



AMDG
St. Aloysius' College
Parents' Consultative Council, Tuesday 6th October at 7.00pm

Minutes

1. Frank Reilly opened with a prayer.
2. **Apologies** were received from Mr Dearie, Ms Mackay, Ms McCarthy, Mr McConnell, Mr Browne.
3. **Process for election of new members to PCC.** Laura McLachlan, Head of Admissions and Communications, highlighted that currently the Constitution does not indicate a clear election process in the event that more parents apply than there are spaces. We currently have 5 spaces with 33 applying parents. The PCC were asked if those members present this evening wanted to stay on the PCC, all agreed they wished to.

Laura presented three procedure options for election.

Discussion points raised about the election process:

- Ideally, there would be 2 representatives from each year group. These representatives to be known to parents so parents have a point of contact should they wish to raise a point for the PCC to address at the next meeting.
- Sending all parents a short biography from each applying parent and implementing a voting system would create a lengthy administration process.
- To avoid any bias/or prejudice from knowing an applying parent's name or their children. Together it was agreed, for this year until the Constitution is updated, that a draw would take place taking into consideration the below guidelines.

Guidelines:

- We currently have 6 parents representing S6, as this year group is adequately represented, the PCC felt it would benefit more parents if a place was offered to an applying parent from other year groups and not from S6.
- We currently have no representatives for P5 and felt there should be representation for this year group. One space should be drawn from the applying P5 parents.
- It was agreed that S1 is a critical year and two spaces should be drawn from the parents applying for this year group.
- We had one applying parent for S5. As this year group is currently under represented compared to the other Senior School year groups, it was decided this applying parent would automatically be given a place.
- For the last space, all applying parents' names are to be put in the draw.

A draw was carried out using the above guidelines and the following parents will be contacted to be invited to join the PCC:

- A. P5 Representative: Ann-Marie Morris
- B. S1 Representative: Julia Radcliffe McKeown
- C. S1 Representative: Nick Norton
- D. S5 Representative: Yvonne Adams
- E. Stephen Forsyth



ACTION:

- The current Constitution to be updated to provide a clear election process should this situation arise again.
- Records to be updated to show how long current standing parents have been on the PCC so the PCC is in line with the Constitution.
- The above five named parents to be contacted to join the PCC.

4. **Consultation on the 5 Year Plan.** As a result of the questionnaires completed by parents and pupils in readiness for our College inspection. The College has invited Hakim Dim, the Managing Inspector for the Quipe Visit, who has now retired, to speak to parents and pupils regarding the five year plan. Dr Brady, Head of Junior School, presented the PCC with the same a powerpoint presentation and in groups the PCC were asked to consider the following points:

A. How can the College keep you better informed about your child's progress?

B. How can the College work closer with yourselves/the parent body?

C. In what ways can the College feedback to parents to let them know how their views have been used?

D. Are you happy with the pace of change in the College?

E. Do you feel the College is well led at all levels?

Parents agreed the College did well in these areas but we were looking to move that to strongly agree.

5. **Consultation on School Curriculum.** Frank Reilly, presented proposals regarding the Curriculum. The PCC discussed in groups whether the College was meeting the needs of all pupils and not simply the academic pupils, together with the current curriculum and timetabling.

It was agreed that the College should continue to offer pupils 9 National 5 subjects.

ACTION:

- FR to analyse exam results of those pupils taking 9 National 5 subjects.

6. **Minutes and Matters Arising.** Frank Reilly went through the Minutes of the last meeting. Discussions are currently still ongoing regarding Activities Week.
7. **AOB.** Mrs Quinn discussed the fundraising event of the Lourdes Dinner. How this event is the main fundraising event for the charity and how these funds pay for the accommodation and travel for pupils for other schools. Unfortunately, numbers were down last year and Mrs Quinn wanted to seek ideas of how to raise awareness within the College Community and how to support this valued charity event.