

St Angela's Parent Council

Minutes of a Parent Council meeting on Tuesday 3rd October 2023 at 6.30p.m.

Present – Samina, Eabhnat, Lucy, Mr Kerlin, Lisa, Mrs Thompson, Emma, Thomas, Mo, Selina, Paul, Aqsa, Fiona and Teresa

Apologies – Jacqueline, Luciana, Nicola and Lisa M.

Mr Kerlin opened the meeting with a prayer.

Minutes of the last meeting – All okay

Parents Night on 7th November also a PC meeting night – moved to Wednesday 1st November.

29th February 2024 meeting moved to 5th March 2024.

Treasurer's Report

Total money - £11,748.34

SALTIRE money £9125.17

PC money - £2623.17 - £544.06 (P7 Prom) = £2079.11

Money out - £583.87 P7 prom

Let for today £21.35

Money in GCC £400 Drill raffle £332.67

Had audit with Tracy – ongoing

Made a WhatsApp group for all the receipts to keep them in one place.

Action

Head Teachers Report

Staffing – PEF allocation £47,000. Used for ½ SFL Teacher and ½ on EAL Staff. Been quite positive so far. Mrs Douglas will be off long term – Mrs Cassidy taking on extra day. Ann Gillies (Nursery) off long term. New SFL staff member for nursery to help with lunches etc - hopefully soon. There are 2½ clerical staff here but this will be getting cut from 91 hours to 70 hours and will have an impact on the running of the school and the staff involved. We are looking for more clarity on this.

Events – Open afternoon on 1st September had a great turnout. Class newsletters are out now. The photographer from the Glasgow Times will be in to take P1 photos. Playground Draw - £164 and the winner was from P6. Rag Bag collection this month. Day of Action on 30th September was a success. Thanks to all the families who gave up their time to help out. It was a very productive day. All unsafe playground equipment has been removed. Hoping to do this more regularly.

Building – P1 playground has been closed the last week as there are concerns over the safety of the canopy. Repairs have been carried out and Health and Safety have said it can open again. Long term, it may have to go.

Communication – Class newsletter out. We try our best to keep everyone informed.

Learning and Teaching – Standards and Quality Report emailed out last week. SIP emailed out (posters shown to PC members).

Parents Night – Will be 7th November for all except P6a which has to be split over Tuesday. We need to make sure families are together on Parents Night. Online booking system being used.

Extra-Curricular Activities- Trying to look after the needs in ALL classes. We will be keeping an overview of who is and isn't attending.

Moderation – Working with Darnley Primary for maths. Hoping to have a better relationship and work more closely together.

Industrial Action – A lot of work was undertaken on the SIP during this time. Looked at anti bullying training, inclusion and self-evaluation of school.

Inclusion – Want to create a committee with parents – Culture Committee – so we can become more fully aware of the different cultures within the school and their needs e.g. Swimming session – all boys, all girls or mixed sessions. We need to be more culture responsive.

Pupil Committees – ongoing and we are now meeting to discuss these.

Panto – Langside College is £6 per pupil to attend plus the cost of buses. There will be a management meeting tomorrow to discuss how we manage this bearing in mind the cost of the school day. Would probably be around £5000 in total to take the whole school (400 pupils). Looking at Pay It Forward as a means of achieving this. Would like to limit the cost to £5 per child and less for families.

Emma – What about using Christmas Fayre money?

Eabhnat – Discussion needs to take place on how to spend the money as we have already talked about doing something outdoors.

Aqsa – Pay It Forward amount could be optional.

Mrs Thompson – We had a show up at the Community Centre years ago and we could share the cost with Darnley Primary.

Emma – It's Glasgow Life that own this.

Mr Kerlin – Do they come during the school day?

Emma – We can ask.

Lucy – Need to check if the Community Centre is free during the day.

Fiona – Can we walk them to Eastwood Theatre?

Mrs Thompson – I think they are a bit expensive.

Lucy – I'm not sure if that's only at night.

Eabhnaid – If we have one of the ones that come to the school then the children don't get that theatre experience.

Fiona – What about a Christmas movie at Silverburn. They might do that.

Mr Kerlin – The fundraiser for Ayr Beach was a success we could maybe try something like that.

Eabhnaid – Can we ask the McAnespie fund for money for specific families?

Mrs Thompson – We've asked for money for Ardentinny but have been unsuccessful.

Lucy – If we make the cinema trip a PC event then we can get buses from any company we want.

Mr Kerlin – We want to try everything to get the children to the panto. From 5th – 15th December it's Pinocchio.

Paul – Try getting the bus to do 2 trips in the one day.

Thomas – This might work out cheaper.

Lucy – Does the show times allow for this?

Mr Kerlin – It's at 10am and 1.15pm.

Mrs Thompson – Would probably need to be morning only for school timings.

Mr Kerlin – We can think about it but we need to move quickly.

Lucy – I'll phone some bus companies and get prices.

Mrs Thompson – **Family Engagement and Learning** questionnaire QR Code given out to PC members to scan and look at. Hoping to have parents coming in to help other parents as we have a wide variety of cultures etc. Looking for families to share their skills etc as we want to get more parents in the door. Look at the questionnaire and tell us what you think.

Mr Kerlin – We want parents to tell us what they want and how we can help them.

Mrs Thompson – What do you think so far? It can be read out if someone is struggling (audible button).

The PC members gave their views to the group.

Mr Kerlin – We are getting families in but we are not targeting. They come to see the class but we need to engage more with them and let them know we are here to help.

Road Safety – The children are still running out on to the road. We cannot have a staff member there all the time. Mrs Thompson is at the back gate and doing what she can. She also goes to the back corner when she can but was on a course today so not there.

Mr Kerlin – It's difficult because it falls under parental responsibility and we are limited in what we can do once the children leave the school grounds. I can communicate out as much as possible but there's only so much we can do and then it's down to parents. The lights take a long time to change and this doesn't help matters.

Mrs Thompson – I will keep saying this at assemblies and reinforce it.

Emma – I'm hoping to put high vis on as a PC member and show others that we are concerned and doing something. Might also make the children think. I would need my boys to wait in the office in order for me to do this.

Mr Kerlin – That would be fine.

Mrs Thompson – I try to be there as often as possible.

Emma – I'm happy to approach parents and speak to them about this. I will do it for a trial period. I can do 2 days a week before the October Break.

Mr Kerlin – Don't leave yourself in a position either.

Mo – Can we get the police to come and speak at assembly?

Mr Kerlin – They were in at the beginning of the year but happy to ask them to come out again. JRSO Committee can look at this. The first meeting was last week. I'll put you in contact with them Emma.

Lucy – Concerns also about the stairs. I think it's because parents stand there to chat and no-one can see their child/children come out. Parents are trying to get up the stairs for their children and others are trying to go down them.

Mr Kerlin – It's already a one way but parents are not adhering to this. They are congesting the area and we have to look at this.

Lucy – Not sure what we can do about this as a PC as the school are already doing all they can.

Emma – Maybe another email out to say that teacher will dismiss child, parent will not take child.

Thomas – It's because they want out of the car park to avoid the congestion.

Mr Kerlin – I would prefer the PC to communicate something out as it seems to be a parental problem and would be better coming from other parents.

Sabina – It's a safety issue also if the teacher doesn't see who is taking the child because everyone is coming forward.

Lucy – We will put something out.

Action

HWB and Sustainability

SALTIRE pupil work started on 12th September but has been disrupted by strike action.

First adult well-being workshop arranged for 24th October- Climate Resilient Communities

Final adult workshop calendar to be confirmed in next few weeks.

Autumn – Clothes Repair, Willow pruning and repair, yoga, meditation etc.

Winter – Woodwork, yoga etc, singing/art.

Spring – Planting – growing food, foraging, juicing, yoga etc.

Summer – Growing food and harvesting, herbal health, celebration.

Each season will include a Climate Resilience Workshop to develop a long term plan for our community.

Next pupil session is 10th October – planting bulbs.

Wellbeing Fund – apply for next round to continue the project.

Volunteers needed Monday 9th October at 11.30am – request out by email.

Ranger will be out on Monday to help dig holes so looking for helpers.

Celebration of adults who have helped.

P1 Nursery Plan – Met with Kerry from Sowing Seeds. Microsoft form put out. The idea is to pull together a poster/plan for nursery/P1 to apply for funding etc. Send the plan to Sowing Seeds to cost up and then apply to Area Partnership Fund again. If we can say some funding is coming from other areas then this will increase our chances of success.

Survey can go out again and Lisa (Nursery) can put it out on SeeSaw too. Anything related to the grounds will be on a Tuesday morning but yoga/singing/art etc can be on a Tuesday evening.

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Fundraising

Need to set up a sub-committee. Luciana working on posters and they'll need to go out.

Emma – We don't decorate the hall as we don't focus on Halloween.

Lucy – We'll get that sorted. Ticket prices £3 each and £5 per family. – All agreed – We can do our own music to save money. Fiona did a playlist last time so she might still have that.

Emma – Dress up?

Lucy – Can be fancy/formal or costume. We will need PC members to staff it.

Aqsa – Can we pay on ParentPay?

Lucy – Yes, we can.

Emma – Now that we pay for the Lets it doesn't have to be a Tuesday.

Aqsa – Can we do a Friday as there will be no school the next day.

Mr Kerlin – Friday 27th November is closer to Halloween. We might not be able to change the Let as it is quite close to the date.

Lucy – Does Friday work for everyone?

All – Yes, that's fine.

Paul – What are the times?

P1-P3 5.45pm – 7.00pm

P4-P7 7.15pm – 8.30pm

Lucy – Snack was water/juice, crisps and a freddo bar. I have a Cosco card I can use.

Emma – We have a P1 parent who would like to donate so I'll try to contact her first.

Lucy – Let me know what she is giving and I'll go to Costco if needed. I'll get Luciana to change the date on the poster.

Lisa – There was a quiet area also so we can print off some colouring sheets etc.

Lucy – I'll ask Fiona to do the Pumpkin Competition again. Who will put the Let in?

Eabhnat – It's all in the g-drive. I'll put that in because the others are already in.

Aqsa – Re June meeting, there's another event on that day (SALTIRE).

Mr Kerlin – It's Tom Buick from SAPC. We can cancel that night and have it for the SALTIRE event.

Eabhnat – Aqsa can look at what we normally spend in a year and then take things from there with regards to our fundraising. We might need another meeting just to discuss this and what we can do for the panto etc.

Re – St Angela's Child Protection Policy (shown on screen) this will be emailed to all members to look over and see that they are happy with it. It should be sent out before each event and ticked as read. Anyone coming on the night needs it beforehand. It protects the PC should anything happen.

Emma – What if someone turns up on the night.

Lucy – We can have paper copies for them.

Eabhnat – I'll email that out tonight.

Emma – If I volunteer for P1-P3 disco I will have to bring my older child. Would that be okay?

Lucy – I'll be the same so we can ask them to help.

Emma – What age do volunteers need to be. Can they be High School pupils?

Lucy – That would be fine. They can help.

Christmas Fayre – We need to start thinking about this. Luciana asked if it can be longer, or even at night.

Aqsa – Was good last year but felt really short.

Mr Kerlin – Re enterprise for this. We feel the children would benefit from Calm Areas around the school. We would like to be able to use the money they make to buy sensory toys etc. We hope to have a sensory room that we can fill for them and it will be a nice space for them to go to. Would like soft lighting, cushions, bean bags etc. The Family Room is good and can be used. We will start working on that.

Aqsa – I'll go back to Silverburn again and ask.

Mr Kerlin – Remember that the tombola etc can not have any alcohol prizes.

Aqsa – Tracy showed me how to do raffle tickets on ParentPay.

Lucy – School clean up – some parents asking if we can do it after school instead of the weekend.

Mr Kerlin – Shouldn't be a problem.

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AOCB

None.

Lucy thanked everyone for coming.

The next meeting will take place on Wednesday 1st November in the school.

