

St Angela's Parent Council

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

Present –Olu, Mrs Isaac, Thomas, Mrs Thompson, Mrs LaCombre, Selina, Jacqueline, Mr Kerlin, Emma, Eabhna, Nicola, Leeza, Aimee Jardine, Judy Lee and Teresa.

(Some names taken from iPad)

Apologies – none.

Welcome

Olu welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Mrs LaCombre opened the meeting with a prayer and asked everyone to pray for peace at this time.

Previous Minutes

All okay. Mr Kerlin has added the minutes, up to November, to the school website and will add the rest. Teresa will re send last month's minutes.

Action

Olu – We are all praying for Ukraine and Russia at this time. Please pray for peace and support the humanitarian crisis.

Treasurer's Report

Current balance - £2470.41.

Money out since last meeting - £91.26 SALTIRE, Minutes (2 months) £70, PayPal Zoom subscription £14.39.

Money in since last meeting - St Paul's contribution to Zoom £14.99.

SALTIRE spend so far – SALTIRE Project Fund Grant Money paid in was £1875.00. £91.26 spent on materials. We then need to deduct £635 for the payment the PC made out of our funds before the grant money was received (our Grant from

Glasgow City Council was £9066 but we made a cheque to the school for the Sowing Seeds work for £9690 which was an additional £635 out of PC funds).

Remaining SALTIRE balance is £1148.74.

Current PC balance is £2470.41 less £1148.74 meaning £1321.67 remains. A further £319 for the memorial garden to be deducted leaving a balance of £1002.67.

Action

Head Teacher's Report

Junior Road Safety Officers – Started yesterday at 2.45p.m. in Glen Orchy. Got 14 vehicles coming into Glen Orchy, some may be residents, but probably parents. Will put out information at the end of the week. Parents are coming in after the bell so they can drop off their children.

Mrs Isaac and Emma – 31 cars today with an almost near miss. Lorry was delivering soil.

Eabhnat – The signs aren't clear for drivers who don't know the area around the school.

Emma – wasn't the driver's fault as 3 vehicles were in front of him so he couldn't see. Of the 31 cars going in, I knew about 10 of them.

Mrs LaCombre – I spoke to the children at assembly today about this. It's not their fault. A child was almost hit yesterday by a car doing a 3-point turn in a narrow street. Another parent had to shout at their child to stop as a car mounted the pavement.

Parent's Night – No update for the moment. Staff would love to see the parents in the school but it may be limited to one parent and no children. Hopeful for confirmation tomorrow and information will go out soon. The small hut won't be opened as there is not enough room but hoping to use the big hut, hall and the double base. It would be good to see everyone in the building. Management will contact anyone who feels they have not had enough time or wish to discuss something further.

HWB Survey – Mr Kerlin sent out questions to parents to see if they wished their child to participate or not. The Archdiocese and SCES had a few issues with some

questions, but mostly from the Secondary School sector. The questionnaire for P5-P7 didn't have those questions but asked about home life. Some children may not tell the truth and a true picture may not be given. The school can't support the pupils if they haven't said anything beforehand. Although the survey is anonymous, the SQA number can identify the child. Parents can withdraw their child if they wish. Mrs LaCombre and Mr Kerlin were at St Paul's for a Learning Community face to face meeting and said it was great. They talked about what support was needed.

Sacraments – The new Archbishop is in place and Mrs LaCombre was very impressed with him as he spoke from the heart. He has not committed to any of the Sacraments as of yet, so the Parish Priests will continue to do this. The Archbishop will meet with HT's this Friday at St Andrew's Cathedral and then with all Catholic school staff at a later date.

Olu – Any questions? No, great we will move on.

Action

HWB and Sustainability

SALTIRE – report sent out to funders and 2nd amount of funding pending.

Top soil ordered- orchard, planters. PC contributing from Mr McGoogan's memorial fund.

Thomas did prep work in the Mud Café on Sunday, donated wood, gloves, membrane and is also putting in a border for raspberry bed.

Need bricks – how can we facilitate this? Bark donation coming from Mr Kerlin's father-in-law.

Ranas Garden – P5b very active in SALTIRE work and have planned garden and priced items. SALTIRE funds are for child led climate action work and can't fund it all and have money for other work. What can PC contribute? School? Fundraising? GoFundMe?

3-seater bench £535.00, 2-seater bench £395.00 – both from Memorial benches UK. We can shop around but a nice, long-lasting bench is important.

Mr McGoogan's planters – Mary Louise awaiting date from school so she can order.

Olu – any questions.

Mrs LaCombre - Can put out a request to parents re bricks and they can be dropped off?

Eabhnat – Can we put a pallet behind the bike shed for donated bricks?

Mrs LaCombre – yes that should be fine for a couple of weeks. New bike shelter coming on 29th March so this should fit in.

Mr Kerlin – Are we talking about the same place? Do you mean the bike shed at the container?

Eabhnat – Yes, there are two pallets at the gym hall door and more in the Sunshine Room.

Mr Kerlin – I'll send out on GroupCall with a picture of where pallet is and where to put bricks.

Thomas – How many bricks do you need? What type of bricks, house or mono bloc?

Eabhnat – as many as we can get.

Teresa – I have about 150 mono bloc bricks at home you can have if someone can collect them.

Olu – I will collect on Friday between 3.30p.m. and 4 p.m.

Mrs LaCombre – Will need 3-seater bench. Can put out to families to see if they wish to donate or we can use the Playground Draw money as the garden will be used by all the children.

Nicola – Think parents will be happy to contribute. How are our funds?

Eabhnat – We are £635 richer than we thought so maybe we can use this.

Mrs LaCombre – If we are asking parents then the PC are part of that group and will be contributing that way.

Eabhnat – Do we have a date for Mary Louise to get plants etc?

Mrs LaCombre – The sooner the better.

Mr Kerlin – Is the In-Service day too soon?

Mrs LaCombre – The children will not be involved then. Can we use the Tuesday sessions?

Eabhnat – I don't mind.

Mrs LaCombre -The children will be part of it then and it can be done over the next 2 weeks.

Eabhnat – It's only two planters so whatever works is fine by me.

Olu – Any questions? No then we will move on.

Action

Road Safety Report

Emma met with Mr Kerlin and two Junior Road Safety Officers (+ 3 now) to stand out at Glen Orchy and record vehicles going in. Just tally marking any and all vehicles. The children are enjoying this so far. We are hoping to check in the cars on one side and check them out on the other.

Mr Kerlin – At the moment we are only counting the cars going in. Three groups are recording this to get a picture of things.

Emma – Stood in front of signs today to show the children where and what they are. The signs are covered in stickers so the times etc are not in view. Land Services (Holly) need to be contacted to get the stickers removed. Leaflets to go out with the times of parking etc.

Mr Kerlin - The leaflets look good and give more information.

Emma – Holly was good at the meeting last week but says we have no legal standing over Greenacres and what is happening there. Residents need to keep phoning the police to say what's happening. One resident approached Emma to say it has been great having the children out.

Mr Kerlin – Mrs Robb contacted us last week and we told her to contact the police and it has been escalated, now with Holly's boss. Been asked to bring in targeted support.

Emma- Lots of congestion at entrance with pupils, buggies etc. They are thinking we are there to help them cross the road as Alex is not there at the moment. Being

as proactive as we can on Glen Orchy as we can legally do. No volunteers at this time to do the cones etc on Greenacres so would be up to the residents.

Olu – Good to see what's happening. Do we have any news on when Alex will be back and how he is doing, will we get a replacement?

Mrs LaCombre – No, just made a note to follow this up.

Olu – Any questions? No, then we will move on.

Action

Fundraising

P7 Fundraising

Emma – We need £670 to fund the hoodies.

Olu - If we have the balance stated previously, do we all agree to pay for this?

All agreed.

Emma – I'm worried that we have £400 left over, have we forgotten to pay anything?

Eabhnat – Memorial Garden money is ring fenced.

Emma – Great, that means we don't have to ask the parents for a contribution. The P7's will be pleased. Thank you.

Olu – No problem.

Emma – Met with P7 sub- group recently and they have lots of ideas. Looks like the will be doing the same as before. Anything we can do for them they'll be happy with. They liked the Hollywood theme, gave thoughts on food, fizzy juices etc. They are up for formal dress and the class have agreed on this. Two pupils are not going at the moment. Not sure I'll be meeting the sub-group again.

Mrs LaCombre – I think you go back when you've priced up their ideas, food etc, then they'll have an agreed budget and can choose what they want.

Emma – They liked the idea of a Candy Cart but it is quite expensive. Might need to be sweets on a table. Need to look at dietary requirements, halal etc.

Jacqueline – We always have a sweet table as the cart is too expensive.

Mrs LaCombre- St Paul's have their own cart that they use so will ask if we can borrow that.

Fiona – COVID last year meant that a cart was needed.

Emma – There are 6 parents on the P7 parent group so far.

Thomas – I'll donate £100 to the children just now.

Emma – Thank you Thomas. How does ParentPay work? How do we get the money from there to our bank account?

Mrs LaCombre – The office staff seem to think this will be easily done when it's available. Will get more information.

Mr Kerlin – Events are tailored amounts. £2 donation to Odd Socks Day so only option is to pay £2.

Emma – The Let for 22nd March has been rejected by GCC. Do we try for another date in April or do we go for an Easter raffle? PC can then decide if all monies go to P7's or some elsewhere.

Mrs LaCombre – Remember the PC agreed to fund the Nursery graduation.

Emma – We can split the funds if necessary. Can do an Easter raffle to cover funds. Do we ask for Prom ticket money earlier than usual?

Fiona – Might be good to get ticket money earlier and refund if someone can't make it.

Emma – Can we do this in April? When do we normally do this?

Fiona – Not sure but can find out.

Mrs LaCombre – We can do it from 19th April.

Emma – Who prints the tickets?

Fiona – Don't know will ask Mary Louise.

Olu – Any other fundraising?

Are we doing the Easter raffle?

Emma – We need to spend money to make money. We can contact local businesses for support, Make chocolate bouquets etc.

Olu – We should be using the local businesses.

Fiona – Raffle is usually a great idea and well supported.

Emma – Can we do an Odd Sock Day?

Mrs LaCombre – Think we have already agreed a date of Friday 22nd April for this. Great idea to go to local businesses but probably don't need as much as the children love chocolate. We could also have a picture competition based on a religious/Easter theme.

Thomas – Do the prizes have to be Easter related as I have a drill set that can be donated?

Mrs LaCombre – We would need to get the prizes organised to sell the tickets so people know what they could be winning.

Mr Kerlin – Is 22nd April and Odd Sock Day or a non-uniform day?

Mrs LaCombre – Better with a non-uniform day as the children love this.

Fiona – We could give it a name to make it a bit different, give it an Easter theme, colour etc.

Jacqueline- Pyjama Day? Is this still a thing?

Mrs LaCombre – Don't usually do this as parents feel obliged to go out and buy new pyjamas.

Olu – Can we hear about the nursery?

Mr Kerlin – Leeza has secured funding (£1300) to buy a Nursery Cottage for the garden, and stuff for the sensory garden outside. The cottage can be used by the children and for storage.

Olu – Do you have plans for the sensory garden and can the PC help?

Leeza – Not drawn up plans yet but looking at a Polytunnel as this can be used as an outdoor classroom. It costs over £1000 to buy, deliver and install etc. Would need to do some fundraising for that.

Mr Kerlin – Was at an Early Years meeting and a lot of families are going to funded partner nurseries, rather than local authority nurseries, as they have longer opening hours etc.

Olu – Sounds good. Let us know if you have any garden plans. AOCB?

Emma – Do both Holy Communion and Confirmation children receive gifts?

Mrs LaCombre – Reconciliation, First Holy Communion and Confirmation children all get something. There are only around 60 children in total for Sacraments.

Emma – Will need numbers given to me. I think symbolic gifts would be nice. Will speak to Mary Louise to see what is left over from last year.

Mrs Isaac – I will get numbers to you.

Emma – Will use St Robert's stall to purchase the gifts again.

Mrs LaCombre – Enrolment only says Christian, not Catholic so don't really know numbers.

Emma – Do they get these at the Thanksgiving Mass?

Mrs LaCombre – yes, they do.

Olu – Anything else? No. Have we had any parents coming forward for travel cards?

Jacqueline – I've tried for both my children with no luck yet.

Nicola – I'm the same. Went to SPT and library and they said they don't seem to be adding the travel part to some cards. Recently had to pay to get the bus. Very frustrating as no one is getting back to us.

Olu – I'll speak to Leanne at GSPG to see if she can help and get back to you.

Olu thanked everyone and said Happy International Women's Day to all.

The next meeting will take place on Tuesday 3rd May 2020 at 6.30p.m. via Zoom.

Olu will be standing for council so will do his best to attend the next meeting.

