

St Angela's Parent Council

Minutes of a Virtual Parent Council meeting on Tuesday 5th October 2021 at 6.30p.m.

Present – Mary Louise, Mr Kerlin, Mrs Isaac, Rashid, Miss Pollock, Emma, Mrs LaCombre, Selina, Fiona, Jacqueline, Nabeela, Shalini, Leeza, Olu, Judy and Teresa.

Apologies – Nicola, Eabhnat, Lisa McCann, Mrs Thompson and Thomas.

Welcome

Mary Louise will support Selina tonight while Olu joins the meeting when he can. Welcome to everyone especially Miss Pollock as this is her first meeting.

Previous Minutes

Review of AGM and PC meeting minutes – all approved.

Treasurers Report

Balance is currently £9851.83. £9055.00 has already been allocated for the playground.

£319.02 from GoFundMe page, in memory of Mr McGoughan, had to be withdrawn and put into an account. £14.39 paid out for Zoom.

Minute taker has still to be paid for the past 2 meetings as there is currently no Treasurer in position.

Election of new members and Office Bearers - We have one new member tonight, Judy. After a unanimous vote Judy was welcomed to the Parent Council.

Treasurer – Leeza was asked if she would take on this role. After a unanimous vote Leeza was confirmed as Treasurer. Mary Louise will pass everything over to her.

Head Teacher's Report

Mrs LaCombre was in the meeting but unavailable to speak so Mr Kerlin will be reading the report.

Mr Kerlin said a prayer of welcome. He said that he was currently trying to update the website, but it was proving tricky and there was a 3rd party involved. Using Glow blogs instead as this is editable by any member of the school staff. It can also be used by the Parent Council and a tab has been created for them. Any upcoming news, events, minutes etc can be updated to Glow Blogs. This should help with communication. This will be sent to the PC for feedback and is easily changed. Will go to email and can be dropped into the WhatsApp group.

Traffic – Has been varied this last week. It has been worse before it has gotten better. Once again, an emergency services vehicle could not get through to a property because of the traffic situation. Dialogue with some parents/carers has not been too receptive until today. There was a police presence today but not until 8.57a.m. when most drivers had left. They will be back again tomorrow and Thursday at around 8.40a.m. The police plan to take a no-nonsense approach - caution, then a fine if it gets to that stage. The police have been asked to come back after the October break also and have said that they can do this on a random basis maybe 2 days a week. Mr Kerlin said that the Parent Council should be commended for their efforts and the work that they have been doing. The SLT are happy to support as best they can.

Memorial Garden - Mrs Isaac said that the bench and plaque have arrived. There was a memorial service planned but, tragic events during the summer have meant that this is on hold until the other families have returned. The bench will go at the back of the willow garden as it is very peaceful. Classes can be taken out to use this area. The plaque will be put on once the memorial service can take place and family members can attend.

Parent's Night – This will take place at the beginning of November. At the moment, no parents are allowed into the school. The staff are meeting to discuss options for Parents Evening in line with guidance from the Scottish Government and Glasgow City Council.

SQR– Mrs LaCombre shared this with the Parent Council and has asked that it be returned as soon as possible so it can go out to the parents. Olu will return ASAP. Any questions can be emailed in.

Mary Louise asked about the website. What is going on with it? Will there be a calendar facility? Mr Kerlin shared a draught version on screen. Mary Louise will send the minutes from this term to be uploaded. The account is private now but will be made public later.

Rashid asked who will maintain the website. Mr Kerlin said that he and the staff will do that.

Selina – Pictures on Twitter? These will go on to class newsletters depending on permissions.

Mary Louise handed back to Olu. He thanked her and welcomed everyone.

Action

Road Safety Report

Emma said that Mr Kerlin had touched on some of the points already. Rashid gave details of Community Police Officer, Mark Smith, who was at the school that morning. Holly, from Land Services, would like to be copied in on any contact.

Emma says that it has been a trying/disheartening experience. The residents are grateful for everything that the committee are trying to do. The buddies will be there for another 2 weeks.

Living Streets Charity – This encourages parents/carers to walk to school. This is a sign-up campaign. Information packs can be sent out to the school. Emma asked - Can this be facilitated by the school? Mr Kerlin said he will send on the email to Holly.

There have been parking incidents at the MUGA entrance to the school. Parents have been parking on the pavement at the dual carriageway waiting to drop off/pick up their children. The police have been made aware of this. Mrs Isaac says that she stands near there so will try to make sure she can see who this is. Rashid says that he has seen a parent in the line of traffic, letting their child out of the car.

No more volunteers have come forward to help with this. There has also been some mixed feedback. Someone persistently parks at Greenacres and has been spoken to on many occasions. The residents have thanked Emma for the efforts that are being made.

Mary Louise – Thanked Emma for her efforts and the communication sent to residents of Greenacres outlining what we are doing and asking them to help by contacting GCC etc. We are also working in partnership with Darnley Primary. Olu thanked everyone involved for their efforts and said that they are doing a great job. Mr Kerlin and Mrs Isaac were thanked also.

Rashid – Great effort and lots of hard work from everyone. We need to be looking at Darnley as a whole. Rashid spoke to Scott Downey from the Car Free Zone and will pass on his details. Grateful that the police are now on board.

Action

Sustainability

Fiona – Not a lot to say for now. A litter pick event took place on Sunday 19th September alongside Darnley Primary. There was not a great representation from St

Angela's, but a lot was done. Questions arose as to why it was not well attended. It may be the short notice given (only 2 weeks), maybe weekends are too busy for families – clubs, religious services etc. Saturday may be a better day, or a Friday night. It was great to talk to Darnley Primary parents who came into our school and to show them the work on the school grounds that has been achieved so far. A lady in Fiona's street put the poster on a residents site for everyone to see. Good to see residents getting involved. Hopefully there can be another litter pick after the October break, though not in November as COP 26 commitment. Maybe in December before the school closes.

Lost Woods Trip – Fiona said this was a lovely event. Good conversations happening. The kids loved being there.

SALTIRE – 84% of pupils responded to the question How much do you know about Climate Change? The school are obviously working hard on this, and it is being spoken about a lot.

85% are very or a bit concerned with Climate Change.

96% responded to How interested are you in protecting nature and the environment?

Only 63% said they spoke about Climate Change at home – either a lot or a bit. Could this be because people are too busy, got too many other things on?

A high percentage of the pupils loved working outside and want to do this more. (95% of the P7/6 pupils loved working outside.)

More information will come out about this.

Olu thanked Fiona and said thank you to the staff for what they are doing with the pupils. – ECO Committee etc.

Action

Fundraising

Mary Louise reminded everyone that there was no real fundraising last year as the focus was more on engagement. This means there is not a lot of money in the bank and the Parent Council have several commitments – P7 hoodies (38 pupils this year), Panto – paid for virtual panto last year (usually pay for buses if going out to see panto), Sacraments etc.

What to do this year – There's usually a Halloween disco in October but there is no guarantee that this can take place and is highly unlikely. What can be done instead? Pumpkin parade, something to do with autumn? Ideally want to raise money but that's not necessary. Ideas need to be practical and achievable. Emma suggested a crazy hair day, onesie day, pyjama day- pupils bring in 50p/£1. Mr Kerlin said that we need to be aware of the cost of the school day as there is the playground draw

every month. He also wasn't sure about a onesie day as parents may feel obliged to buy something new. Odd sock day was suggested instead. Any theme with a low cost and a high uptake will work.

Mrs Isaac suggested crazy autumn hair day. Pupils can use leaves, berries etc in their hair. COP 26 theme – every child wears something green. How can we make it sustainable and appealing. Have a COP 26 day and all proceeds go to PC?

Fiona – Eco Active Day – prize for the best sign, quirky message etc. There could be a parade outside, weather permitting. Outdoor Activist Day. Mr Kerlin will feed back to Mrs LaCombre. Decision will have to be made on whether this is engagement or a fundraising event. Parents would need to know what they are paying for. Olu said that he would prefer an event that was a fundraiser for the PC. Discussion will take place with Mrs LaCombre, with input from Fiona and Mrs Pollock.

Emma – can pupils bring in a recyclable item? Ask them to be more eco friendly that day. Mrs Pollock suggested Halloween fancy dress made from recyclable materials i.e., swords, hats etc made from cardboard and these can be shown at the parade. The school has a great stock of items that the pupils can use. Olu said that we will wait for a reply from Mrs LaCombre and then act. Mrs LaCombre says yes to an Eco day.

Mary Louise said that we would need to plan ahead for any other events. The virtual fayre last year was a success so do we do this again. What about a raffle? The school will need to deal with the money and tickets again. PC can come in every day to collect money. Everyone can be invited to a Zoom meeting to see who wins.

Emma said hampers could be made up as prizes for the raffle. Local businesses can be asked for donations (vouchers were preferred). Over £500 was raised last year.

Selina suggested a Culture Day last year to take place in January. Can this go ahead? Will look at dates in January. Need to know how this will work. Miss Hussain, the new ESL teacher, has already been discussing this. Can we charge for this? Yes.

Action

AOCB

Emma asked about the Sacraments this year. Are there any details yet? Will they take place next year? New information comes from the Archdiocese, but nothing has been confirmed yet. Last year it was up to the Parish Priest. Mrs Isaac has an Archdiocese meeting soon so is hoping for more information.

Mr Kerlin – Committees are starting, and information has been sent out – HWB, RRS, ECO and Digital Committees.

Mary Louise asked if the HWB committees could attend a meeting as it would be good to get their opinions and hear what they have to say. Mr Kerlin thought that was a good idea.

Fuel Zone – Emma asked if Mr Kerlin or Mrs Isaac have been invited to a webinar. No .

Emma had attended a meeting with 25 others to discuss the Fuel Zone. She is happy to fill everyone in at the next meeting. The menu changes will still take place in April. There was a lot of negative feedback from all. Tuesday/Thursday fruit arrived – apples and clementines.

Action

The next meeting will take place on Tuesday 2nd November at 6.30p.m. on Zoom.

Olu thanked everyone for attending.