



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

LOCATION: St Dominic's RCPS & ELC School
Hall/online via Teams
DATE: Wednesday 20th November 2024 5.30pm

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PRESENT:

Ashley King (AK)
Joanne Day (JD)
Christie Thomson (CT)
Ilona Henderson (IH)
Deirdre Scott (DS)

Mrs Horan (GH)
Mrs Hunter (LH)

Canon Shields (TS)

APOLOGIES:

Katie Speedie (KS)
Louise Chisholm (LC)
Ilona Henderson (IH)
Tracey Wright (TW)
Maria Beck (MB)
Zoe Bednarz-Collins (ZB-C)
Mrs Thornber (AT)

MINUTES

Number	Item	Action Owner
1	<p>Opening Prayer Thank you for our opening prayer to begin the meeting.</p>	
2	<p>Welcome & Apologies Quorate met</p>	AK
3.	<p>Previous Minutes The Minutes of the previous Parent Council meeting have been published and were agreed by all members.</p>	AK
4.	<p>Actions carried over:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Contingency Fund Keep as focus but not set an aim or have 'x' amount available without vote, will just be if anything surplus at the end of the year then this can be provided as a 'hardship fund' and given to school to support any families requiring, allowing for discretion. - Structure of the School Day Decided as it is such a busy time just now, we can come back to arranging focus groups at the next meeting in February. Will also give more time for evidence based information to be collated in light of new Behaviour Protocol. - AK & JD to meet with PPST Meeting agreed for Dec 5, will feedback in February meeting. 	

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5.	<p>Events Planning</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Ceilidh/Beetle drive – November update <p>Hall was getting used for Blythswood boxes when Ceilidh band available and not enough volunteers available at the same time for Beetle drive so won't go ahead. Will plan for Bunny drive around Easter time.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Christmas Fayre <p>All sorted for going ahead Sunday 8 December after Family Mass, exact same format as last year</p>	
6.	<p>SDC PC Structure</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Vice Chair update <p>Due to breach of Code of Conduct – Vice Chair is no longer in post. Don't have to have named member but if anyone interested can contact and be elected at next AGM.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Still looking for P7 class representative <p>Nobody has come forward, late in the year now so probably not going to fill position.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Still looking for secretary – can be paid position <p>JD spoke with AC as per request at last meeting but she is not in a position at this point to do it.</p>	
7.	<p>SDC bank account</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Update on bank account options to avoid fees <p>Lloyds banking group are introducing fees come January for Treasurer account, monthly fee and fees for transactions. Could take money out of profit made from events or use PKC funds to cover but exploring options to continue fee free if possible.</p> <p>Not eligible for Co-op community bank account.</p> <p>Virgin charges if go over 10 transactions, which we may during events so not ideal.</p>	

	<p>Metrobank is also another option, although not a lot known about them so hasn't been fully explored.</p> <p>Natwest has fee free account, 1 member has to bank with them, the current Chair does and so this would cover for a few years at least until children move on to high school and can be reviewed closer to the time if needs changed again.</p> <p>Agreed to apply for Natwest account.</p>	
8.	<p>Parish matters</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Parish Hall <p>Heating is now in place, radiator guards are available if anyone can make use.</p> <p>Proposed parish hall group to be formed in the New Year to support with getting the grants to do it up, has to show community use and benefits to community groups so people encouraged to use their local contacts to promote hall use, anyone interested get in touch.</p> <p>JD and AK met with Parish representatives, they will follow up with a meeting with Mrs Hunter to discuss school use – pantomime, PE.</p> <p>Looking at next year for renovations to be completed, this year is 100th anniversary so possibly some small improvements made to décor.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Parish Update <p>1st of December S6s from St John's who are completing their Caritas Award that will attend to engage children in some activities after Children's Mass and enjoy lunch together, Canon to send information to school to be communicated out.</p> <p>Sacraments are in place, Bishop is to contact school to make a date for a visit.</p>	

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AOB

- Prayers for friends and stalwarts of St Dominic's that have passed on.
- St Dominic's Shinty team in the final against Braehead.
- Suggestion for P5 parents to support within class time if they are available, this was successful for fashion show and costumes may be required for Christmas concert, school will speak with teachers and see if/when appropriate.
- Interviews for new teacher taking place tomorrow.
- Discussion around new school behaviour protocol and importance of school, home, community working together for a consistent message.
- Any foods to be removed from parent council box that is kept at school.
- Question in chat from online participant regarding signing up for hamper items being more open, suggestion of going back to 'coloured hamper' and some confusion among families over why there was a fundraiser for hamper items as well as donations. General feeling of a lot of money being asked for from hamper donations, raffle tickets, fair entry.

The coloured hampers were tricky to avoid duplication and also ended up containing a lot of items that people wouldn't use/need so felt traditional was better and when doing class hampers, some were very large and others smaller so trying a new way this year, form to go out in January to get feedback on how people found it so can be reviewed for going forward. Christmas fair will also not be a yearly occurrence.

Fundraiser was a suggestion from P7 girls as they advised they had never had a pyjama day and would like one before they left. Budgets are being tightened so more reliance on community funding is required.

Christmas fair is a big undertaking, funds are used to subsidise trips but families could pay for them instead going forward as can result in some people paying more than others but nobody should ever feel they have to contribute more than they can. It is more to encourage the community to come together. Suggestion of collaborative events to take place going forward.

Date of Next Meeting: 19 February 5.30pm in School Hall/online via Teams