

St Angela's Parent Council

Minutes of a Parent Council meeting held on Wednesday 6th March 2024 in Darnley Community Centre.

Present –

Eabhnat, Aqsa, Rachel, Lisa (Nursery), Paul, Thomas, Jacqueline, Asmara, Emma, Mr Kerlin, Mrs Thomson, Mo and Teresa

Apologies- Lucy, Selina, Luciana, Nicola, Fiona and Lisa.

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

Minutes of last meeting – Amendment to HWB – Scotmid Community Fund should be £200 and not £500 as stated in last month's minutes.

Treasurer's Report

Balance	£6050.67
SALTIRE money	£3606.23
PC Money	£2444.44

Expenses since last meeting – Drinks for St Angela's Feast Day.

SAPC Contribution

Wildflower seeds for SALTIRE

Income since last meeting –

4 stalls booked - £160 for Eid Celebration

School is booked for the Eid Celebration but the Let has not gone through yet as awaiting new pricing for school bookings.

Action

Head Teachers Report

Staffing – M Douglas currently off long term. Staff meeting took place in Feb and projected school roll to stay the same. 58 P7 pupils will leave and 58 P1's will come in. Staffing shouldn't change; however, this will be reviewed following budget announcement. The new formula for staffing may mean some changes. A second staffing meeting will go ahead once we know numbers. Everything is on hold just now awaiting an update.

Parent's Night – Took place on Thursday 29th February and was very successful. 91% turnout (some families were out of the country at the time). Everything ran smoothly and feedback was very positive. Thank you to staff and parents.

Family Learning – Homework club has been going for 3 weeks. A successful start with good engagement from parents. Very relaxed atmosphere.

Outdoor Family Play Workshops on Mondays, facilitated by the SALTIRE group. Families have been working outside with the children to support their needs outside. Good constructive feedback.

Culture Committee – Ramadan information has been sent out to all families. Arrangements are in place for pupils to pray, fast etc. Feedback has been good. Working on providing a suitable space for all, may need to tweak lunch times so the hall is available for prayer. Thanks to Mrs Hussain and the Culture Committee for their support with this.

Aqsa – If a child is unsure if they will be fasting, what will they put on the form?

Mr Kerlin – Just put they might fast on the form and we can take it from there.

Homework Review – Survey was sent to parents/carers and we had 80 responses and every class is represented. Overview was available for PC to look at. It shows that homework is important, mix of digital and paper work, maximum of 10-20 minutes per night, 3 times per week. Staff will make up a policy for this and bring along to the next meeting for the PC viewpoint before it goes out to families.

Eabhnat – Would homework be given out on a Monday to be completed by the end of the week?

Mr Kerlin – Yes, as that would suit our families better.

Mobile Phone Policy – This has been introduced to provide clarity on the use of mobile phones within the school. Sent out to all families but feedback has been quiet. There are no issues in the school at present, this is just for clarity.

Special Visitor – Douglas Hutchison, Director of Education for Glasgow, came for an unannounced visit on Friday. He joined us for Mass, had a quick conversation and then a walk around the school. Think it went quite well. He was very complimentary about our school grounds and a bit shocked by the condition of our outer building. He will go back and see if there is anything he can do about it.

Dragon's Den – Very successful event. Thank you to Mrs Robertson for organising. P5/4, P5 and P1 were successful. They will go and represent the school in the City Chambers on 27th March. All of the children were amazing and so engaged in the process, using listening, talking and maths skills. P1's idea was to recycle school bags to make good use of the and P4/5, P5 wanted to welcome refugees with tea cakes/ irn bru and all things Scottish (like Refuweege).

Day of Action – This took place on 17th February and a small number attended. Happy to listen to any suggestions on how we can increase numbers.

Cyber Security Workshop – On 15th Feb PC Natalie joined us for a talk. Good turnout and materials have also been sent out. We have had less instances of online issues which is encouraging.

World Book Day – This will be on 7th March. This will be a non-uniform day and children will dress as an adjective (red – wear something red etc). Just sent out on Groupcall. The focus will be on reading for enjoyment.

Walking Bus – This will start on Monday 11th March from Sainsbury's, and we will be in collaboration with Darnley Primary. Will be a Monday and a Friday to start with.

St Angela's Feast Day – Thanks to the PC for food and drinks for our celebration day.

Sacraments – Thank you to the Sacramental children who attended Mass on Sunday. Reconciliation takes place on 13th March at 6.30pm in St Robert's RC Church.

Back Gate – Child hurt at the back gate, on glass. Pupils have been spoken to about being careful and making themselves aware of the hazards that are around. A lot of clearing up has been done outside of the school the past few days. This incident also clarifies that, once the children leave the school gate, they are the responsibility of their parents/carers.

Summer Trip – Costs have been requested for a whole school trip to Ayr Beach, the same as last year, as this seems to be a popular decision. We had Pay if Forward last year and hope to have again this year. A charge will have to be made by families as the school cannot afford to pay for all. More information once we have costs.

Area Partnership Fund – Both the PC and the school can apply for this. The school will apply to rejuvenate Rana Harris' Garden and to send 2 pupils to Blairvadach next year. This would have been Rana's last year at St Angela's so want to do something special.

Action

Fundraising

Update on Eid Celebration

Aqsa – The Let is in but prices not yet confirmed. 4 stalls are already booked and 3 volunteer parents where money made will go to the school. We also have a bouncy castle. Please re post the posters to friends, family etc.

Emma – Do we have a sponsor yet?

Paul – Waiting on a call back.

Mr Kerlin – Someone contacted the school about henna?

Aqsa – Yes, I've spoken to her. Lisa, can we borrow the paddling pool etc from the nursery and equipment from the school?

Lisa – Yes.

P7 Disco – Need another subgroup to organise the disco. We don't need to keep to Tues 23rd April if we want to change the date.

Aqsa – During the week is cheaper.

Pauk – How about Thursday 25th? The next day is a non-uniform day.

Aqsa – We don't have the new prices in yet so can't give cost.

Emma – They want the Spring Fling to kick start their fundraising so can I go ahead with a subgroup?

All – Yes.

Emma – So are we going for Thurs 25th?

Aqsa – New prices will be out on 3rd April.

Emma – 25th April will give over a week to sell tickets after the holidays.

Aqsa – We can sell them beforehand.

Emma – We will need people to help with tickets. Is it okay to ask the office for help?

Mr Kerlin – Yes, they will help.

Aqsa – Are we having an Easter raffle?

Emma – Not sure. We have the Eid Celebration so maybe we could have a Spring hamper on the day that we could sell tickets for.

Eabhnat – We can vote for that on the WhatsApp thread as there are more members and we can look for someone to organise this.

Emma – Hoodies ongoing, pupils have been measured etc.

Mrs Thomson – Yes, it's all in hand.

Emma – Luciana has been in to talk to the P7's about ideas for their Prom.

Action

Road Safety

Ongoing and will always be an issue. Good to have you on board now Rachel.

Mr Kerlin – GCC have asked our Junior Road Safety Committee to make a storyboard and record it. We hope to keep it and use it to send out to our families. Holly is managing this and will be at the end of March.

HWB and Sustainability

SALTIRE pupil work:

- Visit from Bailie Roza Salih & Ranger Greig, Head Countryside Ranger for GCC, met with Steering Group girls, walk around grounds, advice on improving biodiversity & food growing
- Tree planting along roadside with Ranger Mason from Dams to Darnley
- Planting fruit trees & Wassailing fun
- First ASN Family Outdoor Play Workshops 4th Mar; very successful. Participants made love heart willow wands, painted stones, decorated wood cookies, built dens, swung in the hammock and played hide and seek.
- Next ASN Family Outdoor Play Workshops 22nd Apr, 20th May,
- Go Green for St Patrick's Day, 19th March, Wear Green, donate seeds, all day SALTIRE activities with volunteers & Ranger Greig, microgreen seed planting led by Steering group, all classes do an outdoor / nature / eco activity.

SALTIRE grounds:

- Fallen Tree cut up, used for seating logs and moved to raised beds, still some to be moved
- 9 tonnes of soil delivery from Pollok Park. 6 more tonnes to come once we have moved what we have.
- Two lorry loads of wood delivered from GCC – all cut up and moved into raised beds. One more load to be delivered asap.
- Day of action 17th Feb, 4 members of staff, 6 adults from PC / SALTIRE: Filled 6 beds with wood and one with soil.

SALTIRE adult wellbeing

- Art as Therapy very successful and enjoyable
- Willow Pruning & Repair – work almost complete
- Woodwork 1: very empowering, using saws, drills and measuring / marking wood.
- Woodwork 2: Tuesday, 12th Using skills to create a planter for playground
- Musical Fun: Tuesday 12th, 6 – 8pm
- Full of Beans Community Food Growing Event 23rd March, Glasgow Community Food Network. Aqsa & Eabhnat attended.

Funding & Support

- Crowdfunding campaign: £15,000 target, £20,000 stretch target. Campaign page almost ready to launch. Will launch after the April holiday.
- £8,562 Area Partnership fund: Successful!
 - If school pays via procurement, we need a further £273 to fully pay Sowing Seeds for P1 playground garden, mud kitchen & loose parts play area.
- Laughology application £5000 towards playground & gardening resources for next year's SALTIRE project

Mrs Thomson – I have photos that I will get to you.

Eabhnat – Thank you.

Paul tweeted out about Go Green Day. Two more loads of wood coming on Saturday 9th March.

School has been put forward for a bean growing workshop.

The Area Partnership will pay the PC who will then transfer to the school so they can pay Sowing Seeds – no VAT.

Eabhnat – Would PC sponsor an event at the SALTIRE celebration? Quote for loose parts play activity is £200-£300. Loose parts play collection Mon-Fri next week at the school gates. SAPC have stuff in the container close to the school and have said that there are loose parts in there we can have.

Mr Kerlin – You can come in and have a look when you are free as I have a key.

Eabhnat – As part of Crowdfunding we have plaques for raised beds that we can put any business name on for sponsorship. Let is in for the SALTIRE event on 4th June.

Action

Budget Cuts – This will affect staffing. We have a template letter we would like all families to send. This has been sent out. The cuts will mean less opportunities to raise attainment and our children will lose out. I have no say over these cuts but maybe parent power can help.

Eabhnat – PC have been asked to send out a response too. Do we discuss this on the WhatsApp Group or put it out to the wider Forum? We can use a template.

Mr Kerlin – The budget for 2024/25 is already set but we need to look at the longer term. Our PEF funding can't cover these cuts. Due to be looked at again in 2026 so not sure what will happen with PEF.

Eabhnat – When we did this the last time we got a reply. Makes it powerful when parents send in their concerns.

Mo – I'll put it on to WhatsApp and I'll help make up a form. I'll send communication to the school to be sent out to all families.

AOCB

Mo – SAPC looking for money at last meeting. What happened with that beyond the £150 they were given to cover till June?

Mr Kerlin – They can apply to the Area Partnership Fund as SAPC and as a football club.

Eabhnat – Roza Salih was keen to attend a PC meeting. Did she contact you at all?

Mr Kerlin – Not yet.

Lisa – Can the nursery apply for the Area Partnership Fund separate from the school?

Mr Kerlin – Not sure but we do have different bank accounts.

Eabhnat – You can only try.

Mr Kerlin – We can allocate money to Rana's Garden and the nursery.

The next meeting will take place on Tuesday 7th or Wednesday 8th May 2024 at 6.30p.m. in Darnley Community Centre. Date will be confirmed after discussion on WhatsApp Group.

Eabhnat closed the meeting and thanked everyone for attending.

