

St Angela's Parent Council

Minutes of a Virtual Parent Council meeting on Tuesday 2nd November 2021 at 6.30p.m.

Present –Mr Kerlin, Mrs Isaac, Miss Pollock, Emma, Mrs LaCombre, Fiona, Jacqueline, Shalini, Lisa, Olu, Judy, Thomas, Mohseen Mohemmed, Amreen, Iram Irfaan, Leeza, Farruk Shazad, Eabhna, Mrs Thomson and Teresa.

(Some names taken from those displayed on iPad, apologies)

Apologies – Nicola and Mary Louise

Welcome

Olu welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Previous Minutes

One change made as per email. Minutes re-sent as requested. Minutes proposed by Eabhna and seconded by Fiona.

Action

Mrs La Combre opened the meeting with a prayer and asked that we pray for all those involved in COP 26 in our city at the moment.

Treasurer's Report

See attached.

Action

Head Teacher's Report

Staffing – Several office staff are off sick at the moment. Mrs Fisher and Mrs Carroll are still off and not sure when they will be back.

P1 enrolment week. P1 is capped at 58. Glasgow is trialling a pilot based on the year a child is born – Jan/Feb get deferral. The pilot is now from Aug – Feb. Information is not out yet so the children will still have to be enrolled as before.

Panto – In previous years the school have attended Langside College or Eastwood Theatre. Langside is £6 per child but does not include the cost of buses. With COVID we may need to look at a virtual panto again.

Fiona – Can something come in to the school as a cheaper option? Mrs La Combre said that they still can't have any large gatherings and the staggered breaks and lunches mean limitations for the hall.

Eabhnaid – Would love the children to go out for a panto this year but parents would need to be consulted. Mrs La Combre said that a trip out would require volunteers and, as no-one is allowed to come into the school at the moment, it would be unwise to put them on a bus with the children. She thinks it will have to be a virtual panto again this year.

Emma – Would be good to get out to a panto but PC funds are not great at the moment and they usually help towards the cost of the buses. This would mean families would have to pay more. Things may improve in the spring and something can be done then.

Mrs LaCombre – may spread the virtual panto out a bit more this year as there were technical issues last year when everyone was trying to view at the same time.

It was agreed to have a virtual panto again and to put out flyers etc. The school fund should cover the cost if it is a similar price to last year.

P7 Residential – Mrs La Combre thanked all the staff who went on the residential trip (esp Mrs Isaac) and also to those left behind to cover classes etc. The trip was very short notice for parents/carers. Parents/carers may not understand all the work that goes into having a successful residential trip, risk assessments, insurances etc. The trip was a great success and the children had a fantastic time. Miss Pollock worked with the children who stayed behind.

COP 26 film – Miss Pollock worked hard on this to include all.

Parents Evening – Parents will choose the time and those who haven't done so will be given a time. Parents Evening will be by phone call again. Children's work will be displayed on SeeSaw and Magic Moments will be there too. Anything that needs to be discussed further will be passed on to management.

Sowing Seeds – Thanks to Eabhnaid for this. Lots of excitement in the playground today.

Sunshine Room issues – Surplus furniture needed to be stored somewhere. A skip has been ordered to get rid of excess furniture and free up space.

Mr McGooghan's bench – Install in the memorial garden now and add the other plaque when the family return from Pakistan.

Free trees – Coming in Jan/Feb. Dates to be checked as 14th February is mid-term and school will be closed. Will change if this is the suggested date.

Strikes by janitors, catering and dining staff - no further update on this but may be very short notice for strike action. Be aware/prepared. Information will go out to parents as soon as the school are given any.

Maureen McKenna, QIO, is retiring at Christmas. A new QIO will be in place after that.

Eabhna – Is it one bench with 2 plaques? Mrs LaCombre says yes.

Fiona – Can we have a picture when this is done so that the people who donated the bench can Tweet out. Mrs LaCombre says yes.

Action

Road Safety Report

Emma said that they were still continuing to put out cones etc. Selina has been busy with COP 26.

Mark Smith feedback – try to continue with what we are doing as he is limited with COP 26 on at the moment.

Parking Pledge – Are we any further forward with that? Is Holly due back in the school? Mrs LaCombre is not sure but will check. Email received today so will share in the group chat etc to spread the information. Emma said she is still getting a mixed response from parents though the residents are seeing a difference. Emma is always the one that is approached as she is the face of the road safety campaign and is always being asked questions about what she is doing and why. Some parents are saying that they can't support this. Emma is trying to encourage them to come on and give their views to the PC but they are not interested. Cones will be going out until the end of the year as discussed previously.

Eabhna – Big thank you to Emma and everyone for doing this.

Action

Sustainability

Started work with P4-P7 pupils

- Recording for video
- P4-P7 Kerry and wildlife garden
- Tuesdays- parent volunteers
- Allocate areas to classes

P7 – Orchard

P7/6 and P6 – Wildlife garden

P5a – Willow structure

P5b –

P4 – Mud café

P4/3 –

Timetable for Tuesdays to be confirmed

Sowing seeds started work on Faerie Ring (£3940 exc VAT) and Sensory Garden (£6,750 ex VAT). Total £10,690. Fund is £9,055 leaving £1,635 still to fundraise.

Sunshine Room – Inaccessible again. The PC have spent £1,000's and hundreds of man hours investing in Outdoor learning at St Angela's and the school aren't accessing it because it is being treated as a dumping ground.

Skip hire ASAP and furniture to be removed.

The PC will reorganise the Sunshine Room again on the promise that this won't happen again.

Keys to be given to staff for easy access.

The Faerie ring won't have fire pit it will have a sail.

Sensory garden – grass between the hill and the trim trail but needs to be a bit in front of the hill because the ground is not suitable. Will be on the corner of that and very end tyre will have to be moved. Most of the hill will be clear.

Money is still owed. £2,500 from Pop Grant, playground draw money used or a need to fundraise? Mrs LaCombre can use some of the playground draw money - £1000 towards it. Trying to safeguard as much of the £2500 grant so the children can choose things for their own areas to give them ownership. The PC will discuss the rest of the £635 still to pay.

Sunshine Room – Can't be used for storage. Mrs LaCombre says no specific date given for skip but will let PC know ASAP.

Fiona – Is there a timescale needed for the £635 to be paid? Eabhnat will ask Kerry about this. If yes then it can be taken from the £2500 grant and replaced when raised.

Seminar – Wed 10th Nov 3-4p.m. Can anyone be available? Any young people can attend – Dr Gary Belkin – Climate Change and HWB. Would pupil committees be interested? Fiona will try to be there.

Eabhnat – Kerry re bench. With their design already created two benches would look better than one. If they think it won't look right then the bench will be moved elsewhere. Maybe one of the other classes could take that on. Mrs LaCombre – will do but don't want it in the playground in case of accidents. Will look at other areas. Fiona has a link if the school wish to buy another bench.

Mr Kerlin – would Sowing seeds work with us on this? Yes but they've already built things so will do their best. Mr Kerlin has bark that is needed for the mud kitchen. Thomas will come in as requested. In conversation with Eabhnat (wooden frame to be made), ship area at front to get bark on top of the stones as it is getting bare. Bark on the trim trail would only turn to mush as there is no underlay.

Olu thanked Fiona and Eabhnat.

Action

Fundraising

Great art competition. Thanks to Fiona for the ideas.

Eco Activist Day – not a fundraiser because it's Eco. Eabhnat suggested a Tuesday because she will be available and she can bring other parents. Does Miss Pollock have any preference? Will discuss with Mrs LaCombre as already teaching on a Tuesday (Management meeting tomorrow).

December event - Don't think this will happen either indoors or outdoors. Decided to go with the raffle the same as last year. Dates can be flexible with the school. (Parties on 21st Dec, close on 22nd Dec). Publicity could be last week in November for a December date.

Emma – this will be a lot of work for the office staff so will that be an issue? Mrs LaCombre can't say at the moment but if any PC member can come in, they can use the area in front of the foyer. Combination of bank transfer and cash. Date suggested – Friday 17th December for raffle? Playground draw that day also. Raffle to be drawn on Friday 17th December and that leaves Mon, Tues and Wed of following week for prizes to be collected that can't be taken home by children.

Cultural Day – Can it go ahead in January? Date flexible. If children are coming in their national dress, will it be too cold? Should we leave until nearer spring? Too soon for International Children's Day (20th November). 13th June is Universal Children's Day.

Fiona – World Day for Cultural Diversity is May 21st. Would that be a better date? All agreed on Friday May 20th.

Action

AOCB

Fiona – GPG meeting on PVG eligibility. May not be needed at the moment but has to be looked at when we return to normal. PVG members needed for events. Will look at this at the next meeting.

Fuel Zone Webinar – Emma said the video doesn't play on website and hasn't opened as an attachment. (Xpressions App) Cordia have given 6 key commitments. (All children will be given free meals at some point.)

- Communication with parents
- 2 a term
- Focus on staff training

- Does food taste good
- More work on partnership (meat free Monday etc)

Mr Kerlin will try to fix the App tonight. It's on new school website. Menu doesn't change until April. (links to menu opening for Mr Kerlin).

Fuel Zone are aware of the work that needs to be done. School may be made a main kitchen again (food not coming from Cleeves).

Emma – re Christmas. Kids will get a party but will there be a Nativity online like last year? Mrs LaCombre says yes there will be. Hoping to use the nursery and lower school with the upper classes taking on sketches. Hoping to go on SeeSaw but will need permissions from all parents.

Eabhnat – email sent to PC inbox re Global Day for Climate Justice on Saturday 6th November. How do we feel about sending this out to parents with a copy of the letter sent to St Alberts parents to show what they've said and adapting that letter?

Mr Kerlin said that if something needs to go on GroupCall it is a bit difficult at the moment due to the staffing situation. Time is needed.

Action

Olu thanked everyone for attending and for all the great work that is being done by the PC and the school staff.

The next meeting will take place on Tuesday 11th January 2022 at 6.30p.m. via Zoom.