

St Angela's Parent Council

Minutes of a Virtual Parent Council meeting on Tuesday 13th September 2022 after the AGM

Present –Olu, Mrs Isaac, Lucy, Lisa McCann, Paul McIlroy, Mrs Robertson, Mrs Thomson, Riffat, Jacqueline, Mrs Shaw, Mr Kerlin, Eabhnat, Judy Lee, Mrs LaCombre, Thomas

Meeting being recorded as no minute taker tonight.

Apologies – Teresa and Emma

Welcome everyone to our first PC meeting of the new session.

Olu shared agenda of this meeting on screen.

Mrs LaCombre opened the meeting with a prayer.

Treasurer's Report

See minutes of AGM.

Head Teachers Report

Mrs LaCombre – Thank you to all the parents who have come along tonight. It is great to work in partnership with the PC and we, as a staff, appreciate your voice in representing our whole Parent Forum.

Staffing – There have been a few changes. Annemarie Pollock has unfortunately now left us and moved to Strathclyde University to work. I would like to thank her for all of her wonderful work here at St Angela's and her work on sustainability in the school. She had a great partnership with Eabhnat and will be greatly missed. Robin McCaffrey has come in to replace her and will be working across the three small P1 classes. An opportunity has now arisen for the post of an Acting Principal Teacher within the school and two members of staff here tonight who are sharing that post – Mrs Shaw and Mrs Robertson. Need to look at dates for Lets as we have been asked to submit our dates from now until the end of the school session. This may be difficult just now as we do not have our new Office Bearers but we have to think now about dates for our Christmas Fayre, end of session events, meetings and our meet the teacher events as we can now have parents in. We need to think ahead. Do we decide this tonight or do we send in our school event dates and let them know that PC dates will follow once Office Bearers are appointed.

Olu – Anyone?

Eabhnat – I would love if meetings went back to in person meetings as it is more informal and good to see everyone. Also, St Pauls have voted to go back to in person meetings so will no longer be sharing the Zoom costs with us. This would mean our costs would double if we were to still have Zoom meetings.

Olu – So what will we do about the dates for the Lets?

Thomas – I would just keep them as the first Tuesday in every month as before. There are no reasons to change them.

Mrs LaCombre – That's fine. What do you want to do about any events that we are planning? Christmas Fayre etc.

Eabhnat – When do they want the dates in for?

Mrs LaCombre – As soon as possible but we can say that there are dates to follow.

Thomas – Usually the first one to come up is the Halloween disco.

Eabhnat – If that's going ahead that's right.

Olu – We would have to think about the Leavers events too as this is for the whole session.

Thomas – Are we having a Christmas Fayre this year?

Eabhnat – That was always a school event was it not?

Mrs LaCombre – No the PC have run it for the past few years.

Eabhnat – Oh yes, it's the Gala Day that the school run isn't it.

Mrs LaCombre – Yes.

Eabhnat – I think we need to leave it for the EGM.

Thomas – I agree. We need to elect Office Bearers first.

All – yes.

Mrs LaCombre – The Christmas Fayre will obviously take a lot of planning etc so we can wait until the EGM but will have to move on it as we usually have the Fayre on the last Saturday in November to free up December for family events.

The school photographer asking if we go for the formal or informal setting for the class photos. Should we be asking all parents? The last one we had was informal.

Thomas – Did we ask the parents the last time?

Mrs LaCombre – What we tried to do was rotate it. We asked parents a number of years ago and they suggested rotating as some like the formal and some the informal photos. Just putting it out there again.

Thomas – If it was informal last year then we should just rotate it.

Eabhnat – I agree.

Mrs LaCombre – Okay we will go for formal this year.

Our Standards and Quality report for parents is ready and will be emailed out shortly. We have a Quality Assurance visit on Thursday. We have a new QIO as Gillian Campbell Crown? has moved on to another area. We now have Sarah Richford who will be looking at all of our attainment figures and plans for this session. She will have a walk around the school and visit some of the classes.

We got a pre consultation message regarding a 5G mast. Don't know if any local residents have had one. I don't know enough about the health and safety aspects of these masts but the information was telling us that because ourselves and Darnley Primary were within 300 metres of it so they had to let us know. They plan to put it at the traffic lights at Nitshill Road. They were only informing us but we will let you know if a full consultation takes place.

Re the floods in Pakistan and with the demographic in our school, we were looking to have a "Come as you please day" next Thursday (22nd Sept). The children would come to school in their play clothes and we suggest a donation of £1 per child but that will be left up to the families to donate what they wish. This will be announced tomorrow and paid on ParentPay.

Thomas/Olu – Yep sounds like a good idea.

Mrs LaCombre – Okay. The playground draw money has been used to buy toys etc over the years. We have always kept some by and let it accumulate so we have a company called Compan looking at purchasing a smaller trim trail for us which will be situated just down from the existing trail at the edging of the playground. All being costed at the minute

The Crossing Patrol situation at the minute is that Alec is still off sick and Dougie, from the other crossing at Glen Orchy, has been moved to another post. We are waiting for his replacement having all their checks done, then they can start. Anytime I make enquiries I'm still being told there are 10 members of staff down in our area but there are two safe areas to cross- the traffic lights at Nitshill Road and the crossing patrol at Darnley Primary. Unfortunately, a lot of our parents don't use either of those ways and just cut across the traffic, ignoring all the signs. Just to clarify, the Car Free Zone now called Our School Street Law and is operational from 8.45am – 9.15am and 2.45pm – 3.30pm unless you are a local resident or a blue badge holder. So many of our parents are just ignoring it. We have had the opportunity of borrowing the Parking Buddies before and have been given them on a permanent basis. The only difficulty is that we need parent volunteers to come in and put them out in the morning and take back in after school. Have spoken to Olu about this

before and he was wondering if teachers could be a part of this. Unfortunately, the teachers are bringing their classes up to exit at this point and they need to be responsible for the children. The situation is not getting any better.

Lucy – Is there any way the P7's can work with an adult in the morning to put them out and take them in?

Mrs LaCombre – That would be a possibility but we would need parent volunteers. to be there with the children. Could maybe do this on a weekly basis.

Lucy - In a few weeks I will be working from home again on a Monday so I could possibly help. Could parents share the days of the week?

Mrs LaCombre – That could work if we had the parents.

Jacqueline – It's really bizarre that we have no school crossing patroller but, if you go further down the Nitshill Road, there are two that stand just under the railway bridge and two that stand at Peat Road together. Seems unfair that there are none at the roads that our children cross. Could they take one from each of those.

Mrs LaCombre – Standing side by side?

Jacqueline – Yes because it's a bit like the Nitshill Road where there are two roads to cross. There are two at each post every morning and every afternoon.

Eabhnat – One on each side of the dual carriageway.

Jacqueline – Yes, one on each side, but they usually stand at the same side and chat. So that's two lots within less than a mile of each other.

Mrs LaCombre – Okay I will take that back to them and see what they say. It's Fiona McLeod from Facilities and Catering Management that I have been dealing with.

Jacqueline – I know they are saying they are busy but if they have one on each side surely someone can come up to our side and help.

Mrs LaCombre. Okay. Well, that's the end of my report, thanks.

Olu – Thank you very much.

Communications

We need a new team to see what the focus will be. For the time being we can see that we need to focus on getting new members in and people to help out. Once we have all the Office bearers in, we can have a team to keep the comms going for the next school year. Any additions from anyone? No, okay.

Action

HWB and Sustainability

Eabhnat – I don't really have a report as we didn't have a meeting after the SALTIRE event. It was a wonderful event and we have had excellent feedback from the pupils, who are still talking about it and saying how much they loved it. It would be lovely to do something like that again. As we are going forward this year, I haven't been in a position to even think about what to do this year (just started a new job) and the sub group haven't mentioned anything yet so I don't know – we still have £500 to spend and happy to take suggestions on how to spend it.

Olu – Can we have a litter picking festival around the school. We did this last year and it went very well.

Eabhnat – On a Saturday morning again?

Olu – Yes

Eabhnat – Do you mean just the school grounds or around the local community?

Olu – Whichever works best for us. It was around the school and the local community. We worked alongside Darnley Primary with that one. We started at Darnley Primary, went round the school, down to Nitshill Road and turned back in to the other path.

Eabhnat – Was that Mary Louise who organised that? I wasn't there.

Olu – Yes it was Mary Louise. It's just a suggestion and something we can look at.

Eabhnat – Yes. Do you want to do it sooner rather than later?

Olu – We can look at the end of October, early November. So, in about 6 weeks or so.

Eabhnat – We have a few people missing tonight.

Olu – Hopefully at the EGM we will have more people in and can take it from there. When we share it on the WhatsApp group we hope to have more. We need to add Paul and Lucy to that tonight.

Eabhnat – Yes.

Olu – Any other suggestions or additions? No.

Action

Road Safety

Olu – We have heard from Mrs LaCombre about the situation with the school crossing patrollers and we are hopeful of getting someone soon. One thing I have said I will do is 3 weeks from now I should be able to start coming around to put out the buddies early in the morning and back again in the afternoon – Thursdays and Fridays only. Hopefully that will help – around 7th October. Has the community police officer been in touch? Is it still the same person?

Mrs LaCombre – I'm not sure as I've not had any contact yet.

Olu – Okay. Is there a way you can help us to find this out?

Mrs LaCombre – I can contact the ones that were in before the summer and they can update me on who it is.

Olu – Great. The reason why I'm asking is because of the vandalism that happened in the school and it would be good to get their ideas on how to move forward with that. I know there have been reports of issues in the area as well. Any questions? No. Can I ask why we are still using the different entrances for the pupils coming in to the school.

Mrs LaCombre – It's just for Health and Safety reasons. It makes more sense to keep the children spaced out.

Olu – Okay.

Mrs LaCombre – As you can understand and appreciate around Glen Morisson Road and Glen Orchy it is extremely busy. P5, P6 and P7 who don't have younger siblings, enter and exit at the back.

Olu – Okay. Some of us have been missing Mr Kerlin at the other end. I've not seen him.

Mrs LaCombre – Maybe I should have said that as part of the meeting, Mr Kerlin and Mrs Isaac have swapped some of their remits too. Mrs Isaac now has the Pastoral Care for nursery to P3 and Mr Kerlin is P4-P7, so he is now out the back. The plan is to rotate throughout the year so everyone gets a chance at each stage.

Olu – Thank you very much for that.

Action

Fundraising

Olu – Fundraising, Eabhnat will that be you. I know it was Mary Louise before but she is no longer here. That was the sub group I was trying to remember, the fundraising sub group.

Eabhnat – I wasn't part of that.

Olu – I know and I don't think we have anyone here who was part of it. In terms of fundraising we need more ideas on how to raise funds for the things we do. Yes, we do apply for funding, but it is also good to have ideas to raise funds to do things. Hopefully we will have a new team by the EGM and they can pick up and find ideas to bring everyone together. Fundraising is very important. We have decided that the PC will be responsible each year for the P7 hoodies and funds have to be raised to cover that cost. It is like a goodbye gift from ourselves. Just bear in mind that this will be done every year and we need funds. It's one of the big projects we have every year. New ideas for fundraising would be greatly appreciated.

Eabhnat – It's maybe something everyone can consider for the EGM so we have an idea what we might need over the coming year and make some decisions.

Olu – Yes. Any additions etc? No, okay we will move on.

Action

AOCB

Okay, any matters arising that we haven't touched on?

Eabhnat – The only other thing is Zoom. I'm not sure how much it costs but I don't think it is cheap. Are we going to take it on and incur the costs or are we going to go to in person meeting?

Thomas – I don't see the point in keeping it going if we are going to be meeting in person again. We would be well to cancel it as it's a cost we don't need to incur.

Olu – Yes, I was going to mention this. After tonight's recording I think we should cancel it.

Jacqueline – School lunches seem to be a bit of an issue with children ordering and following the procedures they have been asked to follow but then not getting what they have actually ordered. I'm just wondering how this can be rectified.

Mrs LaCombre – Was that just one day?

Jacqueline – No there have been a few occasions.

Mrs LaCombre – I'm only aware of one day.

Jacqueline – There was yesterday, then the week before.

Olu – It was the week before because my child experienced the same.

Jacqueline – The children seem to be coming out and they are just not getting what they want. That was the point of the pre ordering. The children are not getting what they want and other parents are telling us that the children are saying that the food is cold and very unpleasant.

Mrs LaCombre – There was a technical issue yesterday but the last class in still had 5 choices for their lunch. This was out with our control; it did not filter through to the catering side. That was a one off.

Jacqueline – It was pizza again so by the time our children got their lunch there were no pizzas left so they only had pasta. The girl who does the food supply said there shouldn't have been a problem as the children were pre ordering.

Mrs LaCombre – Yes there shouldn't have been an issue as the pizzas are made on the premises.

Jacqueline – Right. I know it shouldn't but there were quite a lot of children who had the same issue that day.

Mrs LaCombre – If parents do have an issue can they send me an email and I can forward it straight to the catering facilitator. I will certainly bring up that it was mentioned at this meeting but obviously the standard of food we don't have any say over. It's just what comes in. I can say that a few of the children have said that they don't enjoy the vegetable bake that comes in so we then have to go back to the dining staff and ask them what they have got as an extra (this is extra food that is put on to cover either latecomers or those who have an accident with their tray and need food replaced). We should not be running out of food.

Lucy – Quick question. Who is it that we can approach with regards to the choices as some days I feel that the choices are all so random, days when they are nice and some when they are all strange choices. There are days when everything is spicy (all tikka) and it doesn't seem to be as balanced as it could be. I know it comes from the council and not the school.

Mrs LaCombre -Yes, it's the same menu throughout the council. It is agreed in advance and runs for the year and only changes once during the year and operates on a 3 week cycle. They do things like a no meat Monday so some children know that there will be no meat that day. The hope is that parents will look at the menu so they know that there is something on that day that their child will enjoy. If any of these issues come up again regarding the choices please email us and we will bring it to the attention of the dining supervisor (ours is based at Cleaves Primary).

Thomas – The choices for the week are pre booked and supposed to be put in before 8am on the Monday but my child has said that some children are giving their choices to the teacher at 9am. If they are doing that will that get sent over to the catering staff at that time or does that factor in to why there may be issues with some children not getting what they ordered.

Mrs LaCombre – 9.30am is the cut off time so that won't be the case.

Mrs Isaac – Can I say that we rotate the upper school so maybe because we do this Mrs Broadhurst, that class may be affected, especially on pizza day and that's why it keeps happening. We can look into this and make sure they don't go last every time when it's that day.

Jacqueline – Thank you, that would make sense.

Mrs Isaac – There should always be enough food and some P1's often say they don't like something so we go up to see what else they can have and the catering staff have everything all counted and know what's available.

Thomas – Bring back caramel cake and custard lol.

Jacqueline – Hear, hear.

Olu – Anything else?

Thomas – Re fundraising. I got a tablet that I'm willing to give to the school to raffle and keep the money.

All – Thank you Thomas.

Eabhnat – Just going back to the Zoom. Do we have to vote on whether we are going back to in person meetings or have we just made that decision. I'm only asking for the formality of it because I know St Pauls voted and I want to keep things right.

Olu – Do we have enough parents here to do that or will we keep it for the EGM?

Jacqueline and Thomas -it would save another month's subscription if we did it now.

Olu – Just checking how much it costs. It's about £14 so can we keep it for 1 more month so that I can send the recording to Teresa for the minutes. I will email it and hope that she can access it.

Jacqueline – Will we pay more next month now that St Pauls aren't halving the cost?

Eabhnat – We were paying alternate months, not halving the cost.

Jaqueline – Okay

Olu – So how did they pay us as there is only one account?

Eabhnat – It came out of our account and St Pauls were paying us every second month as far as I'm aware.

Olu – Okay. All I can see is a zoom amount coming out every month that's why I'm asking. Okay we will cancel it next month. Anything else? No. Well thank you all for

attending and I hope you all have a lovely week. I will see you all on Friday when I pick the children up from school. Bye everyone.