey Surveys were issued to the school community to gather views on home learning. Following staff discussions, a plan has been made for this term and will be reviewed in August.	

	End of term arrangements and School Trip	
	Mrs Savage updated the Parent Council on end of term arrangements.	
	 The school trip to Blair Drummond Safari Park is booked for Wednesday 15th June 2022, all pupils and ELC will be attending. ELC will have an end of term celebration on Monday 20th June 2022. Sports Days for ELC and Primary are planned, and dates will be circulated to parents. P7 will have a Mass (1.30pm) and leavers assembly (09:30am) on 22nd June, and 	
	parents will be invited to attend.	
	Transitions Mrs Savage updated the group on transition planning from ELC- P1 and P7- S1.	
	Placing requests have been finalised for P1 and emails issued to parents. P1 roll for 2022/23 will be 25 and is being finalised. Transition activities will be ongoing through the term including opportunities for children out with St Bernadette's ELC to visit the school. Parents will have the opportunity to visit with their children. Chair agreed to speak to future P1 parents on Monday 30th May 2022 at 11:00am.	
	All P7 pupils will attend St Mungo's on Tuesday 24th May 2022. Pupils due to attend St Mungo's will also visit on the Monday 6 th and Tuesday 7 th June 2022. Dates have been issued for children attending Larbert High School.	
	As with prior years, the Parent Council will purchase High School ties for all P7 pupils.	
	HMIE Recovery Visit Mr Savage provided an update on the HMIE Recovery Visit on the 18th and 19th May 2022 by Marion Carlton (Primary) and Margaret Paterson (ELC). The visit will focus on wellbeing, safeguarding and continuity of learning. Planning for the visit is well underway, including planning for a group of parents to meet the Inspectors to discuss the focus areas. In addition, they will have discussions with groups of children and staff and have opportunities to visit classes to observe learning. This visit will not replace a full inspection but will be an opportunity for the school to share our story of Covid and beyond.	
	Uniforms Katie Sweeney asked Mrs Savage about plans for uniforms. Mrs Savage indicated that the school will be moving back to full school uniform (including on PE days) next term.	
6.	AOB	
	 Resumption of coffee mornings – Mrs Savage hoping to restart this in the next school term (subject to COVID-19 guidance). Future Parent Council meetings – the group agreed that the next meeting would have an online option as well. Dates for future meetings as follows: 	Chair to place item on future agenda
	• Mon 6th June 2022 @ 6:30pm	

Date of the next meeting: Monday 6th June 2022 @ 6:30pm.