

Turnbull R.C. High Parent Council Meeting

24th October 2022

Chairperson
Stewart Collins

Head Teacher
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In Attendance

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
Katrina Parkes	Parent
Ebenezer Kissi	Parent
Mohammed Abduljalil	Parent
Mrs Angie Swann	Church representative
Mr Lee Thompson	Teacher Rep
Mrs. Eileen Kennedy	Head teacher
Cllr Gordan Low	
Cllr Lynda Williamson	
Apologies	
Mrs Sharon Hill	Parent member

Agenda Item	
2.	Mr Collins welcomed all to the meeting, introducing himself and asking others around the table, to do the same. Mrs Murray handed round a register requesting updated details for existing members and contact details for new parents wishing to join the Parent Council.
3.	Developing Faith Mrs Kennedy spoke on behalf of Mrs McLaughlin who was detained elsewhere. The school is looking for parental input on behalf of the Scottish Catholic Education Service's Development in Faith. There are 5 strands and each year Turnbull concentrates on one strand. To add parental voice input, an email link will be sent to PC members to complete, which will in turn be submitted to the SCES.
4.	Approval of AGM minutes With a couple of minor changes, the minutes were accepted.
5.	Head Teacher's Report Various points were discussed from the Head Teacher's report which can be found at www.turnbull.e-dunbarton.sch.uk

6.	<p>Parish Report</p> <p>Mrs Swann prepared an email that was sent to members detailing all the events taking place in the parishes of St. Dominic's, St. Matthew's and St. Andrew's.</p>
7.	<p>Parental Correspondence</p> <p>Mr Watson raised the issue of lunch-time seating availability on behalf of a parent. It appears that there is insufficient seating available for the young people at lunch time. Mrs Kennedy replied that no school in EDC has seats for 100% of the young people, however according to SPIE, Turnbull High actually has more seats now than previously. There are seats available later during the lunch break. The proposal of staggering the lunchtimes was put forward. Mrs Kennedy replied that this measure was part of the COVID restrictions but the decision to return to a single lunch break was taken for a variety of reasons:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Staff cover requirements were halved • the presence of Senior pupils act as behaviour models for the BGE years. • Single lunch allows for mixed stage clubs to run • Classes are not disrupted by other pupils having their break <p>Another parent raised concerns over young people "skipping the queue" in the Canteen at lunchtime. Mrs Kennedy replied that SMT are aware of this, and measures have already been put in place to prevent this in future.</p>
8.	<p>Office Bearers</p> <p>Chair – Mr Stewart Collins</p> <p>Vice-Chair – Mrs Laura McManus</p> <p>Secretary – Mrs Angela Murray</p>
9.	<p>A.O.C.B</p> <p>Mr Watson raised a point regarding the benefit of school trips for the young people. Mrs Kennedy acknowledged that this type of learning was extremely beneficial and advised that these trips were starting to take place again this year post covid. The cost of trips was raised and Mrs Kennedy advised that there was COSLA money available to cover the cost of educational trips, but this did not include trips abroad. She also advised that the cost of these trips is rising, citing the example that the airlines have tripled the cost of the flights in the recently cancelled trip to Paris. Ms Parkes acknowledged that some young people could not afford to go but felt it was unfair for all young people to miss out on the trips. Ms Parkes also asked that in future, parents be consulted before any trip was cancelled.</p> <p>Mr Watson congratulated all the young people who won individual sporting awards (mentioned in the Head Teacher's report) and passed on credit to the teachers who were willing to take on the running of the school sporting teams.</p> <p>Mrs Swann encouraged parents to hand in Selection boxes in plenty of time for the distribution on the 15th December.</p>
10.	<p>Date of next meeting</p> <p>12th December 2022</p>