

St Angela's Parent Council

Minutes of a Parent Council meeting held on Wednesday 24th January 2024 in Darnley Community Centre.

Present – Paul, Mr Kerlin, Mrs Isaac, Emma, Nicola, Thomas, Fiona, Kerry Ann, Rachel, Manpreet, Amandip, Krystyna, Lisa, Luciana, Eabhna, Aqsa, (others who arrived after meeting started and left before it ended) and Teresa.

Tom Buick from SAPC attending also.

Apologies- Lucy, Selina, Jacqueline.

Emma welcomed everyone and Mr Kerlin started the meeting with a prayer.

Tom Buick SAPC

Tom thanked the Parent Council for allowing him to attend at such short notice. Tom spoke about issues with the football let at the school as it was always free. He now has an arrangement with Prosoccer at Rouken Glen for the training to take place there (see previous minutes). The cost is £12.50 per hour and, as SAPC is a charity, they can't sustain this cost for much longer. New ideas are needed on how to keep the Tuesday sessions running. Happy to continue with Prosoccer until the end of the school year but this will incur a cost. The sessions are currently paid until 13TH Feb 2024 and then the money runs out. £25 would be needed every Tuesday to keep it going.

On a side note, there will be a free camp running on Tues 12th and Wed 13th Feb. 30 spaces available (15 boys/15 girls). Lunch is included. School to suggest pupils who would benefit from this.

SAPC are looking for funds to keep the football going.

Fiona – Have you looked at the Area Partnership Fund?

Tm – This would have to come from the school or the Parent Council.

Emma – Can you help us with filling out any forms?

Tom – Yes, no problem.

Eabhna – We've already applied for the full amount so can't apply for any more for the time being.

Mr Kerlin – So, we would be looking at raising £450 to cover the cost until the end of the school year in June. SAPC is a wonderful charity and do a lot of work with the school. We could give a donation to SAPC as a charity, not specifically for the footballers. Can we have a 3-way share – SAPC, PC and school?

Tom – If we don't get back into the school for free then a longer-term solution is needed. We would be okay with a 3-way split if it got the approval of the PC.

Fiona – How can we get back into the school as not everyone has transport to get to Prosoccer.

Mr Kerlin – This is an ongoing issue as education needs to save a lot of money. School lets and school dinners are their only source of income. Not sure how it can change back.

Luciana – How much is the football let at school?

Tom – Can be around £100+ as you pay for floodlights, changing rooms etc.

Mr Kerlin – We used to share the cost of the let with SAPC on a Tuesday.

Emma – We will need to discuss tonight if we wish to make a donation as there is no meeting scheduled before 13th Feb. If we can fund this until June, we can look at a longer-term solution at a later date.

Emma and Mr Kerlin thanked Tom for attending and will get back to him with an answer ASAP.

Action

Minutes of last meeting – all approved.

Treasurer's Report

Balance	£5927.08
SALTIRE money	£3876.44
PC Money	£2050.64

Expenses since last meeting in November

SALTIRE – 3 workshops. Host paid and picnics, Let for evening workshop, admin to Eabhnat for projects, playground items (seeds, bulbs, spades, rake, planting bags, top soil).

Incoming – Donation from Watson Lim Moore.

PC Events - Christmas Fayre made £704.30, Christmas Raffle via ParentPay £197.94, sale of extra donated toys £27.00, sale of leftover selection boxes £57.92

Christmas Fayre overall £987.16

Cash found among items £28.92

Expenses

Christmas Fayre – let, tombola items, selection boxes, cakes for stall, Santa gift

Water bottles and fruit shoot purchased for multiple events.

Issues with let on 5th December was credited but last weeks meeting was not cancelled so had to pay £21.35. Chocolates for St. Angela's Feast Day, donation to nursery for Christmas party and toy fund, PC contribution towards the coaches for the pantomime, today's let and minutes for November.

Emma – Hoodies and sacramental gifts £1100 assigned to this.

Luciana – We can fundraise a bit more as things more expensive. Parents are keen to help.

Emma – So we have enough to give Tom Buick £150 for SAPC.

Mr Kerlin – The school will also donate £150 and SAPC will cover the other £150.

Action

Head Teachers Report

Parent newsletter out at start of term – 370 views.

Staffing – M Douglas off long term so L Cassidy doing one day supply. A Gillies (Nursery) off long term. J McKinna left on 13th December, M Krause leaving on 26th Feb with L Farrell returning from maternity leave (Mon, Tues, Wed). Used PEF for 2 SFL teachers. Both were 5 days but one wants to reduce hours to 4 so saving money from the PEF budget. Our staffing review will take place at the end of February looking at 2024-2025.

Parent's Night – Took place in December and was a very successful night with a 91% turnout. Our next parent's night will be on 29th February and all appointments will take place on this date. It's earlier in order to take place before Ramadan. The online portal will be used to book appointments and will go live on 14th February.

Culture Committee – 31 families have signed up to be part of this and we will be meeting soon. The school is trying to be more culturally responsive and it is great to see so many new parents tonight representing the different cultures in our school.

Into Headship Project – First meeting took place on 10th January with 9 parents. Really good conversations were had and feedback was good. The next meeting will be on 21st February with a focus on how we can support our families through EID and Ramadan. Feedback was very positive in relation to the EID Day.

Family Engagement – Mrs Thompson is front and centre of this. There is lots going on to help engagement with our families. Turnout for events has been fantastic. In Term 1 we offered Meet the Teacher session followed by Read, Write, Count sessions in Term 2.

Book Bug sessions will be provided to Primary 1 families in March this session. Our Muffins and Maths sessions also launched in Term 2 to offer our P1 parents help in supporting their child's numeracy development. Aiming to repeat this programme in Term 3 but extending it to all our families P1-P3.

Coffee and chat sessions began in November and provided a great opportunity for a catch up with our families. Next one took place on Friday 19th Jan.

Introducing our Playing with Sounds Literacy Programme this term to support some of our infant pupils on their literacy journey.

Looking to also introduce a weekly Family Homework Club which will provide an opportunity for families to come in with their child/children to complete homework tasks. Staff will be available to support where and when needed.

Also hoping to provide another opportunity for our families to come into school and spend time with their child/children to experience what they are learning about.

Ardentinny – Thank you to all the staff and pupils who went on the residential trip. The children loved it and found it a very positive experience. We were left with an outstanding balance of £1200 but, thankfully, the Catherine McAnespie fund covered that shortfall.

We have booked the residential trips for the next 2 years – Our current P6 will attend Blairvadach (Mrs Thomson currently organising this) in December 2024 and our current P5 will attend Ardentinny in December 2025. We have started contacting parents so they can begin to make payments earlier and help spread the cost.

Emma – Now we have confirmed bookings, the PC can think about fundraising for this.

Mr Kerlin – We will get figures out to the parents as soon as we can.

Care Inspectorate – Very positive experience and the results have been shared, with the report published to all parents. Huge well done to Mrs Isaac, Lisa and her team (Nursery), we are delighted – 2 Good, 2 Very Good.

Christmas Fayre – Great success again this year, despite the weather. A big thank you to the PC. Sadly, we had vandalism and the school wasn't cleaned afterwards.

Aqsa – I've emailed twice and they say they are looking into it. Payment has been taken for the cleaning but it wasn't done.

Mr Kerlin – Over £700 was raised by the PC and our pupils. This money was used to upgrade the Family Room and will buy new bins for the playground – see previous minutes.

Panto – Thank you for the support from the PC. The school received money from the Area Partnership Fund (£500), thanks to Eabhnat. This meant the school had no outlay for the panto and the £500 will be returned to the PC – cheque given to Aqsa.

Nativity's – These events were a great success and the pupils performed brilliantly. Thank you to all the staff for their support. Issues experienced in school building causing a delay to the P2 and P3 show.

Donations on the door for school funds raised approx. £400. This money will be used to support the daily running of the school, with pupils at the centre of decisions.

SeeSaw/Homework – The school are now having to pay to use SeeSaw and this will cause a strain on the school budget. It has been agreed to use the PEF savings to cover this cost, thus maintaining a vital digital offer for the pupils. A consultation will be sent out regarding homework. Homework will no longer be a "one size fits all" and your feedback would be gratefully appreciated on where we go from here. Please look out for the Microsoft form.

Building – A tree fell down in the playground due to the recent windy weather. Eabhnat is hoping to keep the wood. We are also having ongoing issues with water ingress. We have buckets around the school for dripping water caused by our flat roof. I'm on it but it may be a slow process.

Emma – Can the PC contact anyone for you?

Mr Kerlin – We will give them a chance to see what they come back with. It's a work in progress.

Recruitment Training – The Head Teacher job will be advertised in 2024 and PC members are involved in that. Members have to have recruitment training to sit on the interview panel. Co opted members can do this but priority will be given to parents with children currently attending the school.

Eabhnat – The next training session takes place online on Tuesday 30th Jan from 6pm – 8pm.

Lucian – I'll do that next week

Safer Internet Day – Due to ongoing issues with pupils accessing social media platforms and online platforms out with school, there will be a focus on Safe Internet Day on 6th Feb. Is everyone onboard with this? Partnership working is vital in this.

Fiona – PC Natalie is having a similar evening on this in St Pauls. She may come if you contact her.

Krystyna – My child doesn't have screen time Mon-Thurs so we find having homework on SeeSaw quite difficult. Can we look at providing homework a different way?

Mr Kerlin – This is the kind of feedback that we are looking for. Thank you. Please fill in the form when it comes out as we need this information. It should be out next week.

Mrs Isaac – We might need to look at each stage individually and take it from there.

Action

Christmas Fayre

See Mr Kerlin's notes.

Emma – Lots of positives but still some things to learn. Unlikely to take place on a Saturday as the let is becoming too expensive.

Action

Road Safety

Congestion in both estates so not great.

Mr Kerlin – I've emailed Mark Smith (Police) but he's been moved. We had a near miss just before December. Things are not great and parent conduct is not good. Children are practically thrown out in the middle of the road or are not wearing seatbelts etc.

Emma – The challenges will always be there but Sainsbury's and McDonalds can always be used for parking. I need another member to help me as I can't do this on my own.

Rachwel – I'll speak to my husband as this is something he is interested in.

Mr Kerlin – Mrs Shaw is working with Darnley Primary as they have a Walking Bus and we'd like to do something similar. Could leave from Sainsbury's at 8.45a.m and walk children over and back when school finishes.

Emma – What about the MUGA entrance? Children are still running out on to the road and they are jumping the lights. Parents are telling their child/children to cross even when the lights are at red. We need to keep on at the children about how dangerous this is. We might have to put something out as a PC.

Mr Kerlin – I'm happy to write something up jointly and send it out.

Action

HWB and Sustainability

SALTIRE pupil work:

- Visit from Bailie Roza Salih, met with Steering Group girls, walk around grounds
- Clearing and planting the biodiversity meadow
- Planting edible hedge – trees, further layers to come
- Planting spring flowering bulbs in Rana Harris' Garden (P7b with teacher)
- Collecting leaves for compost (P1s and 2s)
- Ranger Rennie visited the school and worked ran SALTIRE workshops on 16th Jan – fire
- ASN Family Outdoor Play Workshops planned for 4th Mar, 22nd Apr, 20th May

SALTIRE grounds:

- Tree Planting permission received from GCC to plant an air and noise pollution barrier along A736 – planting scheduled for 20th February, Ranger Rennie Mason to attend. Jim McAulay (Woodlands GCC, NRS) visited the site & has created a planting plan
- Sandy Paterson GCC Food Growing (Assistant Manager Greenspace and Biodiversity, Neighbourhoods, Regeneration & Sustainability.) visited the allotment and orchard 16th Jan to advise and has agreed to give all materials needed to fill the raised beds. Funding we get can be used elsewhere. Hoping for a Community Action Day on Sat 17th February if it all arrives on time.

Emma- Do we need a let for that?

Eabhna – No, we are outside.

- Materials (drainage stones, wood & soil) to be delivered over Feb break. Will be delivered to back gate and we'll need to barrow it and fill beds.
- Day(s) of action, SALTIRE pupil activities,

SALTIRE adult wellbeing

- Art as Therapy scheduled for Tue 30th Jan, 6-8pm – all adults welcome
- Clothes Repair – very successful
- 4 new attendees including 2 new recruits for outdoor work – continuity of project.
- Climate Resilient Communities workshop Tuesday 9th Jan – very successful start to planning the allotment space, the future of SALTIRE project & proposed Steering Group project for 2024.2025
- Updated workshop Calendar – **to be shared**

Funding & Support

- Crowdfunding campaign – draft project page complete, video started,
- £5000 - Women's Fund for Scotland – grounds maintenance work, soil, bark, mulch, etc
- £1,000 - £3,000 – Landsec Futures Community Grants (Buchanan Galleries) - soil for the allotments – unsuccessful but being kept on file for future funding rounds.

- £8,562 Area Partnership fund: Group meeting in December, our application appears to have been overlooked and will be reviewed at the next meeting 21st February. Roza Salih said she will support it, as she was very impressed with the SALTIRE project.
- £500 Scotmid Community Fund – successful – Scotmid vouchers for SALTIRE workshops and Celebration event food.
- £1,319.24 Glasgow Airport Flight Path Fund - play bark for allotment & other barked areas
- £5,000, Royal Society of Edinburgh Fund: Healthy Planet, Healthy People Community Research grant – Steering Group project for 2024.2025
- £19,000, Coronation Food Project Grants Community Composting facility for allotment
- 8 free fruit trees, The Conservation Volunteers, arriving in March
- Letter of endorsement from Head Ranger in Pollok Park, who visited the project in the autumn – **to be shared**

Next steps:

- Crowdfunding:
 - Video and campaign page completed – Eabhnat & Aqsa
 - Set launch date / Detailed target tbc / Connect with funders via social media
 - Create promotional plan / Infographics – Fiona / Line up first pledges
 - Apply for +Extra funding – must benefit nature
- P1 & Nursery Gardens
 - Community Action Day
 - set a date – Sat 17th Feb?
 - Remove rest of trim trail posts in ground
 - Cut rest of maze
 - Further funding options: Tesco, The National Lottery,
- Allotment –
 - fill beds for planting – Community Day of Action
 - bark & border
 - seeds, plants, planting plan etc
- Rana Haris' Garden –
 - Replant planters by bench
 - Clean up and plant lower beds
 - Funding for further beds – lots of flowers and colour by June
 - Spray painting project for fence

Paul – Spray painter needs sheet metal to spray memorial on to so it is long lasting. Can add more flowers, trees etc around it

Eabhnat – We can have a conversation about this.

Thomas – Let me know the size and I'll get it.

Fiona – We need something that won't fall down etc. We can do some weaving at the fence.

Mr Kerlin – We've also got some ideas as Rana would have been leaving St Angela's this year. Might be something that's ongoing and long lasting. We will speak to the family.

- Sundry
 - Loose parts play collection: date, flyer, collection rota
 - Sunshine room art project: funding & plan, Aqsa & Fona
- Upcoming Funding opportunities:
 - Tesco Stronger Starts - Greenspace Scotland, £1500 – p1 playground
 - FCC Scottish Action Fund – Nursery Garden
 - Scottish Building Society Foundation
 - Arnold Clark Community Fund
 - TNL - Awards for All Grants
 - Scottish Forestry Community Fund

Eabhnat – Would love the mud kitchen up and running again. Can we do this?

Mr Kerlin – Yes, we can.

Eabhnat – Need large cable reels to use as tables etc. We have plenty of room to store them in the Sunshine Room. Thomas will take the insulation boards away.

Mr Kerlin – The school will organise the Loose Parts Play collection.

Fiona – If anyone wants to get involved in the P1/ nursery working party please let me know.

Rachel and Emma interested in joining.

Fiona – Well done Eabhnat, you have been working very hard.

Emma – The P1 playground space is not great at the moment is there anything we can get short term from our budget?

Mr Kerlin – Our playground draw money goes towards games, playground toys etc. The ship has been deemed unsafe and will not be a quick fix and is a long-term project.

Fiona – What about some chalk etc?

Emma – Is permanent paint on the funding application?

Aqsa – Can we do this?

Eabhna – It doesn't last.

Emma – Any ideas Fiona?

Fiona – Only using chalk.

Mr Kerlin – I can get things drilled down into the playground. Do we have anything in the loose parts we can use?

Eabhna – It would all have to be put away.

Mr Kerlin – I'll have a look and see what I can get to engage the children.

Eabhna – I will know by the end of February if our application has been successful and Sowing Seeds would have it done by the summer.

Action

Fundraising

Emma – Who pays for the let for the Eid event?

Paul – I know someone who might help.

Aqsa – I think the PC would be responsible for that.

Emma – Are we still looking for a sub group. Aqsa, Paul and 3 councillors and a possible sponsorship. The date is 20th April for EID Celebration.

P7- Luciana – Normally P7 parents don't organise the Prom but we are happy to do it this year. (43 members)

Emma – PC need to go in and chat with P7. Are we keeping the same theme?

Lucian – Hopefully, we will ask what they want. Parents will be in at 6.30pm for the slide show and clean up will be by 9.30pm.

Emma – How much will the let be?

Aqsa – The Autumn Disco was £150 so that should give us an idea of the cost.

Emma – Will this parent group decorate etc?

Luciana – No, non P7 parents will have to decorate.

Emma – We need to make sure that the P7 parents know that the PC is not responsible for the children once they leave their Prom – Boogie Bus. What about the slide show?

Luciana – I'll do that.

Mr Kerlin – We will need people to help set up the hall.

Paul – I'll help with that.

Luciana – We will need to go in and ask the children what they would like to eat etc. We know money is tight so we are happy to fundraise as much as we can. The invitations will be similar to last year unless the children decide on a different theme.

Emma – If you have volunteers in your chat then that's good. Re external fundraising, are you doing any?

Luciana – We need to discuss this. Are the PC able to pay for the hoodies this year?

Aqsa – Yes, we've already agreed to cover this and the EID event will bring in funds.

Emma – Spring Fling Tues 23rd April, will this still be kept to the times agreed? Do we want to change the day/date? Are we doing the music ourselves?

Aqsa – It will run the same way as always.

Mr Kerlin – Thursday is the 25th if we want to change.

Emma – Are we keeping it on the Tues/? Do you need any help with the hoodies?

Luciana – It's all organised. We are using Gilmour's again. Will be the same as last year.

Emma – Will they get them right away?

Mr Kerlin – No, it will be at the end of the year.

Fiona – Unrelated but if we are collecting money at events can it still be cash in a bucket?

Mr Kerlin – Yes, it's classed as a donation.

Fiona – I have some charity buckets we can use, is that okay.

Mr Kerlin – Yes, that's fine.

Action

AOCB

Emma – Shall we keep next meeting at the Darnley Community Centre?

All agreed

The next meeting will take place on Wednesday 6th March 2024 at 6.30p.m. in Darnley Community Centre.

Emma closed the meeting and thanked everyone for attending.