



**ST. DOMINIC'S RCPS & ELC
Parent Council Meeting**

LOCATION: St Dominic's RCPS & ELC School Hall
and via Teams
DATE: Tuesday 30th April 5:30pm

PRESENT:

Ashley King (AK)
Louise Chisholm (LC)
Joanne Day (JD)
Deidre Scott (DS)
Christie Thomson (CT)
Maria Beck (MB)
Katie Speedie (KS)

Canon Shields (CS)
Mrs Hunter (LH)
Mrs Gornall (FG)
Miss MacGregor (DM)
Mrs Kaminski (EK)
Mrs Horan (GH)

APOLOGIES:

Alice Crowley (AC)
Ilona Henderson (IH)
Susanna Murdoch (SM)
Tracey Wright (TW)

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1	<p>Opening Prayer</p> <p>Thank you to Canon Shields for our opening prayer to begin the meeting.</p>	
2	<p>Welcome & Apologies</p> <p>Thank you to all those who joined in person or online.</p>	AK
3.	<p>Previous Minutes</p> <p>The Minutes of the previous Parent Council meeting have been published and were agreed by all members.</p>	AK
4.	<p>Review of Previous Action Points</p> <p>5. Historical Funds - Communications was shared and no objections were received by 15/02/24. Updated Historical Funds spending £1991.22 (appendix A):</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Nativity outfits £155.84 2. Voxblock £99 3. Healthy hearts speaker session for every class £300 – deposit paid, balance to be settled following event. 4. Tennis session x2 for every class with Magda £330 – to be billed and paid monthly from April – June. 5. Discovery zone materials £358.17 6. Big cat books £200.55 <p>Remaining balance of £547.66 which we would like to keep for any top ups required ongoing or for any expenses that may be time sensitive, and we would not have a chance to fundraise for in advance.</p>	AK/School
5.	<p>Financial Update</p> <p>Provided by AC in absentia: Bank statement and financial commitments as per appendix B.</p> <p>The Quiz night made a profit of £586.49 as minimal expenses (income of £631.59 less £45.10 expenses).</p> <p>All banking is up to date and accounts reconciled.</p> <p>Planned expenditure;</p>	AK

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	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Leaver gifts for P7 to be purchased £11 at the moment at Tesco for 19 children. Keep an eye out for best deal. 2. P1 homework bags. 3. Good position moneywise so offer to do something for the kids with funds – for example gymnastics day for whole school. 4. Historic fund balance - left 550 after spending on discovery zone. Separate amount to be spent on whole school learning. 	
6.	<p>Fundraising Events</p> <p>Key event should be the quiz as so well attended and great donation for the raffle.</p> <p>Purpose of funds is still to cover P7, P1 and collaborative fun day with parish and we have organised a family fun day with the Parish on Sunday 19th May.</p>	AK
7.	<p>Parent Council Topics:</p> <p>a) Usborne books – any interest in bookfair? Sale over 600 then school gets percentage – big amount for a small school. Wait till book tokens come out to be used at a fair at parents night. Used to be done at parents night. School to look into running Scholastic fair again</p> <p>b) Live Active Schools - needs to be a qualified gymnastics instructor from pool of parents. wondering if opportunities come up who is liaising with Nick from live active to ensure kids can be involved. going to put out to parent community to see who would like to take this on.</p> <p>AK to ask Nick to attend a meeting to explain process and what events are running so we have the opportunity to join in.</p> <p>c) SDC members - Kevin has stepped down. Joanne already rep so no impact to structure. Thank you to Kevin for his support.</p> <p>d) Parent/carer feedback:</p> <p>Toilets:</p> <p>an email was sent to PKC, but no reply has been received. Mrs Hunter advised new clerk of works appointed Mr Williamson, has visited school who agreed these need renovated. Asked to check if they had been surveyed with the hope St Dominic's could be moved up the list to be completed. Urinals in boys bathrooms are no longer appropriate. Letter to be drafted requesting update.</p>	<p>AK</p> <p>School</p> <p>AK</p> <p>SDC</p>

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	<p>Uniform:</p> <p>A) postage cost and timescales were discussed. £9 postage charged and 2 weeks to arrive. Any other options or local companies who could provide? Previously uniform was ordered and posted to school as a whole school. School to check with supplier if this is possible now, before the summer term for it be ordered and delivered.</p> <p>b) Reusing uniform – can we take pre-used uniforms into school to take at parents evening. School to email families requesting donations of used uniform and for families to email in as and when they require uniform.</p> <p>c) Polo shirts and summer dresses – any options allowed? Can we survey to ask if people think it would be beneficial to parents, staff and pupils.</p> <p>Mrs Hunter said: we are proud of uniform and shirt and tie are easy and stops people having to buy options. There is a noticeable difference in behaviour when children are wearing shirt and tie rather than PE kits.</p> <p>Sensory issues are a consideration which can be discussed with school. Comment that all children looking the same is a benefit providing community spirit, prevents disagreement and jealousy of others in branded clothing.</p> <p>So people know their voices are being heard a survey is good however this would need to be done after the holidays as too tight a turnaround now.</p> <p>School to send out survey to families, pupils and staff after summer.</p> <p>Structure of school day:</p> <p>Query on timings of school day and if going to be revisited. If not, can there be a reconsideration for nursery to bridge the 30-minute gap. Impact on drop off time. Breakfast and afterschool clubs would then be impacted. Question could be asked of Pauline and a consultation process would need to be carried out as a whole school.</p> <p>Is there something that can be done to help the parents who are waiting?</p> <p>Is there other evidence we can provide to show parents the benefit of changing the timings of the school day. Additional time for support staff to work with children rather than supervising breaks. Behavior improved at other schools after timings changed, request anonymised evidence. After school</p>	<p>DM/AC</p> <p>DM/AC</p> <p>School</p> <p>School/SD C</p>

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	<p>club accessibility. In agreement that there are many benefits and it would be worth taking it forward to get a focus group.</p> <p>School photographer:</p> <p>Strathern Snapper (SS) had done photos for some parents. Some not impressed with the quality and price of the current provider. SS uses a company to store and print her photos and is a local company. School looked into SS as used elsewhere but would take nearly 2 days which School doesn't have time or space for. Have used Sean Ward previously too. Details of Sean Ward to be provided to school from parent council member.</p> <p>School to explore other options available and report back.</p>	<p>School</p>
8.	<p>School & ELC Topics</p> <p>a) PKC budget - savings expected to be made was shared with committee.</p> <p>b) School roll is full at the moment and placing requests should be confirmed imminently. There is a changing dynamic of the school make up, with higher percentage of children from ACORN 4 & 5, with EAL and additional support needs. New classes will be shared provisionally in June and confirmed in August.</p> <p>c) SE/SIP - the school Improvement plan has focused on literacy and numeracy and working creatively through STEM and digital technologies. School focus for next term is on high quality L&T with a cluster focus on Literacy. As well as digital literacy, diversity and Roman Catholic Religious Education.</p> <p>d) Tempest official response to PKC enquiry was shared.</p> <p>e) Bingo Tea & Chas Fundraiser - very successful, with the £530 raised going to be used for CHAS children's hospice and going to decorate a highland cow to decorate with school values to create trail throughout Perth alongside other businesses.</p> <p>F) ELC roll is full. Very stable staffing and great team. Transition has started and going well.</p> <p>G) Support staff doing an amazing job to support children at playtimes and new resources available alongside a playground charter which is working very well.</p>	EH/GH
9.	<p>Parish Matters</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pray for the soul of Bishop elect Fr Martin Chambers. • Confirmation is Thursday 16th May 6pm 	EH

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Communion is Saturday 1st June 11am• P7 pilgrimage to Iona is on Saturday 25th May	
10.	AOB <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Induction days 6th and 7th June for P7 moving into S1 and P1 Induction Days.• Education Mass Thursday 6th June in Dundee.	EH
Date of Next Meeting: TBC 5.30pm in School Hall		

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