

## St Angela's Parent Council

Minutes of a Parent Council meeting on Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> November 2023 at 6.30p.m.

Present –Samina, Emma, Mr Kerlin, Lucy, Mrs Isaac, Paul, Aqsa, Eabhna, Thomas and Teresa

Apologies – Nicola, Sadaf, Selina, Mo, Jacqueline, Lisa, Luciana.

Mr Kerlin opened the meeting with a prayer.

Minutes of the last meeting – All okay

### **Treasurer's Report**

Total money - £7427.88

SALTIRE money £4876.45

PC money - £2551.43

#### **Expenses**

SALTIRE - allotments– 10 raised beds, ground pegs

Workshops – workshop host, picnic

Admin – payment to Eabhna

PC – Paid for October meeting minutes, Autumn disco let and snacks, decorations, chocolate prizes for pumpkin competition

Event – Autumn disco cost £343.79, ticket sales £384.06 Profit £40.27

### **Action**

### **Head Teachers Report**

**Staffing** – M Douglas off long term, but doing well. A Gillies (nursery) off long term, A Geoghegan will be retiring as of 1<sup>st</sup> November. We wish her well in her retirement.

Waiting for SFLW 20 hours nursery.

Due to the realignment of clerical hours from 91 – 70 hours, Julie McKenna will be leaving before Christmas.

**Autumn Disco** – Thanks to the PC for a successful event and to Mrs Isaac and Mrs Thomson for all their hard work.

## **Family Events – Key priority on SIP this session**

P2 & P3 will have Read, Write and Count sessions.

Multiply Programme run by Angela Campbell will give us access to a numeracy tutor online, free of charge for one/two programmes and would last 6/8 weeks. Members of Multiply will come to the playground to encourage parental engagement and give out flyers etc. The two programmes will be Muffins and Maths, targeting P1 parents. The programme will include an element of Home Link learning. Also, Count on Us which will launch on 8<sup>th</sup> November.

Both events will have a celebration day on week 7.

Family ESOL and Play – Programme is an engagement tool to engage and support ESOL families. Dates to be arranged on 14<sup>th</sup> November.

Coffee and Chat sessions have been arranged by Miss Hussain and Mrs Thomson on 17<sup>th</sup> November in the morning and afternoon.

Play Along Maths -resources have been purchased and will be rolled out in Term 3.

Playing with Sounds – Will be rolled out Term 3 to targeted pupils to support their learning in class.

**Building –** The repair of the walkway is still being planned as it has services inside it and has to stay. It may also have asbestos. Lots of other leaks have been found in the school after the recent torrential weather. This is being looked in to and it doesn't help that the building has a flat roof.

**Parents Night –** Half of P6a tonight and the rest will be 7<sup>th</sup> November. Looking at ideas for stalls, not just the Book Fair.

PC Stall, SALTIRE, Culture Committee, Attendance Statistics, Family Learning, SAPC (school football), lost property, EAL etc. The book stall will be moved to the library as we don't want parents to feel they have to purchase something on the night.

**Playground Draw –** A total of £175 was raised this month, an increase of £10 from last month.

Lucy – From January can we pay in full again?

Mr Kerlin – Yes, that's fine. Winners are read out at Wider Achievement Assembly. That money is used to buy toys.

**Pupil Voice –** Met on Monday and have asked for new toys and bins for the playground. The toys have been ordered. We are looking to get funding to purchase the bins. We only have 3 for the whole school and they are always overflowing at break and lunch. The birds then like to come along and take stuff out leaving a mess.

Lucy – You might get funding through a sustainability grant

**Panto** – The panto has been booked but we need to look at how to pay for it. P1-P2 are 7/12, P3-P4 are 8/12, P5-P6 are 11/12 and P7 12/12. The cost of the tickets and the buses is £3,300.00. Can the PC pay towards the cost of the buses?

Lucy – We need to agree if we want to do this.

Mr Kerlin – Area Partnership Grant for £1000 so hoping to use £500 for this and the PC to give £500. We need to work out how much to ask families to pay - £6 per child and £10 per family?

Thomas – What about Ardentinnny?

Mr Kerlin – We are waiting to see how much we are getting from various other places.

Lucy – Is anyone not going?

Mr Kerlin – Yes, but it is not for financial reason. We will sit down and work things out. We don't get a bill until the New Year so have time to raise some funds.

Lucy – If it's after Christmas we may be able to pay it from the Christmas Fayre.

Emma – I think most parents will be able to cover the cost of the tickets.

Mr Kerlin - Maybe Pay if Forward will work.

Aqsa – I've looked at what we always pay out and noted it. We gave a lot last year but not in previous years.

Thomas – How much do we have in the bank?

Aqsa – See Treasurer's Report.

Lucy – We have the money to spend if a bus is needed for the panto.

All – Agreed.

Mr Kerlin – Thank you.

Lucy – We still have more events to make more money.

Mr Kerlin – We will need parent helpers for the panto. A letter has gone out and communication is out for the Christmas shows.

**Masterclass** – Reviewing current Masterclasses and moving towards social enterprise Dragons Den model. All classes will be having a stall for the Christmas Fayre and they are currently working on this. They have £20 to spend and can only

charge a maximum of £1 per item that they are selling. This money will be used to buy items for the Sensory Room.

**Ardentinny** – This will be on 27<sup>th</sup> November and 5 staff members will be going with P7.

Care Inspectorate – We have been emailed questionnaires from the Care Inspectorate indicating an inspection is very soon. They will be focussing on –

How good is our care, play and learning?

How good is our setting?

How good is our leadership?

How good is our staff team?

The work we did on the grounds on 30<sup>th</sup> September means we have been able to remove most of the broken equipment. Tam McAllister will come in and move the tree in the playground. It's been 5 years since we last had a Care Inspectorate Inspection and we will need parents to complete the survey.

**September Events** – Very healthy turnout at whole school Open Afternoon on 1<sup>st</sup> September.

School photographer was in for family and individual photographs. P1 were also photographed for the Glasgow Times. Awaiting confirmation of the date they will be published.

Layton McCamley P6 won the playground draw.

Rag Bag collection took place also. Thanks to all the families who donated.

Day of Action on 30<sup>th</sup> September was a great success. Thanks to all those who took part especially the Morrison Family, the O'Malley Family, the Torrance Family, The Akram Family, Mrs Isaac, Mrs Thomson, Mrs Shaw and Mrs McCann.

**JAM Coding** – Have a let in the school but have no affiliation to school. Any communication coming from them has nothing to do with the school.

**SAPC Update** – Tom Buick has been taking football on Tuesdays, under the school Let. Due to the new rules, we have had to change this. SAPC will now move to Pro Soccer in Rouken Glen as the Let will be too expensive. Our children will still get football but will have to go to Pro Soccer now. Tom will go to the Councillors to let them know that this might not suit and that the MUGA is a resource that will no longer be used. He's asked for £100 from the PC to help cover costs at the moment and he will try to get other funding.

Emma – How many children use it?

Mr Kerlin – About 20 – 40 depending on whether it's the development squad or a team.

Eabhna – He's very good at helping out at the SALTIRE events so we really should support them.

Lucy – He's very good within the local community so I don't see a problem. Are we all agreed?

All – yes.

Aqsa – Just let me know how and when to pay this.

Mr Kerlin – Okay, I will get the details.

Mr Kerlin – We have an interim measure in place so the children don't miss out –

Tues 6pm – 7pm Development Squad

7pm – 8pm Nethercraigs Squad

I have booked 10 two-hour sessions. I will create a google form and link for parents for each group to complete.

Friday 3pm – 4pm St Angela's Primary Training for Nethercraigs Squad

Mini bus for Nethercraigs Squad on 6<sup>th</sup> Nov has been booked.

## **Action**

## **Autumn Disco**

We learned a few things. Not sure about a Friday Let again.

Emma – Is there another night that is cheaper?

Lucy – We have a price list for the nights so will look at that.

Mr Kerlin – We've always had an historic Let for the school but this is no longer free. We've had to pay this time.

Lucy – Disco was good. Next time we need ParentPay to have the numbers up to date so it doesn't take us so long.

Eabhna – We knew there was an issue on the night.

Lucy – We will learn for next time. The children all had fun and were collected on time. The issues with the snacks will be worked out. We may need to close the date for tickets earlier so we know how many will be there. We might need to have a bigger colouring table.

Aqsa – We can think about glow sticks for the next time.

## **Action**

### **SALTIRE Update**

PowerPoint was shown (see attached)

10 raised beds are coming on Tuesday but soil is still needed. Want to redevelop outside the P1 area.

Thomas – I suggest you don't get wooden stuff as it needs to be maintained regularly. Fibreglass or composite may be more expensive but it lasts longer.

Eabhnat – We want to brighten up Rana's Garden.

If Crowdfunding, it will be opened for 2 years and we will be looking for businesses to help

Lucy – What about Tesco Coin Drop?

Eabhnat – It's in hand but will be about 18 month wait.

Crowdfunding – Looking for your say so on this as we don't want to ask families for more money.

Paul – You can't lose on this as you can make lots or nothing at all.

Mr Kerlin – Looking for local businesses to use their community funding to help us achieve all this. If we have a website/crowdfunding video we don't have to have a pitch, they can just view this.

Video – Aqsa can draw out map of what it will look like and pitch to local businesses.

Lucy – There are lots of new houses being built so we might get something from them.

Mr Kerlin – With this we may not get anything immediately but we could further down the line.

Eabhnat – Adult wellbeing has started and we have applied for funding to continue this next year. Forest School workshops for ASN children coming up (3 x 2-hour sessions Play Therapist and assistant)

Mrs Isaac – Looking at doing this in Term 3.

Eabhnat – ASN children come in with adult to do Forest School stuff. Hoping this will help break down barriers. If we are successful with funding, we will continue this next year.

## **Action**

### **Road Safety**

Not a lot more we can do as a PC. It's up to parents. The route will be up and around and we will have to see how it goes.

Thomas – Everyone wants to be as close to the school as possible.

Emma – I've asked parents why they congregate on the stairs and they say it's for the social aspect.

Mrs Isaac – Parking buddies should be used for the cars and not in the school playground.

## **Action**

### **School Improvement**

Mr Kerlin – I was at a meeting with Kathleen Farrow. We have a great, engaging PC but we don't discuss what the children are learning about in school, what our policies are etc. I want you to be able to feel that you can ask anything of the school, it doesn't need to be all about fundraising etc. Will be putting a survey out about this but hoping the PC can use these meetings as a forum for the wider school community to ask what we offer day to day.

Emma – PC should be about the whole school day and what happens in the school between 9am and 3.30pm. The P1 WhatsApp group shows that a lot of these parents are new to this as they have no older children at school. They need to know what the PC do etc and it's not all about fundraising.

Mr Kerlin – Can we put this as a standing item on the agenda.

Mrs Isaac – We want to make sure parents know they can ask questions about the school day.

Mr Kerlin – Maybe the PC can put out something to the parents to let them know that they can ask these types of questions and you can bring them to the meetings for us to discuss.

Lucy – Some parents were asking what will happen about children's work on strike days re on-line learning.

Mr Kerlin – I get my directive from GCC about on-line learning. I'm not sure it would be worth it for 1 day. We've managed to get a lot of work done during these days that will improve things for your children long term. Good to have an option to discuss school business.

## **Action**

## **Fundraising**

Christmas Fayre 2<sup>nd</sup> December. Are we having any outside businesses in? Jacqueline thought of a Teddy Tombola as no alcohol is allowed.

Aqsa – We did something like this last year and it was great.

Lucy – Will try to keep it all in the hall. Have asked for Santa to come too.

Mr Kerlin – Lisa from the nursery would like to be involved in the sub group.

Aqsa – I think outside stalls are a good idea.

Lucy - The children will be in their classes so the stalls can be in the hall.

Mr Kerlin – We can clear out classrooms if you let us know what you need.

Thomas – Keep the tombola out of the way as it gets really busy and takes up a lot of room.

Emma – Do the PC keep whatever money they make in the hall?

Mr Kerlin – Yes, the outside stalls help to bring people in and increase footfall.

Lucy – How much should we charge stallholders? £15 per stall plus a raffle prize?

All – Yes, sounds good.

Lucy – We can work out how many we can have with the sub group. How much for tickets?

Mr Kerlin – Do we know the possible Let costs?



Aqsa – Depends on how long we want it to go on for. Was £120 last year for 2 hours but we might need longer.

Lucy – Last year was £1 entry and £3 for Santa (including selection box). Will we keep this the same? I'll put something out to look for stall holders asap.

Mr Kerlin – We will push it through X and you need to do the same on social media.

Lucy – Lucian has a poster ready. Aqsa, the letter for Silverburn is ready and I'll get it to you.

Emma – Is there a non-uniform day for the raffle prizes instead of the playground draw?

Mr Kerlin – No, we will have a donation day on 24<sup>th</sup> November alongside the playground draw.

Lucy - Some parents are asking for events to take place outside the school e.g. race nights etc. I can't give the time to this but open to others so long as they are willing to help.

Emma – If someone wants to organise it in our name then that's fine but will need to be looked at next year.

Lucy – Hoping not to ostracise the school community and may end up an adult only evening.

Mrs Isaac – Think about a Family Night in the church hall.

Lucy – We can look at this later. We will look at what we will contribute to P7 at the next meeting.

Mr Kerlin – It's not up to the children to raise the funds. We will wait to see the figures before we make any decisions.

## **Action**

AOCB

Emma will be Vice Chair/Secretary. Proposed by Lucy and seconded by Paul

Lucy thanked everyone for coming.

The next meeting will take place on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> December at 6.30pm in the school.

