

# Turnbull R.C. High Meeting of Parent Council

## 23rd October 2023

**Chairperson**  
Angela Murray

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<b>In Attendance</b>	
Mrs. Angela Murray	PC Chair
Mrs. Laura McManus	PC Vice-Chair
Mrs Catriona O'Donnell	PC Secretary
Mrs Angie Swann	Church representative
Mrs Kate Dow	Parent
Mrs. Eileen Kennedy	Head teacher
Mr Steven Cornfield	Parent
<b>Apologies</b>	
Cllr. Low	
Cllr. Williamson	
Mrs Joanne Levy	

<b>Agenda Item</b>	
<b>1.</b>	<p><b><u>Apologies</u></b></p> <p>Apologies from both Councillors Williamson &amp; Councillors Low.</p>
<b>2.</b>	<p><b><u>Introductions &amp; Updating of Members</u></b></p> <p>Mrs Murray introduced the parent council &amp; recited the Parent Council Prayer.</p>
<b>3.</b>	<p><b><u>Approval of Last Minutes</u></b></p> <p>The minutes of previous minutes (22<sup>nd</sup> May 2023) were noted &amp; approved.</p>
<b>4.</b>	<p><b><u>Approval of AGM Minutes</u></b></p> <p>The minutes of AGM (12<sup>th</sup> Sept 2023) were noted &amp; approved. There was some discussion around the fact that a number of committee members sitting on both the PC &amp; PA and should it be considered to have both meetings on the same night. A trial of that will take place on Tues 28<sup>th</sup> Nov, PA meeting at 1830 &amp; then PC taking place at 1930.</p>

5. **Head Teacher's Report**

Mrs Kennedy gave an overview of the HMIE meeting that provided good discussion points showing plenty of strengths as well as challenges for the school.

Mrs Kennedy went on to say how immensely proud she was at the Senior Awards Ceremony.

The Retreat Mission was well received by the pupils throughout the week. On the final day, younger children, parents and grandparents attended the exhibition and enjoyed it.

It was reported that S1 pupils and their parents attended the S1 welcome mass during the school day. In future years, Mrs Kennedy will review how this should be built into the day with further time for parents to get to know teachers. This was well supported by the parent council.

Mrs Kennedy had some discussion around ensuring pupils get the opportunity to attend mass & have the full understanding of participating in mass.

Mrs Kennedy also mentioned that there may potentially may not have priest to cover mass on All Saints day.

Mrs Kennedy raised the issue around the Scottish Government removing a paragraph to delete all reference to Catholic schools in its Guidance on the Delivery of Relationships, Sexual Health & Parenthood (RSHP) Education in Scottish Schools and that the paragraph should be re-inserted.

6. **Parish Report**

Mrs Swan updated the PC that Father McGrath has moved parish to Cumbernauld.

The closing date for Christmas Selection Boxes is Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December. Laura McManus mentioned that Father Chedo has agreed for donations to be given at St Dominic's and that she would purchase Selection Boxes with the donations provided.

Both Mrs Kennedy and Mrs Swan mentioned that they have noticed that more children go without hot food if not at school or during school holidays and they are considering various ways to support these families.

7. **Parental Correspondence**

Mrs O'Donnell raised that some Business Management classes haven't had a Business Management teacher since August, however Mrs Kennedy mentioned that this should not be the case as whenever possible a Business Management supply teacher/school rotation has been used to ensure teacher input across all classes – she said that she would look into this.

Mrs Murray raised that there have still been occasions where twins have been mixed up on Satchel One. Mrs Kennedy has said that she would have Mr Mitchell look into this again.

8. **Office Bearers**

All agreed as per minutes of AGM.

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**AOCB**

Both Mrs Kennedy and Mrs Murray raised a letter that had been sent a letter from Elaine McCormack of the NHS who is the Health Improvement Lead who would like the school to consider RSHP. Steven Cornfield went on to say that he has already been in discussion with them regarding RSHP where the catholic faith is considered with it.

Others in the Parent Council didn't know enough about what is included within RSHP to be able to give a response, therefore it will be added to November Agenda after all familiarising ourselves with what's included.

January meeting to be considered to take place on MS Teams if it's possible with a view to bring in more members of the PC.

Also to be added to November Agenda – Disabled Parking within the car park.