

St Angela's Parent Council

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

Present –Mr Kerlin, Eabhna, Nicola, Luciana, Emma, Lucy, Paul, Fiona, Mrs Thompson, Selina and Teresa

Apologies – Jacqueline, Lisa M, Melanie, Sophina, Aqsa, Thomas and Lisa.

Our EAL teacher is unwell in hospital. Please keep in your prayers.

Mr Kerlin started the meeting with a prayer.

Minutes of the last meeting – All okay

Treasurer's Report

Balance - £2872.44 (less SALTIRE money).

£136.88 raised from Easter Raffle so far.

Future costs – voucher for Santa, Spring Fling, Parental Engagement.

The Parental Engagement will start with a £50 budget for the first, then £30 budget after that.

Lucy will take photos of the Easter Raffle baskets when they are all made up.

Head Teachers Report

Staffing

Staffing meeting with GCC. Due to receive 5.9 teachers. Hoping to receive 7 teachers for this due to 2 probationers

SIP

L&T – CEP – ongoing

Global citizenship – RRS award, SALTIRE, Outdoor Learning

HWB – Pupil HWB – PATHS, Relationship Policy,

Staff HWB – in-service day.

Place2Be training.

Family learning – Lots of workshops at the moment.

Family Sports day – Active schools want a family sports event outside. At the moment we have a clash of dates.

Transitions

P7 – S1 – ongoing. Mr Yuill visited. Departments visiting at present.

Nursery – P1 – Visits to Nursery starting after Easter. Transition programme to be created

Faith

Sacraments. Reconciliation (St Roberts 8th March 7:00pm, Communion – St Roberts 20th May 11:00, Sacramental Mass (Date – 23rd May)

Parents evening – 16th March (and 14th March) – 80% booked so far. The school will contact those who have not responded. Book fair will be there. Role of parent council on agenda.

SCIAF - Turkey / Syria – Raised over £1000, SCIAF in school on 15th March.

Maintenance - On GCC agenda to change the boiler so not sure if/when it will get fixed or replaced.

Celebration cafe and wider achievement assemblies – The Café has gone down well with pupils and staff. The focus is on recognising the pupils' efforts in and outside of school.

iPad roll out all P5-7. 6 iPads in each class Nursery – P4. Classes can borrow from other classes if more are needed.

Darnley football team – use of MUGA after school on a Friday.

Dates - Sacramental Mass and Parent council swap. To allow for family sports evening?

Road Safety week – 14th – 16th March. Will meet with the children and show them speed guns etc. Problem solving team coming to area.

Meeting Thursday 20th at 2:30pm

Ardentinny - visit info 21st March 6:00 – Teams. In school or at home. Will put out a letter of communication

Paternity – 25th April for 10 Days. SLT will be in the school and I can be available if absolutely necessary.

Action

Health, Wellbeing & Sustainability

Funding:

- Wellbeing Fund £9,800 for adult wellbeing workshops & SALTIRE
- Area Partnership Funding £480
 - marshmallows
 - Steering Group workshop – 4th April
- SPAR Community Fund – allotment – 2nd May

- Potato Fund Potato growing kit
- Tree Appeal 70 trees – successful – arriving within the month
- 4 fruit trees
- Edina Trust Science grant, £700
 - Requested:
 - 4 x playground planters
 - Other resources tbc
- 2 ceiling lights installed
- Applying for Cairngorms Park Travel Grant Scheme up to £200. Supports schools and voluntary groups making educational visits to the Cairngorms National Park.

SALTIRE

Updated infographic

Work started & timetabled for classes

Steering Group

- First 2 meetings
- Intergenerational Workshop 17th April empowerment & imagining our ideal playground / green space
- Spend agreed for lights, poster printing & raffle ticket printing

Applying:

Points of Action:

- Power washing mud kitchen furniture – Luciana will speak to the local Tool Station and B&Q to see if they can help for free.
- Fixing mud kitchen furniture – Eabhnat will speak to Thomas re some repairs. Lucy has a kitchen that can be used also.
- Clear & organise Sunshine Room
- Loose parts / den building collection – Luciana can do a Friday, Eabhnat and Lucy can do a Monday. Collection will start w/b 27th March and will be at both gates. Paul has some cable rolls etc at work he can bring. Eabhnat will send out a flyer.
- Waterproofs collection?
- Waterproof & wellie storage?
- P1 adventure play area – What can we do there? Can we put in another Area Partnership application for funding? The P1 playground is well used but needs spruced up a bit. Applications can go in Term 4 or early next school year.

Action

P7 Sub Committee

Luciana – Hoodies are all sorted and email has been sent for a final price. Invoice and hoodies should be here soon. The school can decide when they can go out.

Spring Fling is on 25TH April. Currently sorting the jobs and getting letters out. How much should the tickets be? They were £2 last year so do we go for £2.50 and £3 per family?

All- yes.

Emma – Make sure they know that it's only the children that are allowed, not the adults.

Times – P1-P3 5.45pm – 7.00pm P4-P7 7.15pm – 8.30pm

We can sell glow sticks, have a tuck shop etc. Will put on chat for discussion. Will need money for supplies.

Emma – The ticket usually includes juice and crisps for the children.

Eabhna – If we are including a snack, we should charge £3 per ticket and £5 per family, the same as the Autumn Disco.

Luciana – Is there an opportunity to hold another P7 fundraising event like a Talent Show?

Mr Kerlin and Mrs Thompson – We have talked about this before.

Luciana – People can pay to come and see the show and maybe include a quiz night. This will help them to raise more funds, it can be after the Spring Fling.

Nicola – You would need P7's to be able to run it.

Emma – Will it be open to all the children?

Luciana – We can talk about that.

Emma – Do the parents know about having another event that their child may be needed to volunteer at?

Mr Kerlin – I think a quiz would be a good idea and more easily managed. Can be more of a family event and get everyone involved.

Luciana – Sounds good. We can get the P7's to organise it, set the questions etc.

Mr Kerlin – A date is going to be very tricky as we are busy most Tuesday evenings.

Luciana – We can look at a LET for another night if needed.

Mr Kerlin – We will be looking at dates later in this meeting.

Leavers Disco – Do we need to send letters to the neighbours re this event?

Eabhnaid – Only if it is an outside event. We discussed this before and I thought we were doing it again. It has a lot of advantages for the children.

Luciana – We can look at this nearer the time. What do the children eat etc?

Emma – There is a P7 committee which helps the children decide what they want as their theme, food etc.

Eabhnaid – The hall can be used for eating.

Emma – The children need to be guided as to what they can and cannot have. They sometimes expect a little too much. We used Subway and McDonalds last year. They also had a candy cart, slushy machine etc.

A P7 parent gave us a good discount on take away last year.

Luciana – How many children do we have for this?

Mr Kerlin – 42.

Luciana – How many are in the committee?

Mr Kerlin – 4.

Lucy – What date is the Leavers Disco?

Mr Kerlin – 16th June.

Emma – Eabhnaid and Fiona can't be there as they are P7 parents.

Luciana – Need submissions for photos.

Lucy – Who did the video last year?

Fiona – I've done it before.

Luciana – I'll do that this year as Fiona is a P7 parent. When do I ask parents for pictures?

Emma – As soon as possible. Only ask for about 3 pictures as some send loads and others very few.

Lucy – Do we have any P7's who can't have photos?

Mr Kerlin – There are about 3 but this could be just because the form hasn't been returned.

Luciana – Will send out a google form as a reminder for this.

Eabhna – Thank you Luciana, that's a lot of work. I'll put date in the chat re quiz night.

Action

PC Housekeeping

One parent was looking for information re the bus pass. I have thanked her and said we will get back to her as soon as we can to give her a time with Paul or Lucy.

Paul – I'm available on a Friday after 2pm.

Lucy – I can do a Monday morning.

Eabhna – Thanks, I will see what suits her best.

Sent back GCPG letter and got a reply from Susan Aitken. This was a generic reply sent to all. Nothing else came. Do you want me to do anything more?

Mr Kerlin – All Head Teachers have been called for a meeting to discuss the proposed cuts. The St Bernard's Head Teacher went as a representative for the local primary schools. Not heard anything back as yet. These schools have a bigger PEF allocation than us so not sure how things will work.

Eabhna – We've covered the Easter raffle.

Mr Kerlin – Calendar – Sacramental Mass needs to happen after 20th May. 23rd May is the Family Sports Evening. Can we put the PC meeting on 23rd May and the Sacramental Mass on the 30th May? The sports evening can still go on outside.

Mrs Thompson – Mass will be in the school.

Mr Kerlin – The SAPC event on 3rd May will have a football event. Monday 22nd May is Health Week so that's why the family sports event is on Tuesday 23rd.

Emma - When is the Leavers Mass?

Mr Kerlin – Tuesday 13th June.

Emma – We usually provide tea/coffee etc for that.

Eabhna – Tuesday 6th June is the SALTIRE Celebration.

Mr Kerlin – We have the 9th or 16th May free for the quiz.

Eabhna – That's 2 weeks after the Spring Fling, 2 weeks before the sports event and then 2 weeks until SALTIRE.

Nicola – We can't help this if we want to fit it in.

Lucy – Do we have upper and lower school quizzes?

Eabhna – No, we just do one. Will pencil in for Tuesday 9th May and see if we get volunteers.

There is a free first aid course available for PC members if anyone is interested. Only a few spaces left.

16th March Parents Evening 3.30pm – 9.00p.m. What can we do to advertise ourselves? Leave flyers on teachers desks, have a stand so we can chat to parents/carers?

Fiona – Tracy at St Paul's Family Partnership made flyers with QR codes showing information on local clubs, apps that parents can use etc. I'll ask her if she can share it with me.

Eabhna – That would be great as its next Thursday. We could have a wee café in the ICT suite with the flyers and a chat.

Emma – May struggle with manpower.

Eabhna – So we will just give out leaflets?

Fiona – What about an unmanned stall?

Emma – Can teachers give them out? Might be better organised for November for new parents.

Lucy – What about something at the Spring Fling to say this was organised by the PC and the children.

Eabhna – Do we have an unmanned stall, tea/coffee or ask teachers? I'm willing to give my evening to the café idea. If anyone else is available we can make a timetable. I'll put on the chat.

Lucy – I'll get the supplies again.

Mr Kerlin – We will be about on the night if more supplies are needed.

Action

Relationship Policy

Mr Kerlin shared a copy of the new Relationship Policy. It has been shared with the staff already. The policy uses a restorative approach which ties in with the school Vision, Values, Aims and the Celebration Café. Always using positive language and the good things that have happened.

Staff have a step-by-step script that they use with the child/children. Consequences have to be linked to the behaviour.

The policy will be shared with the children soon. The flyer has a QR code where full details of the policy can be accessed. This will allow parents/carers to view it in their own time.

Emma – Is this a strategy or a model that other schools are using?

Mr Kerlin – We've been using it in the background for quite a while but feel it is now time to get it out there. We have had training in this.

Eabhnat – Will be good for any new staff coming in.

Mrs Thompson – Keeps consistency within the school and among the staff.

Eabhnat – Is this the final version?

Mr Kerlin – It doesn't need to be.

Eabhnat – The font is not the best on the flyer.

Mr Kerlin – I agree and we aim to change that as it is not published yet. I'll send out a final draft when we have changed the font.

Action

Ardentinny

Eabhnat – Is the cost about £2000 for buses etc?

Mrs Thompson – No, it will be about £1400 for boat and transport.

Mr Kerlin – Last year it was £200 per child but this time it's £250. This doesn't include the cost of the buses. We can apply for grants to help.

Nicola – What about Lockerbie?

Mr Kerlin – That was more expensive. We only have 3 children who are not going so far.

Eabhnat – Can we help with the costs? This is above and beyond our normal fundraising but we appreciate that costs are so high as only certain companies can be used for the buses. Also, insurance costs have gone up along with everything else.

Emma – Is there another grant we can apply for?

Eabhnat – I don't know of any.

Mr Kerlin – We can wait until August before we have to book the bus.

Emma – Could we give over money made from the Christmas Fayre/Halloween Disco etc?

Eabhnat – We have set things that we pay for (hoodies, sacraments etc) so we need to be mindful of that.

Mr Kerlin – We may not always need help with the buses so we don't want you to feel that you need to do this every year.

Fiona – Maybe we could have a plant sale at the SALTIRE event.

Lucy – We can ask B & Q for seeds.

Eabhnat – I wouldn't be too keen on that but we can discuss at a later meeting.

Action

AOCB

None

Eabhnat thanked everyone and closed the meeting.

The next meeting will take place in St Angela's Primary on Tuesday 2nd May at 6.30p.m.

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