

## St Angela's Parent Council

Minutes of a Parent Council meeting on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> September 2023 at 6.30p.m.

Present –see AGM minutes

Apologies – see AGM minutes

Mr Kerlin opened the meeting with a prayer.

Minutes of the last meeting – All okay

### **Treasurer's Report**

See AGM minutes

Aqsa – We now have to pay for a Let for PC meetings. This is £21.35 and is for a specific room so can't be shared with football etc.

Mr Kerlin – As this is an historic Let it is probably cheaper for the Tuesday.

Aqsa – We are given £400 from GCC to cover the cost of the Lets and the minutes.

Emma – Is the Let amount per hour?

Eabhnat – No, it's for 2 hours.

Lucy – How soon can we put the Let in?

Eabhnat – I'll put in for the whole year right away.

### **Action**

### **Yearly Calendar**

Pc Dates – 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday of every month.

Tues 3<sup>rd</sup> October, Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> November, Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> December, Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> January, Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> February, Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> March (TBC), Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> May and Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> June.

SALTIRE – Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> June, Halloween Disco – Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> October, Christmas Fayre – Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> December, St Angela's Feast Day – Friday 26<sup>th</sup> January 2024, Spring Fling – Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> April, Prom – Friday 21<sup>st</sup> June.

Family Learning Events – TBC.

All Sacramental dates – TBC. Father Joe is keen to attend some meetings when he is available.

## **Action**

### **Health, Wellbeing & Sustainability**

We have £9125.17 for adult Health and Wellbeing workshops and the allotments. Hoping to get a programme organised for Tuesday mornings, working alongside SALTIRE volunteers. Will try for some Tuesday evening workshops too. There will be workshops for families of children with additional needs.

Hoping for 10 raised beds, to plant more trees, willow weaving edible hedgerow, repair fruit trees etc. Climate Resilience Communities hoping to have a core group of regular volunteers, developing friendships. All leading up to the SALTIRE event at the end of the school year.

Emma – Will advertising go out for volunteers?

Eabhnat – Yes, when we have dates.

Luciana – Could we have a drop-in day so parents can see what we are doing and what they could volunteer for?

Fiona – We should have promoted it at last year's SALTIRE event.

Lucy – Can we send out a wee video of what is being done?

Luciana – That's a great idea, we should try that.

Eabhnat – I'll add it to my to-do list.

Fiona – It's not hard to do. A 20 second video will be great. Looking forward to being involved.

Eabhnat – It's for all adults connected to St Angela's community.

Fiona – May need to have a presence at parental events.

## **Action**

### **Head Teachers Report**

**SIP** – Usually a yearly cycle but now a 3-year cycle.

Our Grand Challenges are – Learning and Teaching, Staff and Pupil HWB, Inclusion of all and Engagement.

Looking at more active learning – pedagogy etc. Meeting the needs of all our families.

Inclusion by supporting, as best we can in a mainstream environment and upskilling our staff.

Engagement is going well. We have a high number of EAL families within our school community and we are trying to get as many parents as possible in to the school to show how we can help them

**PEF** - £47,000 for this year has been spent on 2 Support for Learning Workers. They will be supporting EAL pupils because that is where our gap is. These children are not attaining as well as they should. Miss Hussain is an SFL teacher already working here. Hopefully our PEF money has been spent well and we can close the attainment gap.

**Staffing** –We have a high turnover of staff this year. We have new teachers in P1/2, P5/4 and P6. We have 2 NQT's and a part time P7 teacher. They have all settled in really well.

**Leadership Team** – No dates have been set yet for Head Teacher job.

**Budget** – This has been cut the same as other schools. School funds do not look good. Trim trail costs a lot of expendable income, about £2000. Our funds need to be healthier to cover unseen costs such as the vandalism over the summer. These things have to be repaired and the broken stuff has to be disposed of. I've been quoted £1700 for this to be done but I was hoping to ask for volunteers who would be able to help with the clear up to cut those costs. The nursery playground has been very badly hit and all of the wooden stuff is broken and unable to be fixed. We will need about £10,000 to cover the costs of repairing, replacing it all.

Luciana – So we need to get parents who can repair or take stuff away.

Thomas – I can help take stuff down and dispose of it.

Mr Kerlin – I'd like to get things started as soon as possible. Looking to have a Day of Action to get it all done. Happy to fund a skip but would like a strong fundraising year and make this our goal.

Mrs Isaac – P1 and nursery playgrounds will have nothing after we take everything down and throw out the broken bits.

Fiona – Can we replace with loose parts that can be taken in and out?

Mr Kerlin – There is a time issue involved. Sowing Seeds were here before and they can help. If we can manage to get the Area Partnership Grant again then that would help. Not sure if we would qualify for the full Amount as we've not long had that, but it's worth a try.

Eabhnat – Kerry is coming in on Thursday to see the P1 and nursery. She will advise on what we are likely to get.

Luciana – We need a date for the Day of Action.

Mr Kerlin – If we had a really good fundraiser that would help.

Emma – Can we apply for any other grants/community funds?

Lucy – Can we use the lottery fund?

Eabhna – We've been unsuccessful before. Grants take time to fill in etc. and have to be done properly

Fiona – I'll listen out and see if there are any grants available.

Luciana – Can schools do bucket shaking or something at Silverburn? We could do a school dance to help raise money.

Can a parent personally fundraise for the school with an outside event e.g., a Race Night?

Eabhna – Technically yes but would not be very inclusive for our school community.

Aqsa – What about an Eid Fayre?

Paul – We can charge each stall for selling their own goods.

Mr Kerlin – That sounds like a great idea.

Aqsa – We could do it after Eid.

Mr Kerlin – How about Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> April?

All – Sounds good.

Mr Kerlin – We should have a visual target so families can see the amount raised and how well it is going.

Lucy – Use ParentPay to ask for donations.

Luciana – Sponsored silence, sponsored walk etc. Give a sheet out and families can donate what they can.

Mr Kerlin – An event for families would be great. 30<sup>th</sup> September as Day of Action if that's okay with everyone. I'll put this out to our families.

Emma - We may get someone who can give us a skip.

Fiona – Can we ask St Paul's Technical Department if they can help at all. I'm sure they run after school clubs and they may be able to help with some projects. There should also be some companies who like their staff to go out into the community and help in this way.

Mr Kerlin – Can we try for a free skip?

Lucy – I'll phone some places.

Thomas – I think one of our parents works at a skip hire company so we can ask. Need a 40 yarder.

Mr Kerlin – I'll ask, but if we are not successful, I'll pay for one from the school budget.

### **Action**

### **PC Housekeeping**

Would anyone like to take on the X account (Twitter). Mary Louise has been doing this but would like to stop now.

Paul – What's involved?

Eabhna – Any information coming from the school is put on, communicating to parents, tagging in GCC etc, lots of retweeting. It's a bit like PR.

Paul – I'll give it a try.

Eabhna – I'll get Mary Louise to get in touch.

Recruitment of PC members – We still have flyers from the last time. Can we put them in the P1 bags, out on SeeSaw or have someone at the gate to give them out.

Mrs Isaac – I can put out before every PC meeting saying what we do.

### **Action**

### **AOCB**

Emma – Is it still just me on the Road Safety Group?

Lucy – I'll help you. Can we remind the children not to run on the road when they come out the back gate?

Mr Kerlin – Have had lots of calls from the residents of Greenacres. JRSO will be meeting soon and will have an action plan around October time.

Mrs Isaac – We might need to line the children up and ask the parent/carer to come forward to collect them rather than send the child out.

Luciana – Can we not open the playground back up?

Mr Kerlin – I've never seen what that's like.

Mrs Isaac – It's been 4 years since we've done that. Might need to look at things again.

Mr Kerlin – The safety of our children is paramount. We will have a look in to that. Councillor Hussain met the JRSO and I at the end of term. We raised our concerns that someone is going to get badly hurt or worse. He replied that there was no data available to suggest that the junction was dangerous.

Emma – Are we getting JRSO out on the road again?

Mr Kerlin – Yes, but they have to make their action plan first.

Krystyna, as a new P1 parent how do you find the P1 collection?

Krystyna – I'm fine as I only have one child to collect. Others find it a bit more difficult because they have more than one child.

Aqsa – Is it possible for a staff member to stand at the silver gate beside the janitor's house to stop the congestion?

Mrs Isaac – I try to be there as often as I can.

Eabhnat – Can all PC members please scan the QR code to register that you wish to stay.

Emma – We have a parent who has a cash and carry and would like to donate anything we need for our events. We just have to ask.

The meeting closed at 8.25p.m. The next PC meeting will take place on Tuesday 32d October at 6.30p.m. in the school.

