

St Angela's Parent Council

Minutes of a Virtual Parent Council meeting on Tuesday 10th May 2022 at 6.30p.m.

Present –Olu, Mrs Isaac, Mrs LaCombre, Eabhnat, Leeza, Thomas, Emma, Jacqueline, Nicola, Judy Lee and Teresa.

(Some names taken from iPad)

Apologies – Mr Kerlin, Lisa McCann, Miss Pollick, Mrs Thompson and Selina.

Welcome

Olu welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Mrs LaCombre opened the meeting with a prayer.

Olu – Thank you. A lot has been happening recently. I lost at the elections but it was a great experience.

Previous Minutes

All okay.

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Headteachers Report

Mrs LaCombre - Thanks to the Parent Council and all the volunteers for the orchard as it's looking great. The trees are in bloom and will only get better. P1 parents were allowed in to the school last week for a show of knowledge as restrictions ease. Every child had an adult. Two induction days are to come before the end of June and hopefully there will be more options available to have parents come in.

School trip - Looking at options for this. It will cost approximately £17 per child for a trip to Blair Drummond etc. The Parent Council haven't had the same opportunities to raise funds and the school don't have the money. P7 fundraisers suggested a local trip to Rouken Glen Park, or a Fun Day with bouncy castles etc.

Catherine McAnespie Foundation – This is a fund set up in memory of the mum of someone who travelled the world (St Vincent's). They want to give something back

to the community (Glasgow area) and we can apply for this. What does everyone think?

Emma – Most families would be happy to contribute to a school trip but we always have to look at the cost of the school day.

Mrs LaCombre – Yes, we are very aware of that cost.

Emma – Having a local area trip would be good fun as would a playground Fun Day. The children would love it. We could even think about a mini fete.

Mrs LaCombre – Have looked at costs and it would be worth it to have a full day of activities. Not too keen on stalls as someone would have to be responsible for manning them.

Emma – Rouken Glen have bouncy castles, can we subsidise this?

Jacqueline – As a family we go to Rouken Glen a lot so would like to do something else. The children have missed so much over the past couple of years and Rouken Glen may not be as exciting to some.

Thomas – I don't know because we are all aware of the costs to families. We go to Rouken Glen all the time too. It's a great place but the children deserve more. What about Calderglen?

Emma – It has a mini zoo.

Thomas – I know it will come down to the cost of the buses.

Emma – When will we get a decision on the Catherine McAnespie Fund?

Mrs LaCombre – Not sure. We needed to discuss that tonight to see what we can do.

Mrs Isaac – We hope to get the money from them and then subsidise from the school/PC funds.

Jacqueline – What about PEF money?

Mrs LaCombre – We don't get as much as other schools locally so can't do this. Our parents are working parents but other schools have parents who rely more on benefits. We may be in the same area but we don't get as much.

Jacqueline – What about football cards etc?

Mrs LaCombre – If the decision is to go on a big trip, then the school will book it and look at the costs. There will be a need to subsidise. The school would like to split the trip so support staff can go also.

Olu and Jacqueline – I'm free on Fridays.

Mrs Isaac – What is a fair amount to ask from parents?

Jacqueline – If somewhere like Blair Drummond, then £10 per head would be reasonable.

Mrs LaCombre – Blair Drummond is an all-day event so there will be lots to do. The children will love it and many will never have been before.

Emma - £10 should be fine.

Jacqueline – Give dates as soon as possible so families can save up to pay.

Mrs Isaac – We have dates set aside.

Thomas - How much are the buses?

Mrs Isaac - £350 per bus and a few are needed.

Jacqueline - Would double decker buses be cheaper?

Mrs Isaac - We are only allowed to use certain bus companies (Glasgow City Council). We are doing our best to get the cheapest we can.

Jacqueline – The children loved getting the taxis for their First Communion so will absolutely love the buses.

Mrs LaCombre – Everything going through ParentPay. How is that going? It saves a lot of time in school though sometimes the WIFI goes down and lunch /orders don't always go through on time. It would be better if parents/carers could do this at home the evening before.

Jacqueline – My husband does it and he thinks it's great. We do it on a Sunday night for the week ahead.

Mrs LaCombre – We hope to have a diary of dates out next week but numbers may be restricted.

Thomas – Can we have a non- uniform day and the children bring in cash rather than ParentPay?

Mrs LaCombre – We don't usually make a lot of money from that but we can try.

Jacqueline – A sponsored silence?

Mrs LaCombre – For the staff? Lol.

We went to the cemetery where Rana Harris is buried and spoke to the Imam who will come in for the memorial service. Dad is happy with that.

Father Jim passed away very suddenly recently. The school are very sad about this as he was very special to them. Father Joe has been in to the school and is a ray of sunshine. He has celebrated Mass, First Communions and always acknowledges that Father Jim started their Faith journey and they will always remember him for that.

The bike shelters are all there.

Road Safety - Not called the Car Free Zone but area can't drive up to gates.

Transitions – St Paul's have been down to speak to P7's. Next Thursday the P7's will go to St Paul's. They will make their own way there and have the day. 9.00a.m. – 2.40p.m. There will be a parent's meeting at 3.00p.m.

Nursery transition to primary – Is the contribution from the Parent Council still going ahead?

Olu – Any questions?

Emma – St Paul's visit: is the meeting formal or informal otherwise how do we pick up other children from their respective schools at 3.00p.m.? Is there another opportunity to go, do we phone Pastoral Care?

Mrs LaCombre – I think there will be but if other children need to be picked up earlier then St Angela's can accommodate this.

Emma – Can we take children with us to the meeting? Is there enough room?

Mrs LaCombre – Not sure. You can't please everyone re younger children. Not sure if there is another chance to attend but I will contact St Paul's tomorrow and ask.

Jacqueline – We took our younger children and it wasn't a problem.

Olu – Anything more? No, let's move on.

Treasurer's Report

Current balance £2644.84

Payments out since last meeting - £14.39 Zoom; £38.95 to Emma for raffle prizes; Another £14.39 for Zoom; £694.95 to Gilmour Sports for hoodies (P7); £35.00 for Minutes.

Payments in since last meeting - £80.74 ParentPay; £99.46 ParentPay; £669.80 Glasgow City Council; £122.11 ParentPay.

**** £319.00 from the balance is for Mr McGougan's Memorial Garden. Eabhna and Mary Louise are coordinating a suitable time to do this with the children on the SALTIRE days.

Emma – How much more is earmarked for the SALTIRE project from this?

Olu – We can find this out when we talk about SALTIRE.

Emma – Did we confirm if ParentPay takes a percentage?

Mrs LaCombre – Yes, they do.

Emma – On every transaction?

Mrs LaCombre – Yes, but it is minimal.

Emma – Just looking at whether we do transactions once or every time we do it. We have to sell tickets for the Prom through ParentPay so the Parent Council will make a loss.

Mrs LaCombre – Yes, we knew this. Maybe we need to look at upping the ticket price by 50p or so to cover these costs.

Emma – Does the percentage vary?

Mrs LaCombre – No it's the same percentage no matter how much your transaction is.

Olu – Add 1 and a half % to ticket price?

Emma – The tickets have already gone to print now so we can't do anything about that. We will just learn from this.

Mrs LaCombre – Think we discussed this at another meeting.

Emma – We will learn for next year and add the extra cost.

Action

HWB

Work completed-

Bricks from Teresa and top soil delivered and the orchard beds have been completed.

4 more fruit trees planted near MUGA.

Mud Kitchen painting started – waiting on bark.

Next steps –

Mural for Rana Harris' Garden being created with Fiona Rich.

Wooden signs for orchard, wildflower meadow and wildlife garden.

Bark in mud kitchen and will-o- the- wisp.

Bug hotel in wildlife garden.

Wildflower bed in wildflower meadow.

Rana Harris' bench, planters and decoration.

Create showcase video

GoFundMe for bench- ready for the 7th? Will money be in so we can buy bench and install in garden or do we do everything else and leave a space?

Mrs LaCombre – Lay the garden and leave space for bench for when Imam comes.

Second amount of funding secured and received.

Celebration Day Plan

7th June – Time? – Drop In event?

Should run for about 2 hours and be a drop in event. Children can take their adult around to show what has been done. Very relaxed event, no timetable.

Mrs LaCombre – I had 6.00p.m. in my diary.

Eabhnat - We hadn't decided on a time. We will suit families. Is two hours long enough or too long?

Olu – Anybody?

Nicola – I think that's fine as people can stay as long as they want.

Eabhnat – Operation Play Outdoors are coming for 2 hours. We will give ticket to children for fire pit and marshmallows. Still have some money left so will decide next week what to do with that. Hoping to have PC members at stations but the children will take the adults around.

Video showcase – lunch hall on loop?

Flyer

Activities at each station run by pupils from each class.

Loose parts play, den building, games etc.

Fiona Rich – activity.

Op Out - Fire and marshmallows.

Tea, coffee, diluting juice and biscuits. Who will do that? Steering group have set aside a budget for this. Any idea how much we will need? Volunteers needed to run this too.

Olu – Any advice? I'll be down south so unable to help.

Eabhnat – This is when we need Mrs Higgins and Mrs Watson back lol.

What else would people suggest?

GCC still spraying in the orchard. We need to do something about the spraying as children play on the trim trail. They shouldn't be spraying our orchard.

Mrs LaCombre – I'll take it back to Andy Duff in the council as we have asked for this to stop. Is there evidence of spraying?

Eabhnat – Yes. I'm happy to go and cut grass between the trees if they can't get in to do this.

Mrs Isaac – Is this at the front or the back?

Eabhnat – At the orchard. Can teachers take the children out soon as the trees are blossoming just now and you can see the apples growing.

This is a really important event and a lot of time and money has been spent. The children have also put a lot of work in to this. We need to get it all organised soon and it would be lovely if the school staff would be involved too.

Nicola – I can volunteer for the tea table as I'm free. Will need to bring the girls.

Eabhnat – That would be great and the girls would be most welcome. We can organise a rota if necessary. Will put something on the group chat.

Mrs Isaac – I can help too.

Eabhnat – Can management ask if any teachers would be willing to help. How many people could we guess might turn up?

Mrs LaCombre -Will depend on the weather and the fact that they haven't been allowed in and around the school for such a long time. Difficult to judge.

Olu – I think there will be a lot. We need to get the message out to parents ASAP.

Eabhnat – Will create a flyer for this or does anyone want to volunteer to do this? Fiona will do the video on a loop in the lunch hall and this could be one of the stations. Is that possible? We would also need the outside toilets to be open and tea and coffee in the hall if it's raining.

Mrs LaCombre – That all sounds fine.

Eabhnat – Maybe have some seats out too. If anyone from the PC or wider Forum would like to run an activity that would be great.

Olu – Would love to have brought the wooden horses but I won't be there.

Mrs LaCombre – Do you want to involve SAPC?

Eabhnat – I was thinking that too.

Jacqueline – They do netball on a Tuesday evening but will probably have other volunteers.

Eabhnat – Would anyone give Tom a call and see if he can help. Will be from 6.00p.m. – 8.00p.m. on 7th June and he can use the pitch or the MUGA for an activity. Remind him it's a drop in.

Olu – I'll do that as he lives near me.

Eabhnat – Can we put it out to the wider Forum parents to see if anyone can help. Selina mentioned the Science Centre before.

Olu – Put it on the chat and see what we get from that. How much money in the bank has still to be spent by you?

Eabhnat – Don't have it to hand but can put it on the thread.

Olu – Please do so that we know what the PC balance is. Any more questions? No, let's move on.

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Road Safety Report

Mr Kerlin and the children carried out survey of cars in and out, who residents are etc. Emma is the only member of the committee.

Olu - Before Easter break, I started bringing out the parking buddies and taking them in again. Cars started coming earlier before the buddies were out. Been a bit quieter recently. I'll keep taking them in and out. Drivers are also stopping in the bus bay.

Please encourage everyone to park at Sainsburys, KFC etc car parks. It's for the safety of the children. Have the community police been in touch with the school?

Mrs LaCombre – No, not recently.

Olu – Maybe need to chase that up and look at other ways of getting the message out.

Mrs Isaac – Not related but a date for the diary. Cultural Day is Friday 20th May and the information has gone out. Open to anyone wishing to come in and talk about their different cultures – singing, dancing, storytelling etc.

Olu – Thanks for that. Any more questions? No, let's move on to fundraising.

Emma – Will the school be applying for another Let to have a disco for the whole school?

Mrs LaCombre – If the PC have enough people to run and organise it then happy to go ahead. The school is very busy at this time of the year and Tuesdays are filling up fast.

Olu – We can discuss on platform and if enough volunteers, we can do.

Emma – Is that okay Mrs LaCombre?

Mrs LaCombre – Fine by me.

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P7 Prom

Let has been accepted and the sub group are aware. Have put out for volunteers to help on the night. Put out to P6 parents too as they are next year. Last year's parents have also volunteered. Mrs Kirkwood will DJ on the night again. Tickets are in print and will go out to the children. Been discussed if parents can come in to the school for the slideshow if possible. Fiona couldn't do this but another parent may be able to help. Do we have a drop and go, invite parents in to see photos etc? What do we think is acceptable? Possibly be 80 people so how do the school feel about that?

Mrs LaCombre – We can't have the video showing in a small area if we have too many people coming.

Emma – Need to get communication right for parents.

Mrs LaCombre -Need to have them come in the front door, see the hall then out the hall door. If the slideshow is available, we should be able to accommodate them in the hall.

Emma – Thanks. Were only 3 of us in the sub group so didn't feel it was right for me to make that decision. If slideshow is happening that would be good.

Volunteers are needed for the night.

Olu – How much is ticket?

Emma – Has been £15 in previous years but we will lose a % to ParentPay.

Olu – How many children will there be?

Emma – 41.

Olu – Do they have their hoodies yet?

Mrs LaCombre -No, they will get them on Monday at assembly.

Olu – We are all here if you need any help, Emma. Just put on platform.

Mrs Isaac – We have no free Tuesdays in June for the Let.

Emma – May be better as a welcome back disco in August.

Mrs Isaac – There is so much going on just now so it might take the pressure off if it was in August.

Olu – AOCB?

Emma – Sacramental gifts have been purchased and should be in the school.

Mrs LaCombre – They are not in yet.

Emma – When is the Thanksgiving Mass?

Mrs Isaac – Provisionally booked for Wednesday 25th May. We have a P7 Mass in the school. Thought we'd have Thanksgiving Mass for all the children.

Emma – Parent Council usually do tea/coffee etc for this in the school. What happens now?

Mrs LaCombre -Will check with Father Joe but it's usually provided. Will discuss and get back to you.

Emma - May be something left over from Celebration Day for this.

Olu – AOCB

Mrs LaCombre – Extended learning and teaching visit will be on the Friday only. Will take place during the school day and the children can showcase their work.

Olu – Anything else? Do we have a meeting in June or not? No space at the moment so the AGM will be on Tuesday 6th September 2022 and will be in person in the school.

Please convince as many parents as you can to come along and join us. They can see what's involved and what we do. We need to get more people involved. We do a great job. Thank you to everyone for all you do and all your support. I know we are doing our best for our school and our local community. Have a lovely summer everyone.

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