

St Bernadette's Parent Council Meeting

Minutes from Meeting on 17th June 2025

Attendees: Charlotte Larkin (chair), Mrs M Savage, Mrs A Duncan, Mike Kelly (minutes), Joanne

Harley, Adam Tarbet, Louise O'Rourke (online).

Apologies: Fr Ajeesh, Rachel O'Reilly, Jennifer Walker.

	Item	Action req'd
	Attendees/ Apologies	
	All the above people were in attendance with apologies received from those noted.	
1.	Minutes of Last Meeting	
	Minutes of last meeting (6 th May 2025) will be distributed along with these minutes before the end of Term.	
2.	Update by Chair (Charlotte)	Chair to place
	There has been further discussions on the need for the PC to focus on Parental engagement in the next School Session. Objective is to gain more representation from Parents on the Parent Council. Charlotte will add to AGM agenda for discussion and agreement.	Chair to place item on future agenda
	Charlotte thanked the Fundraising Group for all their efforts in organising events this Session – they continue to be hugely successful Fund Raising activities.	
	The Connect Newsletter/Information sources contain some useful information on the new PVG guidelines which are now effective. Charlotte to distribute latest Newsletter.	Charlotte to distribute information from Connect
	Charlotte highlighted fact that Todhill Wind Farm grants are once again available – Mrs Savage agreed that the school will review to discern whether the school can apply for further funding.	nom connect
	Proposed that AGM (Annual General Meeting) for Parent Council be held on Tuesday 9 th September 2025 @ 6.30pm in the school.	
3.	Finances (Louise)	Chair to place item on future
	Account balances	agenda
	£860 in main account. £3,611 in fundraising account. (Includes £575 raised from Shorts 'n' Shades disco)	
	£5,270 in 200 Club.	
	Invoice for the 2 x smart TVs (£2,100) will be paid this week. £450 has been passed for use in 'Hardship fund'	
	Projected end of Term balance is £7,775 (approximately)	

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4.	Fundraising (Rachel) No formal Fundraising report at this meeting. The two events held since the last meeting were well supported (School Show and Shorts 'n' Shades)	Chair to place item on future agenda	
5.	Headteacher Update (Mrs Savage)	Chair to place item on future agenda	
	Mrs Savage began by thanking the Parent Council (especially the Fundraising group) for their huge support during the last 12 months		
	Mrs Savage highlighted following: New Falkirk Council 'Parent Portal' will go live at start of new School year in August – this will bring together existing websites, such as iPay and Absence reporting Staffing – School will have one Probationer next year; Kate Murray will be in P7. Mrs Murtagh had a baby boy recently – Miss Liddell will remain as cover until she returns from Maternity leave. Scottish Catholic Schools festival was held on Saturday 14th June. Mrs Savage was invited to speak at the event on the school Evangelisation journey and the successes made during the last 2 years or so. The presentation was well received with excellent feedback on the progress made by the School and as an exemplar for others to follow. Spiritus Conference 2026 will be held in Luton – school is looking to send a couple of delegates again 4 x Smart TVs have been installed recently which means that every class and Library has one (10 in total). Donation – a generous Legacy donation was received from a family during the Term and has been used to fund 2 x Smart TVs, Maths and Playground resources. Proposed Sacramental timetable for new School year: Fr Ajeesh will meet with parents of children in P3, P4 and P7 on 25th September in the school to discuss preparations for their celebration of the Sacraments Reconciliations for P3 children on Saturday 21st March 2026 Confirmations for P7 children in St Francis Xavier on Saturday 2nd May 2026 First Communion for P4 children on Saturday 30th May 2026 School Improvement Programme –work ongoing in following areas: Curriculum Development Planning for engagement Relationship with God (Evangelisation) Relationship with others Attainment and Achievement targets		
6.	AOB		
	Charlotte thanked everyone on Parent Council and the School for their unwavering support and efforts during the last year in developing and supporting the needs of our Children.	Chair to place item on future	
	Dates for PC Meetings in School Session 2025/2026 will be agreed at AGM.	agenda	

Date of the next meeting: AGM will be held on Tuesday 9th September 2025 @ 6:30pm.