St Vincent’s Primary Parent Council Meeting

Meeting 1 Wednesday 21 August 2019

ATTENDED

Mrs E Tompkins HT

Miss D Timmmons DHT

Mrs Ziolo Principal Teacher

Olive Thomas Parent Council Chair Person

Suzanne Cullen Acting Secretary

Parent Members

Apologies

**Welcome**

It was noted that there was a positive turnout of new parent members and we were all delighted to welcome them.

HT led the opening prayer and Christian mediation.

**HT Report**

* Encouragement to make better use of the school App and to continue to make sure that as many patents as possible are accessing it.
* Current role is 340. An increase of 68 in the last 7 years.
* Reminder that all information is available on school website. DHT also comment on the photographs, which are to be updated.
* Enquiry based learning for P4 – P7, fostering independence and more active lifestyles with Deirdre Grogan
* Participation – child led learning.
* Paul Gorman continuing to work with P1, 2, 3 and moving up the school after Christmas.
* Value of parent input and involvement in shaping the way forward.

**Improvement Plan**

* Build on play and enquiry based learning
* Raise attainment
* Embed consistency of standards
* Focus on HWB
* Improvement of Literacy and Numeracy
* Develop prayer and liturgical life of the school.

**How can parents help?**

* Particular focus on the development of outdoor areas
* Plea for obstacle course equipment
* Plan for a box of outdoor equipment per class
* P7 trip to The Lion King
* Idea of building community, , family night for P1/2, date of 19th Sept was suggested
* Parent member offered STEM focus (Navy involvement)
* Memorial bench for Mrs Angel, Parent Council funded. Special opening ceremony / Mass to commemorate.
* Positive response to the idea of an award at the end of the year in her honour, which will always have a lasting legacy. Suggestions of the award is of a choir or music focus.
* Discussion of a family night for P1/2
* Entertainment for children
* P1 focus only with siblings invite also
* Ladies pamper night?
* Discussion of licence or BYOB
* Christmas Fayre
* Christmas cards – made in school and sent to SLC printers.
* Halloween disco 24th October. Positive response for helpers

**AOCB**

Father Ivan’s Silver Jubilee

Date for coffee morning

Prayer ended meeting

Prayer to St Therese.