



ST. DOMINIC'S RCPS & ELC
Parent Council Meeting

LOCATION: St Dominic's RCPS & ELC
DATE: 06.09.22

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PRESENT:

Alice Crowley (AC)
Ashley King (AK)
Louise Barnett (LB)
Louise Chisholm (LC)
Christie Thompson (CT)
Joanne Day (JD)
Tracey Wright (TW)
Deidre Scott (DS)

Canon Shields (CS)
Mrs Hunter (LH)
Mrs Gornall (FG)

Nick Keiller– Active Schools (NK)

APOLOGIES:

Jen Campbell (JC)
Maria Beck (MB)
Susannah Murdoch (SM)
Ilona Henderson (IH)
Zoe Collins (ZC)

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1	Opening Prayer Thank you, Canon Shields, for our opening prayer to begin the meeting.	CS

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2	<p>Welcome & Apologies</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Welcome to Louise C, who will be the rep helper for ELC. - Thank you to Bernadette and Karen for their invaluable input through the years. - We are still seeking volunteers for class representatives and helpers. 	AK
3.	<p>Previous Minutes</p> <p>The Minutes of the previous Parent Council AGM held in May 2022 have been published and were agreed by all members.</p>	AK
4.	<p>Actions carried over:</p> <p>Maria Beck and Mrs Johnstone to connect</p>	MB
5.	<p>Financial Update</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Confirmed we will close Virgin bank account - In process of recovering access to other bank account from 2019, which has a balance. Final signatures have now been gathered so this should be achievable shortly. Major benefits are provision of internet banking (which will save cheques) and a local branch in Crieff. - Disco a great success but ran at a slight loss of around £71. - Sports Day ran at a loss of £114.83 (including purchase of medals) or loss of £50.50 (without including purchase of medals). - PKC annual funding for running of parent council – AC is seeking clarification if this could be used for PVG checks. - School may fund sports day medals in future. - SDC will need to subsidise cost of P1 homework bags, so should be a priority for fundraising. 	AC
6.	<p>SDC Facebook Page</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Feedback has been requested from the SDC Facebook page community regarding content. Google Forms has been provided to allow anonymous feedback if preferred. - Similarly, feedback on photos on the page has been requested. It was decided it was best practice to not include photos on the Facebook page due to different families' photo permissions. 	AK (on behalf of JC)

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	<p>2. Uniform Supplier</p> <p>To continue to help with reducing the cost of the school day, we have explored other suppliers. Scotcrest looked to offer the best value and quality and come recommended. In addition to this parents have voiced their concern over the current supply Border Embroideries, with fading garments, high prices and significant delays in delivery.</p> <p>The SDC and parents present were in full agreement. The school will communicate proposed change of supplier and invite parents to raise concerns before proceeding.</p>	LH/AC
7.	<p>SDC/ELC/School Topics</p> <p>Mrs Hunter shared improvement priorities, part of the 3-year plan. These include:</p> <p>STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths): Miss Brumpton attending a course and will share with teacher community thereafter.</p> <p>A focus on health and wellbeing and in particular an assessment-based tool will highlight areas for development; to help support resilience and emotional wellbeing.</p> <p>Listening and Talking skills policy is in development. Also looking at best practice and what other schools successfully do in this area. This will focus on skills both in and out of the classroom, so will extend to playground, extra-curricular activities, etc.</p> <p>Parental Engagement, and readiness to come into school and learn. A communication requesting parent/carer help escorting to and from Mass was sent last week. PE helpers also required for next term and garden/playground helpers still required.</p> <p>Keeping the cost of the school day as low as possible.</p>	LH
8.	<p>Parish Matters</p> <p>Canon shared an update on the Church Hall improvement discussions and investment to bring the hall up to standard. Kindly confirmed it remains free of charge for school and SDC events.</p> <p>Canon confirmed the continued focus on strengthening the link between the Parish and Parents, with the ask that any parents</p>	CS

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	<p>of children who wish to celebrate sacraments have a conversation with him directly.</p> <p>Education Mass will be held on the first Thursday of June. St Dominic's will be the host school this year.</p>	
9.	<p>AOB</p> <p>AC confirmed some feedback has been provided regarding parent portal and simplification of the process for consent forms (for next year).</p>	AC
Date of Next Meeting: Tuesday 25th October 2022, 6pm, School Hall		

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