

St Angela's Parent Council

Minutes of a Parent Council meeting on Tuesday 7th March 2023 at 6.30p.m.

Present –Mr Kerlin, Eabhnat, Jacqueline, Mrs Isaac, Aqsa, Fiona, Lucy, Thomas, Paul, Leeza and Teresa

Apologies – Emma, Nicola, Lisa, Luciana, Riffat, Melanie, Sophina and Selina.

Mr Kerlin started the meeting with a prayer.

Turkish Tragedy – 4 relatives of one of our families passed away. Mrs LaCombre's aunt passed away RIP

Mrs LaCombre passes on her thanks and appreciation for her retirement. She is currently enroute to Ireland as her aunty has passed away.

Minutes of the last meeting – All okay.

Head Teachers Report

Staffing – Met with Donnie McLeod (Head of Service) last week. Pastoral visit to see how the SLT are in St Angela's. Donnie is happy with the current situation and is happy to allow time for SLT to settle into their current rolls. No advert out for these jobs at the moment.

Mr McCourt – retiring in August. Mrs Farrell going on Maternity leave at Easter. Staffing meeting with local authority on 17th February to discuss any changes. Will keep everyone updated.

SIP – Family learning key focus on our improvement journey. Class newsletters have been published to all classes. Family learning calendar published. School would appreciate support from P.C with these events (Hospitality). The aim is to get the families in, having fun and working with their children. Sessions will take place in the gym hall and there are dates for all the classes.

Thursday 16th Feb – P1a, P1b and P1c – Katie Morag.

Friday 24th Feb – P7 and P7/6 – Ceilidh

Thursday 2nd Mar – P3a and P3b – The Egyptians

Thursday 9th Mar – P2a and P2b – STEM

Thursday 23rd Mar – P4 and P5/4 – STEM

Friday 24th – P6 and P6/5 – “Who wants to be a millionaire?” Topic Quiz

Tuesday 28th Mar – P5 – The Romans

Parents evening – Staff have decided on 16th March. 3:00 – 9:00. (Avoids clash with Ramadan) Staff allocated 5 hours in WTA. 10-minute appointments. New booking system will be used again. Some teachers may offer alternative times to offset the long evening if they have one of the larger classes.

Sacraments – Pupils received Sacrament of Confirmation last night. This was a lovely service.

8th March – Reconciliation in St Roberts at 7pm.

20th May – Communion in St Roberts 11:00am

Extra-Curricular Programme

School football team (P6 and P7) represented the school last night at the south west football festival.

Tues – Determined to Dance (P4-7) and upper school football 7:15pm.

Wednesday – P2 and P3 united sports programme.

Thursday – P1 United Sports Games

Friday P6/P7 – Netball (Miss McCaffery)

Met with Tom Buick from SAPC to increase offer of opportunities in community.

Darnley Partnerships

Met with Yvonne Adams on two occasions to increase opportunities for joined up working between schools.

Darnley would like to use our MUGA after school on a Monday or Wednesday for school football team.

Library and Meeting Room

The library has been upgraded thanks to donations from P.C, staff and parents.

These are greatly appreciated. We now have a meeting room and a library as we have reduced the photo copy room to one and are using the other one for meetings with agencies, parents etc. Work still to be done with Glasgow SLO for contents of library.

St Angela's Feast Day

Thanks for the sweets, crisps and drinks donations for both pupils and staff. Everyone had a lovely day.

Industrial Action

On 28th Feb and 1st March. EIS, Nasuwt and AHDS. Expected school closure

Residential for P7 next year

Booked for 27th Nov – 1st Dec at Ardentinnny. Cost is £277 per child without transport. School will subsidise and pay for buses (£1632). Cost per child will be capped at £250 and funding will be found to cover the extra costs. The school would like to put this information out as soon as possible to allow families to spread the cost. We are booked late Nov/early Dec as the costs are significantly cheaper.

Walking Bus

The Eco Committee are provisionally introducing a walking bus on 20th, 21st, 22nd March and 27th, 28th, 29th March. 8:20 in morning from skate park along the path to MUGA. Forms will be sent out to gauge numbers. This is the safer pathway to the school.

Saltire

Fruitful meeting last week, work underway with steering group and staff to engage further with outdoor learning and family engagement priorities.

iPads

iPads are due to be rolled out soon to every pupil. There are some issues with software updates on the current P5-P6 iPads.

Thomas – If a child has their own iPad at home will they still get one?

Mr Kerlin – Yes, as these iPads have all the necessary apps for school. This means P1-P4 will have more access to the shared iPads until there is a full rollout.

Bullying Workshops – Policy

Mrs Isaac and I went to an Anti-Bullying workshop yesterday. Pupils were there also so that their voices could be heard. PC and parental views are also needed. Date to be confirmed to have information session on bullying and the new policy and procedures on dealing with it

Parking

A number of incidents have occurred recently. I have passed these onto the road safety team. Police were out this morning as there were some altercations in Greenacres.

Response below

Good morning Aidan,

I have received your email through Holly regarding the parking/driving issues at St Angela's.

Myself and PC Smith are currently the community officers covering your area. I'm aware of the ongoing issues with parking and driving and try to give it as much attention as I can when out in the community.

I am looking to hopefully have a few days of action over the coming months relating to the traffic issues and will look to get other partner agencies on board.

I am working away from the office until Monday 20th February but will pop into the school when I am back and tie in with you.

If there are any issues or anything I can help with in the meantime please give me a shout!

Kind regards,

Hannah

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Treasurer Report

Balance at date of meeting - £3310.96 including Saltire money

Available funds £2700.45 after expenses (Feast Day, Mrs LaCombre gift, raffle etc).

£368.38 ParentPay money for playground raffle.

Another signatory is needed for the bank account as Caroline is no longer here and Mary Louise needs to be removed also.

Fiona – I could do that but I'm not available during the daytime.

Aqsa – I've not had to do much during the day. I just note everything down.

Fiona – Okay I can do that.

Eabhnaid – Thank you both.

ParentPay errors – don't have the school bank details but can send money back with sort code and account number.

Mr Kerlin – I'll get that over to you. Apologies for the error.

Health, Wellbeing & Sustainability

FUNDS

Balance of SALTIRE funds in account £596

Funding update:

GCC Let's Grow Together Fund £5000 for food growing: unsuccessful

GCC Wellbeing Fund £10,000 for a Parent/Carer Wellbeing programme session 2023/2024 – to be announced in March

Planning to apply for a small amount – up to £500 max for SALTIRE Celebration & Steering Group workshop.

SCOTMID COOP Community Connect Funding application.

The Steering Group are full of great ideas.

ACTIVITIES

30.01.23 - Met with Mr Kerlin & Mrs Shaw, who will be our staff liaison for the project.

07.02.23 – Steering Group Meeting – reps P4-P7 – walkaround – introduction & ideas, Aqsa and new P4 reps joined us.

10.02.23 – Staff Meeting to discuss project

21.02.23 – Project start, fortnightly Steering Group meetings & class activities on Tuesdays.

06.02.23 – Band booked, Operation Play Outdoors have pencilled it in to their diary, funding dependant, SAPC on board. Maybe call it the Darnley Festival as SPAC are having a sporting event on the Saturday before.

Project Priorities:

With pupils:

- Bark in Sensory Garden, Willow, path to Faerie Ring, Mud Kitchen
- Maintenance, weeding & replanting (where needed) of existing beds
- Wildflower Meadow & Wildlife Garden
- Wooden signs in all areas
- Paint furniture in mud kitchen & bus
- Sunshine Room clear out, lights & stock

Adults:

- Prune top of Willow

- Apply for sapling trees to replace trees mowed over by grounds maintenance
- Power wash & repair / replace furniture in mud kitchen & bus
- Loose parts play, den building & mud kitchen equipment. Get another donation drive going for this.

Continuity:

Wei Ling, Tahira & Eabhnaht are P7 parents/carers and if unsuccessful in our Wellbeing Fund application, will be stepping back from the project in June. Need to involve more adult volunteers and create a continuity plan.

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P7 Sub Committee

Mr Kerlin – Sample hoodies are here. Happy for the pupils to choose their own sizes but don't know how the parents will feel about that.

Mrs Isaac – We can give a form home with the size and they can order online.

Mr Kerlin – Do we need parental say for what goes on them?

Eabhnaht – Yes, we do.

Mr Kerlin – We'll send a form home so parents can approve the name.

Lucy – Can they not just have their initials?

All – Better with the name on the back and something on the sleeve.

Lucy – Parents can choose.

Mrs Isaac – We only had names on back last year due to costs.

Lucy – Maybe just keep it that way.

Eabhnaht – Luciana will be in next Friday to speak to the P7's. Spring Fling disco all in hand.

Mr Kerlin – I'll speak to Luciana tomorrow and we can get moving on this.

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PC Housekeeping

Staff Reps Mr Kerlin and Mrs Isaac. We can also have a co-opted 3rd member.

Mr Kerlin – Mrs Isaac also represents the nursery. Reps are Mr Kerlin, Mrs Isaac, Lisa and Amanda.

Eabhnat – I nominate Lisa as a co-opted member.

Jacqueline – I second that nomination.

Bus Pass

Mrs LaCombre thought that the free bus passes could be used for class trips etc. The problem may be that there is not enough room on the bus for all pupils. Can the PC also be available to help support parents to get the bus passes. More for ASL families and those with connectivity issues. Can anyone help with this?

Mrs Isaac – We could put the link on SeeSaw.

Fiona – Post it up and we can find out how many need help.

Jacqueline – Good idea.

Eabhnat – Hope to get everyone sorted for the summer so they can be used over the holidays and for starting High School.

Mr Kerlin – Fiona can you send me the link.

Eabhnat – Are we happy to signpost to the PC?

Fiona – Photo ID is needed and I needed to get my own verification to process things. Seems to be easier now.

Eabhnat – Paul are you interested?

Paul – I can only do a Friday afternoon if that's okay.

Mr Kerlin – We will know from the link how many need help.

Fiona – Can we use the computer suite?

Mr Kerlin – The computer suite is not the same as before as the PC's are no longer working as we are using iPads. Can't download apps on to the iPads as they belong to GCC.

Eabhnat – Can they do it on a personal device?

Mr Kerlin – Yes.

Fiona – We can use a Friday afternoon to help those who are unsure.

Jacqueline – We could have a step-by-step guide.

Mr Kerlin – Could do something on Parent's night if there is a need.

Lucy – I used the Parent Portal and it was really easy.

Mr Kerlin – Yes, if you are signed up for that it is much easier.

Mrs Isaac – Some people think that's the same as ParentPay.

Eabhnaid – Okay, send out the link etc.

PC Presence

Parent's night and P1 enrolment. Do we have enough people to run a stall, give out flyers etc and get us noticed?

Fiona – Can we make the stall more informative i.e., local clubs, free events during summer holidays etc.

Eabhnaid – Sounds good. Who can do this?

Fiona – I can try my best.

Lucy – I can help if we are doing tea/coffee etc. Is there room?

Mr Kerlin – The ICT suite might be available, or the library space.

Eabhnaid – Can we put this on. Is anyone available?

Mr Kerlin – We also have a recruitment and training session on 20th February at 6p.m. on Zoom if anyone is interested.

Eabhnaid – I'll put it on the chat and make a plan re tea/coffee. Will put on agenda.

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GCPG Letter

Letter emailed out. Very concerned about the proposed cuts and how these will affect the most vulnerable in the city. The letter template has been put together for all to sign and send on. This can be done collectively or individually.

Any thoughts on what we can add in that's specific to St Angela's?

Jacqueline – Have they taken away free lunches altogether?

Eabhnat – Not sure. I thought it was just the holiday programme. I'm happy to print this letter and sign on behalf of the PC. We can also send our own.

Mr Kerlin – We are massively concerned that talk of ESL being cut, dyslexia service stopping, swimming lessons for P6 being cut etc.

Eabhnat – These are so important to the children, especially the swimming lessons as these are life lessons.

Jacqueline – GCC offer a 5 block of lessons for £25 during the summer and we have used this.

Mrs Isaac – Swimming is free during the summer also.

Mr Kerlin – St Angela's are extremely underfunded by PEF. We are at a lower level to other local primary schools. We have no buffer in terms of PEF and, if our core budget is affected, this will impact everything – staffing, what's available etc.

Eabhnat – I've seen it from working in other schools.

Fiona – We are already disadvantaged as we can't bring in a lot of the services the other local schools have.

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Road Safety

Have discussed this continually. What can we actually do and can anyone step forward to help.

Thomas – Down south they take photos of the driver and fine them. Is the school still a car free zone? Things will only change if fines are issued.

Mr Kerlin – Spoke to police about that this morning and they wanted to give out warnings instead., but this doesn't work. The problem has now moved to Greenacres.

Jacqueline – Why can't they just park at Sainsburys.

Mr Kerlin – Our staff are being verbally abused as they are trying to keep the children safe. Action is needed. The Road Safety group in the school are keen to go

but it's not children who drive cars! We also have to maintain good relationships with the parents/carers.

Lucy – What about those parents who just stop in the middle of the road and let their children out.

Jacqueline – A car parks on the pavement at the Main Road to let their child out.

Mr Kerlin – They know it's wrong and someone is going to get seriously hurt.

Eabhna – Emma and Tricia were on the road safety committee.

Mr Kerlin – I like the Parking buddies but not sure what impact they have. We don't want to put anyone in danger when taking them out and bringing them in.

Eabhna – Another school has a "pedestrianised" street for 45 minutes. We could do that in the street if we chose to.

Paul – Can we ask for stickers for those who actually stay on that street and they can display them. No sticker, no entry.

Mr Kerlin – They should have them already.

Thomas – Why do they have to park so close to the school when they can use McDonalds or Sainsburys.

Fiona – Do people who regulate the Car Free Zones monitor this as I know of only one school where this is working. They only have 1 street in and out.

Mrs Isaac – They should have done both streets here as one leads to the other.

Mr Kerlin – Local problem-solving team (Hannah). I have asked to meet them at 9a.m. and 3p.m. as we need to talk about the bus stop at the school as that's also a hazard.

Mrs Isaac – That bus stop causes all sorts of issues.

Mr Kerlin – I want a team round the table to deal with this. There are people in the authority who put these things in place but don't monitor them and don't know what's involved. The children shouldn't have to deal with this as they are here to learn.

Eabhna – We will email out about this too.

Thomas – Put it on SeeSaw that fines have been issued. This may stop some parents.

Aqsa – If school can't do this then we can as a PC.

Mr Kerlin – Junior road safety officers are coming up with posters, flyers etc.

Eabhnat – We can't put flyers on cars now as it is classed as littering. Can the flyers etc say that parking is available at Sainsburys and McDonalds?

Lucy – Can the children put a video out on SeeSaw about this?

Mr Kerlin – Yes, I'll speak to the committee about this.

Eabhnat – Will put actions in place and update.

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Fundraising

Do we want to have a focussed fundraising page over and above our normal stuff? A few years ago we set up a target of £1000 for the Sunshine Room etc, and we realised that. Do we want to do this again? What would it be for? We need to be mindful of how we word it (cost of living etc). Doing it through Parent Pay takes the burden off parents if they can't/don't have the means to do this.

Lucy – Easter raffle might be good again.

Aqsa – Can we have a children sponsored read?

Eabhnat – Sounds good but may put pressure on families to get sponsors.

Jacqueline – Pyjama Day?

Eabhnat – Again, if on ParentPay no one needs to know.

Mr Kerlin – The issues with ParentPay won't happen again.

Lucy – I'd like to pay for the whole year but it won't let me. Have to do it one at a time.

Eabhnat – Some parents in St Paul's had errors and were charged extra so niggles do happen. Lucy are you happy to organise again?

Lucy – Yes. We can do the draw on Wednesday 29th March so prizes can be picked up before the Easter holidays. How many prizes?

Jacqueline – Can get good things from B & M cheaply.

Lucy – How much will we spend? Can I contact local businesses etc?

Thomas – I'll donate £100 towards the prizes.

Eabhnat – That should cover all the costs. Thank you Thomas. What about the targeted fundraiser?

Thomas – How about the P7 trip?

Eabhnat – We already spend a lot on P7 so we want to include the whole school.

Lucy – What about SALTIRE? Do we know of anyone struggling financially that we could help?

Mr Kerlin – Sometimes we target specific groups. Parents will be invited in to the school and we would like the PC to help fund that with money for resources, tea/coffee etc. Every child will have a family learning day and it's good for getting to know each other. Would be nice to have something for the parents/carers. Could the PC help set up a hospitality fund that the school can dip in to.

Fiona – We can say the fund is for Parental engagement as it was part of the SIP.

Eabhnat – That would be very beneficial to all.

Mr Kerlin – We are told to get the families in to interact with their children and have fun.

Eabhnat – People may not want to come in for organised events but will feel more comfortable in a relaxed, informal environment.

Mr Kerlin – All these events start at 2p.m. so we can have everything set up for them.

Eabhnat – What is a realistic target then?

Mr Kerlin – We have 7 events so is £50 per event enough?

Lucy – Will we provide everything?

Eabhnat – Yes. Melanie can get it at a good price from Costco if we give enough notice.

Lucy – Target £500?

Mr Kerlin – That sounds good.

Eabhnat - £50 per event and a little extra for anything else.

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None

Eabhnaí closed the meeting.

The next meeting will take place in St Angela's Primary on Tuesday 7th March at 6.30p.m.

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