



St. Mary's Parent Council Meeting

2nd juiSeptember 2024

Present: Helen Pritchard, Chris Ferguson, Iain Young, Leslie Tang, Hazel Swanston, Mairi Morton

Apologies: None received

<u>Points/Issues Arising</u>	<u>Action/By whom</u>
<p>AGM AGM. Discussion around ideas on how to get more people actively involved including putting on a meet and greet rather than a formal meeting.</p>	<p>Chris will promote the parent council at the meet the teacher event 20th September</p>
<p>Head Teacher Update</p> <p>Approximately £2000 in parent council budget for start of the new school year.</p> <p>There are now 2 P1 classes due to increase in intake which makes these small classes at present but may not be sustainable going forward (max class sizes different for P1 vs rest of school)</p> <p>6pm – meet the teacher event. Information to follow to parents however was in the diary dates in the newsletter.</p> <p>HT met with Fr. Marcin to confirm school mass dates for the year and up and coming enrolment mass start of October.</p> <p>Family support worker (Shannon) will be arranging some adult learning opportunities with the West Lothian Council team (Jennifer Gilmour) around skills development and HT will be putting out communications to ask for feedback about key areas/needs.</p> <p>School improvement plans:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Literacy – part of PEF money used to provide pedagogy officer staff/school Marion Cochrane who will be working with the school on foundations of learning in literacy. • Numeracy focus on support to help pupils stay on level tracks. • Health and wellbeing – pupil, staff and parent champs • Curriculum development asking the why and how in curriculum pathways. Also focus on the wider achievements of pupils and celebrating these through leader in me and digital profiles • Digital learning – Mentoring for other schools and focus on environmental learning through technology • RME • STEM • One plus Two • UNICEF rights respecting school development and continuation of committees. Investigate parental reps on these groups. <p>Brief discussion about the news report/league table/attainment table prior to summer and how this was very deflating for the pupils and did not give any context about</p>	<p>Chris will represent parent council</p> <p>School to investigate how best to involve parents in committees</p>



<p>what data was used to make up these 'ranks' and didn't take into account individual achievement of pupils with ASN.</p> <p>School is working with equity team at the council to ensure progress is always being made and individual for pupils.</p> <p>VSE visit will be carried out by the council (education officers, Ed psychs, fellow head etc.) in January and will be a good opportunity for external moderation against school evaluations.</p>	
<p><u>Chair additional comments</u></p> <p>Try to maintain level of events held last school year in terms of fundraising.</p> <p>Keep promoting parent council to try and get new members involved.</p> <p>Shared opportunity to have Bruce Adamson involved with the school on a voluntary basis to support rights respecting work (former United Nations lead for UNCRC)</p> <p>Day of meetings to be decided so that these can be planned, notice given to allow people (old and new) to attend and HT put in school lets</p> <p>Comments made to chair regarding how wonderful a send-off the P7 pupils have from St. Marys and this is very much appreciated by pupils and their parents.</p>	<p>Communication to be sent to group to decide on best day and HT advised</p>
<p><u>AOB</u></p> <p>None</p>	

Next meeting –Monday 7th October 2024 (7-8)