

St Nicholas Primary Parent Council

Minutes of Meeting

Bearsden Academy 26/11/2024

6.30pm – 8.00pm

Attendees

Martyn Glancy	(MG)	HT
Donal McDermott	(DM)	
Maeve Gilsenan	(Mg)	P1
Nicholas Henry	(NH)	P1/2
Sinead McCreadie	(SM)	P3
Janine Peck	(JP)	CHAIR & P4
Aura Murphy	(AM)	P5(1)
Alison Low	(AL)	P5(2)
Martin Paton	(MP)	P6(1)
Anne Quinn	(AQ)	P6(2)
Rebecca Meighan	(RM)	7(1)

Apologies

Angela Murray	(Am)	T
Rona McPherson	(Rm)	Ad
Aileen Darley	(AD)	T
Julie Milligan	(Jm)	P1/2
Jaqui Mann	(Jm*)	P3
Aisling Loch	(Al)	7/2

Other

Janie Egan	(JE)	P4 Tendered resignation
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Opening of Meeting

JP opened the meeting and handed round a prayer aiming to help council members going forward with all decision making on behalf of the St Nicholas community.

Head Teachers Report

MG gave an overview of the events the school has participated in since the last meeting and looked to future events and visits coming up reminding the council to share details with parents through all channels available. MG outlined parts of the School Improvement Plan currently being addressed through staff training, learning and development and how they will help shape learning through 2025.

Consideration has been given to parent feedback received on events held in the school, MG has asked the PTA to purchase a crockery set to improve the experience of visitors to the school and the

PC have been asked to consider how visits to the school by parents and carers can be more inclusive regarding timing, future planning and notice given of events.

MG gave praise to the pupils who represented the school in recent parish events including Catholic Education Week and added a reminder that on 29th November pupils in P4-7 will take part in a mass for the Feast of St Andrew followed in March 2025 with a mass at St Joseph's. MG also celebrated the success of the Netball and Football Active schools event at Bearsden Academy and said the St. Nicholas Pupils were great ambassadors for the school.

Agenda

JP welcomed the council and started by highlighting that over the coming months the Vision, Values and Aims of the school will be reviewed and updated where necessary, information to follow.

As St Nicholas welcomes Fr. John and Fr. Michael into the school community the PC looks forward to future engagement and collaboration between the school, families and parishes. We all wish them well in settling into their new roles.

JP mentions feedback about Data Checks (EV3) and MG confirms % received online versus paper copies. Council members have varied experiences with some experiencing difficulties with Parent Portal which reflects feedback from parent body. This is both an annual requirement and for each pupil trip, it is accepted that currently it is better to have duplicates rather than no EV3 form and as this is an issue that affects all schools, St Nicholas will continue to monitor and comply with guidelines.

JP gives an update on road traffic concerns in the area surrounding the school; people are still parking in the bus bay to the front of the school on Duntocher Road, either behind the school coaches or between them and sometimes blocking the public bus stop. There was also mention of the side roads being restricted to 20MPH and the area as a whole getting 'School Zoning' signage. EDC are aware of all ongoing concerns and they are works in progress.

The next item was an analysis of the "Cost of the School Day". The PC broke out into smaller groups to brainstorm and complete worksheets but time was limited, this Agenda item will be revisited at the next PC meeting on 28/01/2025.