

St Peters RC Parent Council Meeting – 14-11-17

Present: Louise Janssen, Joana Szadkaroka Dudek, Ela Gawlik-Nazaruk, Rhona Gibson, Stephanie Brock, John Murray (Catholic Church), James Martin, Councillor Alex McLellan, Councillor Jim Noble, Patycja Korczak, Joanne Zieliaslaw, Beata Bocheneck, Trevor Stack, Mrs Martin, Ms MacDonald, Ms Bennett

Apologies: Linda Sommerlade

Item	Action
Welcome	
Warm welcome by James.	
Confirmation of the officers	
Chair – James Martin Treasurer - Stephanie Brock, who will be starting to work together with Mr Murphy occasionally on accounts. Co-Secretaries: Louise Janssen, Linda Sommerlade	
School Estate	
<p>There was a long and extensive discussion about the recently published recommendation to the ECS committee meeting to move St Peter’s School to the old Riverbank School building.</p> <p>Firstly the process so far was summarised. In March this year the ECS committee had come to the conclusion that a dual campus school or moving to the old Riverbank school building would not be options for St Peter’s school and therefore a working group was set up to find a new solution for St Peter’s.</p> <p>Members of the PC, Mrs Martin and John Murray (Catholic Church representative) were part of this working group. This working group evaluated 13 potential sites regarding specific criteria. Sites that were considered unsuitable were excluded. The final recommendation to move to the old Riverbank school building was published on the 9th of November and the ECS will decide about this recommendation on the 16th of November.</p> <p>S.B. who took part in several of the meetings of the working group expressed that she did not feel that the PC opinion was given much importance in the decision making process and were certainly not involved in the final decision to recommend the move to the old Riverbank school building.</p> <p>S.B., JM, LJ confirmed that members of the PC have drafted a deputation to be delivered at the ECS meeting to express dissatisfaction with the process. Mrs Martin stressed that she felt it was important to work together to get the best outcome for St Peter’s School and for our children.</p> <p>John Murray suggested as member of the ECS committee he had an amendment to the recommendation to put forward, and asked if the school community would support it. The amendment that John was proposing was to upgrade the</p>	

<p>Riverbank building to a grade A standard prior to the move.</p> <p>Councillor Noble stressed that there was no money available for a new build school for St Peter's in the next several years. And the only option would be to move to an existing building.</p> <p>Several parents were expressing their disappointment with the process: E.H. stated that parents were expecting a "new built school " and are disappointed with the recommendation. J.S.D. confirmed that parents felt "they are not listened to" and E.G-N. added that parents had been very engaged at the beginning of the process but as they feel they are not listened to they are stopping to engage. She also wondered why a new built school was offered if there was no money for it. E.H. stated that she could not say if she was supportive of the proposed amendment as she felt she needed more clarification on the decision making process and on the options available.</p> <p>On further discussion the amendment proposed by J Murray was given the support of the parent council, and agreed that it would be strengthened by the deputation delivered by the parent council at the beginning of the meeting.</p>	
Leaver-Hoodies for P7	
<p>R.G. stated that most Primary Schools have P7 leavers hoodies and was asking if the PC would support financially the purchase of hoodies for P7 pupils. The PC agreed in principal to contribute e.g. £5/child towards the purchase of the hoodies. However, the exact amount will be decided once the exact costs will be confirmed.</p>	<p>R.G. to confirm costs of the hoodies</p>
Financial Update - PC account	
<p>S.B. stated that there is currently £1927.21 in the PC account and £30 in the donations account.</p> <p>£245 was received from the ACC festive fund for the M&M theatre production "Pinocchio" it was agreed that the PC will pay for the outstanding costs of £954.</p> <p>It was noticed that there is possibly a payment to the PC from the school of £250 from the Rotary club for the prom of last year outstanding.</p> <p>SB suggested that she could ask for funding from several organisations such as TESCO however a fundraising goal would be beneficial. It was agreed that school yard play equipment should be a fundraising goal.</p> <p>SB suggested that it would be helpful if the letter for the new fundraising scheme would go out to parents. Mrs Martin stated that some changes were needed and was also asking for the PC to pay for the costs of printing the letter. SB and LJ agreed to send amended version to Mrs Martin. It was agreed to pay</p>	<p>SB will write check to the school for M&M theatre</p> <p>SB will confirm with Mrs Li regarding outstanding £ 250</p> <p>SB will write letters to organisations for fundraising purpose LJ and SB amending letter. Mrs Martin</p>

for the cost. And LJ agreed to help with distributing the letter.	printing letter. LJ helping to distribute letter
Christmas fair	
It was agreed to set the 9 th of December as date for the Christmas fair which however only would go ahead if sufficient helpers would come forward. It was stressed that there was no obligation for teaching staff to attend the fair and to run a stall with their class. However they would be very welcome to do so if they wish. LJ agreed to help organise the fair if sufficient helpers would be available.	LJ to organise event meeting and to send out e-mail to ask for helpers.
Close	
Next PC meeting to be held after Christmas holidays. Date to be confirmed.	JM to confirm date for next PC meeting