

St Angela's Parent Council

Minutes of a Parent Council meeting on Tuesday 6th December 2022 at 6.30p.m.

Present –Mrs LaCombre, Eabhnat, Jacqueline, Mr Kerlin, Luciana, Aqsa, Fiona, Lucy, Lisa, Thomas, Selina, Mrs Thompson, Mrs Isaac, Lisa McCann and Teresa

Apologies – None

Mrs LaCombre opened the meeting with a prayer.

Minutes of the last meeting – All okay.

Head Teachers Report

Applications for the Head Teacher post closed on Sunday night. There was only one applicant. LEET and interview postponed for the moment. Mr Kerlin will be stepping up to Acting Head Teacher from January. Thank you from Mrs LaCombre. The staff are delighted at this news too as they know who they will be working alongside after January. There are very few applicants for Head Teacher posts across the country. Courses and qualifications are available for staff if they wish to go forward with this.

Trim Trail – Hoped this would be completed by mid-November but now looking at 12th December.

Strike action for tomorrow – Letters have been given out. 4 classes will be affected tomorrow so they can't come in. EIS strike days are planned for 10th and 16th January.

Lucy – Will there be picket lines?

I don't know but there were at other schools. Staff have been told to cross the picket lines if they are not part of that union.

Mrs LaCombre – That's the point, it's designed to disrupt things.

Mr Kerlin – If we put the information out too early it may not happen so had to be left to the last minute.

Mrs LaCombre – Other schools may be fully opened if the staff are not part of this union. Don't know if all unions will join together in January or have separate strikes like just now. It's to cause as much disruption as possible.

Qualification and Assessment Independent Review – Phase 2 live in January. Do we have a PC Forum meeting as our voice or do we put out a form to all? Not much came back the last time but what was said was valid. It's important that your voice is heard. If the consultation is not responded to then nothing changes. Schools and parents/carers generally want the same things for their children and the school. As this is an independent review, I feel it's important that everyone has their say either individually or collectively. School staff and parents' views are sought. This is your chance to have your say about how we do qualification and assessment.

Eabhnat – If we did have a meeting could we have input from staff to help parents understand more about assessments and exams?

Mrs LaCombre – We are short of time as we could have liaised with staff and parents of St Paul's.

Eabhnat – What do we want to do?

Mr Kerlin – Send it out and see what response we get. Collate the results and we can discuss at the next meeting. I'll send it out on January 5th.

Eabhnat – Good, thank you. We can look at our calendar and have a meeting on 10th January.

Mrs LaCombre – We need to look at dates so things don't clash i.e., Ramadan.

Eabhnat – Sincere thanks to Mrs LaCombre for her stewardship and care of the St Angela's Community.

Eabhnat read out some words of thanks to Mrs LaCombre for her hard work and dedication to the school, community and particularly the Parent Council. She wished her all the best in her retirement.

Action

Treasurer Report

Balance at date of meeting - £3350.92

Saltire balance from this amount - £596.01

Available funds £2754.91

Payments since last meeting

Fiona Rich PC Flyers - £36.40, Lucy Biddulph PC refreshments - £5.09, Teresa Aitken minutes Sept/Oct - £70.00, Autumn Disco -£198.99, Christmas Fayre - £448.85.

Total £759.33

Payments in since last meeting

Easyfundraising cheque - £29.43, Autumn Disco - £682.84, Christmas Fayre (so far) - £1247.94

Total - £1960.21

Autumn Disco brought in -£100 donation from Thomas and £781.83 from ticket sales.

Costs – Let £53.62 and snacks £145.37

Total made - £682.84

Christmas Fayre brought in £1696.79 (so far)

Thomas Morrison Float - £103.55, Sales on day - £1463.25, raffle sales vis ParentPay £129.99

Still waiting on the remaining ParentPay raffle sales and the sale of leftover selection boxes.

Costs – Let £134.05, selection boxes for grotto £255.00 and items to sell/use £59.80.

Total costs - £448.85

Amount made so far £1247.94

£250 donation made to nursery for Christmas gifts.

Mrs LaCombre leaving gift – vouchers for Loch Green £100.

Eabhnat – Thanks to everyone for all their great work at the Fayre.

Mrs LaCombre – It was great to see everyone in the school again. Very busy and the local community came in to see what was going on. The children loved it and had a great time. So nice to see everyone and have a chat with them. Lots of work goes in to this event, especially as everything has to be done at the last minute. Children's enterprise means that each class gets to spend their profits on something for their class e.g., play pedagogy stuff, trips to the zoo etc.

We need to promote the free bus pass for under 22's so that parents can find a cheap way of visiting the museums etc.

Jacqueline/Thomas – The tombola stall was really busy and great fun, if not a little chaotic.

Mrs LaCombre – Needs at least 3 adults on it.

Thomas – We had 4 as it was so busy.

Mrs LaCombre – May need to find separate space for raffle and tombola so they are not together. Some parents were asking about tickets from ParentPay as no visible ticket was allocated to them. Explained that someone had sorted it all out the night before and allocated the tickets.

Eabhnaid – Need to send out a communication to say thanks for your purchase and that your tickets have been allocated.

Mr Kerlin – If everything was on ParentPay it would be much easier but would mean that nothing could be sold on the day. Raffle tickets are needed too.

New Church Rep – Father Joe Uwah sends his apologies as he cannot be here tonight to introduce himself. He is looking forward to meeting everyone at another meeting.

Dates for meetings – Tuesday 10th January is a proposed strike date; 17th January is too late for consultation.

Eabhnaid – We could have a Zoom meeting on Monday 9th January just for the Independent Review and feedback. It could be at 6.30p.m.

Mr Kerlin – Who will set that up?

Eabhnaid – I will do that.

2023 Meetings on - Tuesday 7th February, Tuesday 7th March, Tuesday 30th May

P7 Confirmation St Vincent's Church on February 6th 2023

Tuesday 25th April is the Spring Fling.

Health week is 22nd – 25th May

Saltire celebration on Tuesday 6th June

P7 Mass Tuesday 13th June

Graduation Ball Friday 16th June

Action

Fundraising and Spending

Eabhnat - £250 given to the nursery for Christmas presents and money for hampers. How much do you want?

Mrs LaCombre – not sure.

Mrs Isaac – It's like a reverse advent calendar. Different things are asked for each week – tins, packets etc.

Mrs LaCombre – We try to make up 15 hampers (one from each class and one from the nursery). You may wish to provide a cash donation or a voucher for each hamper. Cash would give us more flexibility to buy different things.

Luciana – I'll bring a big box of pasta for all the hampers.

Mrs LaCombre – Thank you. To save money we are wrapping the wooden tangerine crates in tinsel.

Eabhnat – We could go £10-£20 per hamper.

All agreed at £20 per hamper.

Mrs LaCombre – Thank you. We sometimes get stuff from SVDP as well.

Eabhnat – How do you want the money and when?

Mrs LaCombre – Cash as soon as possible if we could.

Eabhnat – We will get it to you as soon as we can.

Mrs LaCombre – There is selection box money and football strip money in the safe in the school if you wish to use that.

Eabhnat – That would be great.

Do we know how many selection boxes are left?

Lisa – I'll check.

Eabhnat – When is the football strip raffle being drawn?

Mrs LaCombre – 22nd December.

Feast Day – Eabhnat - We normally contribute food.

Mrs LaCombre – It's 27th January 2023. We need juice, crisps and freddo bars.

Eabhnat – Will we just do the shopping and hand it in to the school?

Mrs LaCombre – There's 380 children at the moment, nursery is 50 max and then 41 staff members.

Eabhnat – Any other upcoming spending we need to know about?

Mrs Isaac – There are Sacramental gifts to purchase too.

Eabhnat – Okay. Do you need these before Confirmation?

Mrs Isaac/Mr Kerlin – We will have a collective day for all those celebrating the Sacraments.

Eabhnat – A gift for Santa? We used to give him a bottle of whiskey but we had a different Santa this time.

Mrs Isaac – Do we get a gift voucher?

Eabhnat – Do we class him as another volunteer like everyone else or do we treat it differently as it's Santa?

Mrs LaCombre – It would be just a thank you token so a £20 voucher would be okay.

Health, Wellbeing & Sustainability Subgroup Report 6th Dec 2022

FUNDS

Balance of SALTIRE funds in account £596

Subcommittee applied for two funds:

1. GCC Let's Grow Together Fund £5000 for food growing:
 - orchard & wildflower meadow maintenance & improvements,
 - raised beds for an allotment,
 - water butts
 - Celebration event June 2023
 - Successful grants announced 6th Jan, funds issued 13th Jan
2. GCC Wellbeing Fund £10,000 for a Parent/Carer Wellbeing programme session **2023/2024**
 - Fortnightly parent/Carer wellbeing workshops & social coffee morning
 - Allotment & grounds development
 - Multi-generational gardening & grounds maintenance activities
 - SALTIRE Celebration event June 2024
 - No dates given for grants announced but funds must be allocated by 31st March 2023 so we will know before that.

- If successful we will plan the programme of events in term 4, in consultation with the Parent/Carer forum, to start in term 1 2023/2023.

Once we know if we've been successful for the Let's Grow Fund we will be able to decide on spending priorities.

ACTIVITIES

Eabhnat started the willow pruning on Monday and Fiona did willow weaving with some pupils from P6a. Very enjoyable morning for all. Top half of willow still to be pruned.

Plan to restart SALTIRE activities Tuesdays after Christmas – frequency, activities and classes still tbc.

P7 Sub Committee

Eabhat – Nothing started yet, I'm doing SALTIRE so can't give my time.

Luciana – How much involvement do we have?

Eabhnat – It is mainly child led but you need to keep control over the children and manage their expectations.

Luciana – We have some parents who are willing to help.

Mrs Isaac – We need to manage costs also.

Eabhnat – We had it outside a couple of years ago (COVID) and it was great. Not all of the children enjoy being inside so this could be a Plan B providing the weather is good. We had a beautiful day last time. This inclined to make it a more casual affair and not so formal which the children loved.

Luciana – Will I just start a planning group?

Eabhnat – I have notes from Mary Louise of previous sub groups.

Mrs LaCombre – Make sure that the children's voices are heard.

Eabhnat – Luciana, Lisa and Lucy are the sub group. The Spring Fling disco is organised by the P7's as it is their fundraiser. They sell glowsticks which are on top of the PC cupboard. I don't know how many are left so worth checking.

Action

AOCB

Fiona – Should we send out a P7 hoodie survey soon as the next meeting is quite late on.

Mrs LaCombre – Need to be careful with choice of name etc (GDPR)

Fiona – Is it okay if the hoodies arrive earlier than usual?

Mrs LaCombre – Yes so long as they know they can't wear them in class.

Lucy – How much are they?

Eabhna – We need to shop around for that.

Luciana – We can have forms out with sizes so can look during the sales etc.

Mrs LaCombre – You need to be careful with the sizing as they can sometimes be too big/small etc.

Lisa – We can try to get samples.

Mrs LaCombre – We check samples and ask parents to sign that they are happy with the name chosen etc.

Mr Kerlin – P7 numbers are 43 at the moment, so that you know your costs.

Eabhna closed the meeting and wished everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

The next meeting will take place on Tuesday 7th February at 6.30pm in the school. There will be a Zoom meeting on Monday 9th January and will be open to the Parent Forum.

Mrs LaCombre - thanks to everyone for their hard work over the years that she has been at St Angela's. I appreciate all your teamwork and it has been an honour and a privilege to have gone on this journey with you.

£300 cash was handed over for the hampers from the football top raffle, sale of the selection boxes and PC money in the safe.,

