

# Turnbull R.C. High Virtual Parent Council Meeting

## 16<sup>th</sup> January 2023

**Chairperson**  
Stewart Collins

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<b>In Attendance</b>	
Mr Stewart Collins	PC Chair
Mrs. Angela Murray	PC Secretary
Mrs. Laura McManus	PC Parent member
Mrs. Sharon Hill	PC Parent member
Mr Paul Watson	PC Parent member
Mr Steven Cornfield	Parent
Mrs Catriona O'Donnell	Parent
Mr Thompson	Teacher Representative
Mrs Angie Swann	Church representative
Mrs. Eileen Kennedy	Head teacher
<b>Apologies</b>	
Cllr Low	

<b>Agenda Item</b>	
<b>2.</b>	Mr Collins welcomed all to the meeting and asked Mrs Kennedy to lead the meeting in the Parent Council prayer.
<b>3.</b>	<b>Approval of AGM minutes</b> With a couple of minor changes, the minutes were accepted.
<b>4.</b>	<b>Actions arising from minutes</b> Nothing to action.
<b>5.</b>	<b>Health, Safety &amp; Security</b> Nothing to report. Mrs Hill asked if the de-fibrillators were OK. Mrs Swann and Mrs Kennedy replied that the two the school own are in perfect working order.
<b>6.</b>	<b>Head Teacher's Report</b> Various points were discussed from the Head Teacher's report which can be found at <a href="http://www.turnbull.e-dunbarton.sch.uk/media/16759/parent-council-head-teacher-report-january-2023.pdf">http://www.turnbull.e-dunbarton.sch.uk/media/16759/parent-council-head-teacher-report-january-2023.pdf</a>

7.	<p><b>Parish Report</b></p> <p>Mrs Swann delivered a brief report.</p>
8.	<p><b>Parental Correspondence</b></p> <p>Mrs Hill asked about the school uniform in particular, winter jackets replacing blazers. Mrs Kennedy replied that this is not the case and that pupils were being urged to wear blazers by SMT during assemblies. A piece on uniform policy is being run in the Turnbull Times.</p> <p>Mrs Hill raised concern over vaping in the toilets. Mrs Kennedy assured the meeting that patrols of the toilets are ongoing and that it was not unusual to find 6-8 girls in the same toilet cubicle.</p> <p>Mrs Hill asked if the playground was supervised. Mrs Kennedy replied that only the pitch was supervised as there was insufficient staff to cover both.</p> <p>Mrs Murray asked a question regarding the toilet opening times. Mrs Kennedy replied that all are open unless there is a problem (such as blocked sinks or toilets – mostly the boys toilets) but that the toilet for disabled access is always open.</p> <p>Mr Watson raised a point about S5 choices and choices in the same column. Mrs Kennedy replied that there is no solution to this problem and that preferred subject clashes can happen as the number of columns are reduced. She added that it is useful to look at the Senior Phase over two years as a student could take up a subject in S6 if it was unavailable to them in S5.</p>
9.	<p><b>Chair's Update</b></p> <p>Mr Collins raised a point over the ongoing strikes by teachers. Do most parents still support the strikes given that this cohort of young people have seen such high-level disruption to their education due to COVID restrictions.</p> <p>Mrs Hill asked if there would be any concessions regarding the exams by the SQA. Mrs Kennedy replied that this was unlikely but that the changes made to the exams during COVID are still in place.</p> <p>Mr Collins wanted to make clear that the Parent Council meetings were not the forum to raise any concerns members may have regarding their own young people.</p>
10.	<p><b>A.O.C.B</b></p> <p>Mr Watson asked how parents could access the prelim results of their child. Mrs Kennedy replied that S4 reports were being sent out on Friday with the S5-S6 reports expected the following Friday.</p> <p>Mrs O'Donnell asked about the difficulty in accessing the educational psychologist in school. Is it known when they next will be in school? Mrs Kennedy advised as to when the EP would next be in school but cautioned that the PT Support for Learning Teacher is currently absent so formal assessment decisions for dyslexia etc cannot be made until both the EP and the PT SfL can meet together. Other teachers can cover the St. Columba base but as they are not specialists they are unable to carry out specialist tasks such as dyslexia assessments.</p> <p>Mrs Hill wanted to commend the school for continuing to hold the Prelims before the Christmas break. She also wished to thank the PTA for holding the Snow Ball for the S5 and S6 young people.</p> <p>Mrs Kennedy informed the meeting we would be discussing the School Improvement Plan at the next meeting.</p>
10.	<p><b>Date of next meeting</b></p> <p>6<sup>th</sup> March 2023</p>