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## **Minute of Meeting of Holy Family Primary School Parent Council**

**Venue:** online via Teams

**Date:** Monday 9<sup>th</sup> October 2023 at 7pm.

### **Item 1 – Prayer**

Meeting was opened with school prayer.

### **Item 2 – In Attendance:**

Nicola McGee - Chair  
Mark Farrell – Vice Chair  
Andrew Gallagher – Head Teacher  
Frances Breslin  
Sarah Breslin  
Joanna Quinn  
Laura Pursey

### **Item 3 – Apologies**

Mathew Platt  
Marie McGovern

### **Item 4 – Minute of Last Meeting – Corrections**

There were no corrections or amendments. The Minute of the last meeting was agreed.

### **Item 5- Update from Chair**

Nicola provided an update on the matters discussed at the EDC parents forum meeting on 3/10/2023.

Several policies are in the process of being updated one of which relates to supporting pupils with healthcare provision in schools. This will be rolled out to all schools within the coming months.

The 'snack and play' scheme which runs during the school holidays has received a high evaluation via feedback from parents and users of the scheme.

Representatives from Educational Psychology presented a PowerPoint on promoting attendance within schools.

### **Item 5 – Update from Head Teacher**

Mr. Gallagher provided an update on the school as follows:

The roll is sitting at 336.

Staffing updates

A new SLA has been appointed.

The PEF award for this session is £34,300 (the same amount as last year)

Some of this will be used for a 0.4 teacher appointment for raising attainment.

MUGA- the school are aware of issues with blue dye coming off on trainers. The contractor will power wash the MUGA which will remove the residual dye.

The running track will be completed next Spring and groundworks are currently going on around the MUGA area.

There has been a recent repair to a neighbourhood fence which backs onto the school, and it has been noted that there has been less broken glass and vandalism within the school grounds out of hours.

An RAAC concrete survey was reviewed in June 2023, and it has been established there is no RAAC in the school estate which should offer parents some piece of mind.

The upper school will be attending a pantomime at Cumbernauld Theatre. The younger classes will be attending a special Christmas movie showing in the school provided by 'The Kirky Picture Palace'. Both of these events are generously supported by PTA funds.

**Item 6 - A.O.C.B.**

There was a discussion regarding road safety and visibility for pupils during the darker winter mornings and nights. Could the local road safety officer/sustrans provide free high viz sashes for school pupils?

**Item 7– New member**

Joanna Quinn was nominated and welcomed as a new member of the Parent Council.

**Date of Next Meeting – Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> November 2023**