

St Angela's Parent Council

Minutes of a Virtual Parent Council meeting on Tuesday 8th February 2022 at 6.30p.m.

Present –Olu, Mrs Isaac, Mrs LaCombre, Mr Kerlin, Mrs Thomson, Emma, Miss Pollok, Leeza, Eabhna, Fiona and Teresa

Apologies – Selina, Nicola, Thomas Jacqueline and Lisa McCann.

Welcome

Olu welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Mrs LaCombre opened the meeting with a prayer.

Previous Minutes

Spring Fling date should be 22nd March. Amended minutes proposed by Emma and seconded by Leeza.

Action

Constitution – Do we have enough members present at the meeting to form a Quorum? Eabhna says yes. Mrs La Combre happy to go ahead with the meeting. Olu is checking in case we might be limited if agreeing on things.

Treasurer's Report

Current balance £2631.07

Money paid out since last meeting £14.39 – 1 Zoom subscription. No monies paid in since last meeting.

£1875.00 of current balance is for the SALTIRE project and £319.00 is for the memorial garden (Mary Louise is dealing with this).

Spend that we need to consider in the coming months:

Gifts for children making their Sacraments (First Holy Communion and Confirmation). Last year we spent around £100 on gifts. We purchased the gifts from the stall at St Robert's Chapel. We still have a small quantity of gifts left over

from last year. If someone would like to take on the task of organising this then please contact Mary Louise and she will share information with you (and help where possible). In addition to the gifts, in previous years we have hosted and provided tea/coffee, biscuits after a celebration Mass in the school. If this is likely to take place, then we may wish to reduce the spend we make on the gifts. We would also need to agree a date for this event and organise the buying of the tea/coffee etc and volunteers to host and serve on the night.

Olu - Any questions?

Emma - £543 left roughly, not including Sacramental gifts so £443 roughly. Minutes for two months have still to be paid also.

Olu – Anything been posted from the bank?

Leeza – Will find out tomorrow.

Emma – Will volunteer re Sacramental gifts if no-one else wants to do it.

Olu – Question for staff. If some non- catholic families want their children involved do they speak to the school or the Priest?

Mrs LaCombre – Are they asking to join the service for a blessing or to be baptised etc?

Olu - Baptised yes.

Mrs LaCombre – They will need to contact the Parish Priest of St Robert's or St Vincent's depending on where they live. It's a Parish event so they need to ask ASAP as it is coming up to Lent and the Sacramental dates will be getting arranged.

Olu – Can we still do tea/coffee etc?

Mrs LaCombre – That would be lovely. We usually have the Mass on the Tuesday after and the families are invited, if COVID restrictions allow. Confirmation will be in June, a bit later than usual. 24th May has been pencilled in for the Sacramental Mass and we hope to invite families. Mass will be in the hall then on to base 6 and 7 for tea/coffee etc. The cake will be given out to the children the following day.

Olu – Any more questions?

Emma – Will we have the new Bishop for our Sacraments?

Mrs LaCombre – Archbishop Nolan's Inaugural Mass will be on 26th February. I anticipate that, because some Sacraments have already taken place in the Diocese, this might seem unfair. Will likely be the Parish Priest.

Action

Head Teacher's Report

Parentpay went live yesterday but only for school funds, trips etc. School lunches will not go live until 17th March. Some parents have been putting money in just now in error.

COVID rules relaxing. P7 had a trip into town today with Mrs Isaac. They had a great time. Thanks to Miss Pollok for organising. Mass can now be 4 classes in the hall so hoping to have assemblies. More adults are being allowed into the building. Will update re Parents Night at the end of March. There are still some staff and pupils absent with COVID. Looking to get all staff back together again and ending staggered breaks. Will try this with the morning break initially, after the In-Service Day. Can't have all the children in the lunch hall at the one time yet so that will need to be staggered. Will talk to the Pupil Voice and get their views. Some children miss being with their friends while others enjoy the extra space staggered breaks give.

Clare Clark from Active Schools brought in Roddy the Thera pet. She is based at St Paul's High School.

God's Loving Plan meeting last week was not very well supported, even on Zoom. Hoping it's because parents trust us. Archdiocese need information on this.

Maureen McKenna retired last month and the school donated £100 to Marys Meals on her behalf.

Traffic issues are not getting any easier, in fact it is getting worse. Glen Orchy is a nightmare and seems to be at a standstill. Thank you to the PC members for taking the cones etc out.

The Zoom details are only sent to Mrs LaCombre. Can they be sent to all staff members in case she is unavailable to pass them on.

Olu – Really happy that the P7 trip has gone ahead. Thank you for organising this and I'm sure the children loved the experience, especially getting the train. Hopeful that Parents Night can be face-to-face but appreciate that staffing issues may affect this. Will wait for the report on traffic before commenting on this.

Action

Road Safety Report

Noticed today that the cones had been put out. Emma has been unable to put them out or take them in so thinks Norman is either doing this every day or putting them out on a Monday and bringing them in on a Friday. Emma is the only person in the Road Safety Group.

Emma – Would like to say Get Well Soon to Alex the Crossing Patroller. Is not having him at Glen Orchy why there are problems there?

Mrs LaCombre – No, they are just being selfish and saying they are in a hurry etc.

Emma – Can we look at the pupils going out and being visible. Parking Buddies could go out but no-one is coming forward to do this. Parents are not aware of why this is being done. Having pupils out may work better. Would be good for the mornings and at home time. Emma could help.

Mrs LaCombre -We will try this for a week, sending pupils out with clipboards counting cars etc.

Emma – Might make parents ask why.

Mr Kerlin – Junior Road Safety Officers available. Can that group come out and facilitate this. Road Safety Group to meet Junior Road Safety Officers in the sensory garden, if allowed.

Olu – Can we use Zoom?

Mrs LaCombre – Not in school, it's not allowed due to security reasons.

Olu – Can I come in on a Friday?

Mr Kerlin – Will talk to them.

Emma – Been in touch with Living Streets about making posters etc.

Olu- Good, will leave that with Mr Kerlin. This shows that we need volunteers immediately. Road Traffic police are only interested in social media/online campaigns. I should be available a bit more often now.

Action

Fundraising

Hoodies- Emma coming to ask for money for hoodies. Gilmour Sports are £16.95 per hoodie if bought in bulk. Looking for PC support. Are we buying these? Contributing towards the cost? Good support from the P7 parental fundraising group so can we go ahead and get these? They are not something the school provides but have been purchased by the PC in previous years. Mrs LaCombre have you received any samples yet?

Mrs LaCombre – Not aware of this but there are some from previous years. Can we make sure that the parents are okay with the name that the child wants put on them. Although not a school thing, the parents do expect the hoodies.

Emma – Other schools say that if you want a hoodie, you can purchase it yourself, it doesn't automatically come from the school.

Fiona - I agree with Emma. How many P7's are there?

Mrs LaCombre - There are 41 children.

Olu- That's nearly £695.00. How do we do this?

Emma- There is not enough money available at the moment but the Spring Fling should bring in some funds.

Olu – We need to keep this going and raise funds somehow. Need to see exactly what is in the bank and how we can achieve this. Can we have a fundraising night in the Community Hall if necessary?

Emma – Has the Let from GCC been accepted for the Spring Fling?

Olu – Nothing yet.

Emma- Mrs LaCombre do you think this is achievable?

Mrs LaCombre – Yes, I am always hopeful. Maybe also have a Spring Raffle just in case.

Mr Kerlin – If the Let is on school premises do we still need to have bubbles etc?

Emma – There is a Risk Assessment done when filling in the Let so not sure. Need to discuss this if/when Let is accepted.

Mrs LaCombre – Instead of 2x 1½ hour events, can we have 3 x 1-hour events to help with mixing, bubbles etc. We need to also make sure there are quiet areas, reduce the volume of the disco, provide ear defenders etc.

Fiona – We have always provided craft spaces in the past.

Emma – Don't want to exclude P1-P3 but this will be very different for them.

Fiona – Can we do something like an Easter Egg Hunt outside?

Eabhna – Can do this on SALTIRE Day as I'm available to help.

Mr Kerlin – If we do a Saturday the local community can be involved and help to raise more funds.

Olu – When do hoodies have to be paid?

Emma – As quickly as possible as there are 41 of them.

Olu – Need to start this soon.

Emma – Fiona has made a template in Microsoft Teams with sizes, names wanted etc.

Olu – When will this go out?

Emma – Already with P7 staff.

Mrs Isaac – I haven't got this.

Emma – Mary Louise sent a template.

Mrs Isaac – Haven't seen this but will check again.

FIONA – Not sure if it got sent at that point as there were other issues. It's on Google Drive anyway.

Olu – What's been going on with P7 Group?

Emma- Mrs Isaac will set up a sub group to gauge expectations of the children. Trying to go with last year's theme. Need to access the PC cupboard.

Mrs Isaac – Mrs Hart has been off so not involved on this. Can come on now that she is back.

Emma – Have started fundraising already. Parents in P7 group have been given football cards to see if they can sell them. Some selling them at £5 per square, others at £2.50 per square, just whatever they think they can sell at. P7 parents genuinely want to help raise funds.

Olu - Good to know this. Maybe we can have a chat on Friday about this.

Emma – We will get £15 per head for the tickets but we need to raise it to spend it lol.

Action

HWB and Sustainability

SALTIRE- project underway. All classes have been given allocated areas and started planning work to be done.

- Tuesday workshops started

- Need to make email contact with staff to help facilitate class projects
- Need support with digital media recording photo and video evidence for Glasgow Centre for Population Health – Pupil Group- Parent Volunteer
- 3 parent volunteers engaged- would like to put a call out for more. 9.am – 12.30p.m. every Tuesday
- Subgroup considering looking at further funding as our proposed work will cost more than we have in the SALTIRE pot.
- Rana's Garden- P5B have come up with some wonderful plans for the garden. Do the PC/school have plans to raise funds for a memorial?
- Area Partnership Application to develop a wild area with paths for access along the side of MUGA – school ok with this. Probability of success lower but worth a try – will ask Sowing Seeds for a quote.

Mr McGougan's Bench – Planters and plants sourced. Do the school have a date/month they'd prefer this to go in? Would staff like to be involved? Or will a class plant them as part of the SALTIRE Tuesdays work?

P5B Rana's memorial garden. Email school and we will get to staff (Mr Kerlin)

Mrs LaCombre – The family are still in Pakistan but will be looking to do this when they return

Mr McGoughan's Bench – Will speak to staff on In-Service Day.

Fiona – Was a photo of the bench ever sent to the people who donated it?

Mrs LaCombre – no because we would like it to be completed first. Will ask on In-Service Day.

Olu – Do you need volunteers every Tuesday or just now and again?

Eabhnat – Have a couple of parents who come when they can.

Olu – Say in the message that they only need to come when they can.

Eabhnat - How do we facilitate this to stop 10 people showing up at the same time?

Olu – Maybe ask for 72 hours' notice in advance.

Eabhnat – Is that okay with you Mrs LaCombre?

Mrs LaCombre – yes, just keep the office staff updated on who is coming in.

Action

AOCB

Mr Kerlin – Curriculum Rationale - how are we getting on with this?

Olu - Sent it out to all PC members for feedback. Will wait for another 4 or more. Maybe have a better response in two weeks.

Mr Kerlin – Will consult with staff on In-Service Day about Vision, Values and Aims.

Olu – Any questions?

Emma - I like the way the newsletter has come out online. Easy to read, bullet points, good layout etc.

Mr Kerlin – Can't take credit as P1 teacher, Miss Falvey, made the template and the staff have been following that.

Action

Olu thanked everyone for attending and for all the great work that is being done by the PC and the school staff. Let's share on Twitter all the good work that the PC do and celebrate it.

Olu – Can we find out more about what the nursery are doing and how we can help?

Mr Kerlin – Talked about this at the last meeting. Transition plans are ongoing and should hopefully take place inside this year. Would love support from the PC, financial or otherwise.

Olu – Keep us updated on what's going on and if we can help.

The next meeting will take place on Tuesday 8th March 2022 at 6.30p.m. on Zoom. Stay safe and see you all soon.