

## St Angela's Parent Council

Minutes of a Parent Council meeting held on Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> May 2024 in Darnley Community Centre.

Present –

Jacqueline, Mrs Thompson, Mr Kerlin, Sophina, Thomas, Eabhnat, Lisa, Selina, Aqsa, Asmara, Lucy, Rachel, Fiona, Nicky, Nike and Teresa.

Apologies- Nicola, Paul, Mo, Emma and Luciana.

Mr Kerlin showed everyone a copy of the bullying policy.

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

Minutes of last meeting – All okay.

### Treasurer's Report

Balance	£6061.38
SALTIRE money	£3776.38
PC Money	£2285.00

PC Events - Eid Bazaar £1158.20, Spring Fling £164.89 (should be around £500 when remaining money comes in from ParentPay), Easyfundraising cheque deposited £36.31, P7 Grad Ball £120 (8 tickets sold).

SALTIRE – items for use seeds and compost, paid for workshops (music therapy, woodwork climate resilience, yoga), Let for SALTIRE celebration.

Received from Area Partnership Fund £8562.00 (has been transferred to school account)

### **Action**

### Head Teachers Report

HT newsletter sent out – informative. Would like to hear any feedback on whether there is too much information, not enough etc.

Nicky – It's good to have a list of events.

Mr Kerlin – Dates are important for all terms.

**Staffing** – 3 staff members retiring at the end of the year. Thanks to all of them for their service to the school.

The budget means we had a staffing level of 18.2 last season but this will be reduced to 17.3. This equates to the loss of a teacher. All classes will have a teacher but this will affect work that takes place during time out of class. PT's will now have to be timetabled to classes more. Education will be the same as always but other things will have to give. It will be challenging. We need to cover NCC time but this may have to be done differently next school year. We are looking at using assembly time but we can be creative around this. We may have to look at PEF but this will affect our SFL workers as we need teachers to be in class. Hoping to get 2 probationers to enable us to keep our SFL workers that we have at the moment. Mrs Thompson and Mrs Shaw will be your port of call as normal but they may need to go in to class next school year if we have absences.

On 13h May at 4.30p.m. SNP Councillors are coming to Darnley Primary school to speak and they have opened it up to our school to go along too.

Eabhnat – GCPG have also organised some protests and this has been shared on our WhatsApp chat. Is there any information about PT's being reduced in numbers?

Mr Kerlin – I don't think so based on our school role. Their job will be more difficult if they also have to be in class more.

**Building Update** - Since the email was sent from the PC there has been a flurry of activity around the school and all positive. PC have the power to change things.

Boiler and water tanks needing to be replaced – moving.

Covered walkway in P1 – been told this is safe but are looking at it. Services run through this also and someone has been out looking at this.

The fence at the back garden has been fixed.

Leak in corridor – Can't find where this is coming from but will keep looking.

Wee huts – The Director of Education commented on them and conversations have been taking place on refurbishment.

**P1 Playground** – Area Partnership work starting.

**Family Engagement** – These have been well attended. Thanks to Mrs Thompson for all her hard work.

**SIP Priorities** – These are set for 3 years, until 2026. Consultation will be put out to all parents to get your thoughts.

**Culture Committee** – I would like to thank everyone involved for all their help and support throughout the school year.

**Eid Bazaar** – This was a fabulous event with great food and a real sense of community. Thank you to everyone involved.

**Homework Policy** – This will go live from August.

**Sacraments** – P3 Sacrament of Reconciliation has taken place. Confirmation will be in St Vincents of Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> May and First Holy Communion will take place in St Roberts.

**Rana Harris Memorial Garden** – The Area Partnership Fund have given us £8000 + and this will allow us to improve the garden and send 2 pupils to Blairvadoch (as mentioned in last months minutes). We will invite his dad in and get his input on everything we are planning to do.

**Summer Trip** – This will take place on 6th June and will be £15 per family and £5 per child. The total cost will be over £3000. Will speak to PC and get your views.

#### **Dates for the Diary –**

14<sup>th</sup> May Induction Day

23<sup>rd</sup> May Family Events Evening (may change this to the Tues or Wed due to the holiday weekend)

4<sup>th</sup> June SALTIRE event

6<sup>th</sup> June Summer Trip (a form will go out asking for parent helpers)

12<sup>th</sup> June P7 Sports Day

13<sup>th</sup> June Nursery – P3 Sports Day

13<sup>th</sup> June P4 – P6 Sports Day

18<sup>th</sup> June P7 Mass and Graduation Ceremony

19<sup>th</sup> June am P1-P2 Prizegiving

19<sup>th</sup> June pm P3-P4 Prizegiving

20<sup>th</sup> June am P5-P6 Prizegiving

20<sup>th</sup> June pm P7 Prizegiving

21<sup>st</sup> June P7 Graduation Ball

24<sup>th</sup> June Reports sent home

24<sup>th</sup> June Thanksgiving Mass in St Roberts Church (Sacramental Mass)

Lucy – Darnley Primary have asked to join in the Eid Festival next year to make it a bigger event.

Aqsa – Sounds good, we can discuss with them.

## Action

### HWB and Sustainability

#### **SALTIRE pupil work:**

- Second Family Outdoor Play Workshop 22<sup>nd</sup> Apr; very successful and positive feedback. Next: 20<sup>th</sup> May,
- Go Green for St Patrick's Day, 19<sup>th</sup> March, a great success. All classes outside and involved in activities. Full day of SALTIRE activities. Steering Group girls led a pea planting activity.

#### **SALTIRE grounds:**

- All raised beds now filled and ready for planting. Pupils have started planting seeds in their class. Bed per stage.
- Willow pruning complete.
- More strawberries planted in orchard

#### **SALTIRE adult wellbeing**

- Woodwork 2: Tuesday, 12<sup>th</sup> March, planter for playground
- Music: Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup>,
- Yoga x 2 – very well received and very popular
- Foraging Tues 14<sup>th</sup>
- Food Growing Workshop 28<sup>th</sup> May

#### **Funding & Support**

- Crowdfunding campaign launched
- £8,562 Area Partnership fund: Work started Tue 7<sup>th</sup> May.
- Community Composting £3000

#### **Celebration Event**

- Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> June 6 – 8pm
- Band, marshmallows, loose parts play, SACP sports confirmed.
- Ranger Mason from Dams to Darnley – bug hunting tbc
- Steering Group Girls – Treasure Hunt activity, stampers & chocolate coins needed
- Poster printing – SALTIRE funds
- Raffle ticket & poster printing – PC funds – to go towards Nursery garden – air fryer, Macklin Motors prizes
- Invitations
- Helpers needed

Mr Kerlin - Crowdfunding Campaign - Eabhna has been working really hard on this. I agreed to speak to some local businesses. Spoke to 17 and received nothing. They are all good taking the information but are having to refer it "higher up". They want to give hospitality gifts but we are looking for cash. This is proving difficult. We are trying to get others to put their hands in their pockets so it's not always just our parents/carers. Eabhna – I haven't shared the link with parents yet because we were trying to target businesses. We will now share it out to the wider Parent Forum to see if any of their

businesses can help, or if they know anyone with their own business. We're not looking at individual families to pay.

Mr Kerlin – Macklin Motors have offered really good prizes – a car for a week, St Mirren Mascot, an air fryer etc. We can take these and use them for donations for a raffle.

Eabhna – If we share the link next week and say that it is aimed at businesses then we can ask families if they would like to buy the raffle tickets. We can make them £5 per ticket if those are the prizes we would have.

Fiona – Have you spoken to the housebuilders?

Mr Kerlin – Not yet but I will do.

Fiona – Go to their onsite office.

Eabhna – Let them know that we should be getting some press release coverage on this. That might help.

The SALTIRE Treasure hunt will be done a little differently this year. Card needs to be stamped before prizes given out.

Mary Louise will run the raffle. Volunteers will be needed.

It will cost £500 + VAT for the marshmallows and loose parts play. We will pay the school and they will get this through procurement so no VAT needs to be paid.

The SALTIRE group are looking for some funds from the PC to pay for compostable cups (£110 for 1000) and chocolate coins and stampers for the Treasure Hunt (£20 - £30).

Mr Kerlin – The school will pay for the cups as we have been using yours during the school day and this way, we can both share them.

Eabhna – Cups can be stored in the Sunshine Room so long as they are dry.

Thomas – I think you might find the cups are cheaper on Amazon.

Mr Kerlin – Just let me know if the school has to write you a cheque or you want to send us a link and we can buy them.

Eabhna – Good that means we can ask for £100 for good trowels, watering cans etc instead.

Mr Kerlin – What about asking if B&Q or Argos will donate them?

Eabhna – Will do. PC will need to cover cost of printing raffle tickets.

Fiona – Re Rana's Garden. I've seen on Facebook children painting pebbles with peace, love etc and using these. Might be nice to do something like this.

Mr Kerlin – We have put Spider Arts in the application Fiona, we can have a chat about this.

Fiona – Thank you.

## **Action**

### **Fundraising**

PC to fund Sacramental gifts and Emma will go buy them. How many do we need?

Mr Kerlin – 33 in all.

Lucy – P7 leavers, has anyone spoken to Luciana?

Lisa – Waiting for parents to send in their pictures and a message has been put out for parent helpers and P6 to help on the night.

Lucy – Do we have any volunteers to give out tea and coffee at the Thanksgiving Mass in St Roberts? It's from 6pm. - Thank you Nicky and Fiona.

Mr Kerlin – St Roberts are usually good at putting something on.

Lucy – Summer trip money, how much is needed from PC?

Mr Kerlin – SVDP have helped out and school will too. Maybe PC could buy more toys that we can use on the day and in the playground.

Lucy – How much will we spend?

Fiona – Is it worth asking Sainsburys and B& M to donate?

Eabhna – Sounds good but who is going to do this.

Fiona – I don't mind asking some of them. Re money why don't we agree to give half for toys and half to the school in cash.

Mr Kerlin – I will let you know week beginning 27<sup>th</sup> May.

Thomas – How much do you need?

Mr Kerlin – We don't know as the payments are just starting to come in now.

Eabhnat – PC funds are available so may not need to use school funds.

Lucy – What if we give £500 and we can work out how to split it later.

Mr Kerlin – Last year we got ice creams when we came back as there was not enough time to do it on the day.

Thomas – Are children allowed to bring spending money?

Mr Kerlin – No, as we are very limited on time with all the activities we do.

Lucy – We have a standard letter for those contacting the shops.

### **Action**

### **AOCB**

We need a new minute taker as Teresa will be leaving. The minute taker cannot be a member of the PC or the wider Parent Forum. They have to be independent. Please ask anyone you know who might be suitable. Will put out an advert locally if not successful internally.

Lucy – Due to work commitments I need to step down as Chair with immediate effect. Emma will also be stepping down as Vice Chair at the same time. Is there anyone here who is willing to take on these roles, or even Co Chair?

Rachel – I will take Vice Chair

Rachel was proposed by Eabhnat and seconded by Fiona.

Eabhnat – I will Chair the next couple of meetings until the AGM or we find a Chair. I can't take it on as I'm a co-opted member of the PC.

Lucy – Can be decided at the AGM.

Eabhnat – Thank you for all your help and support over the past year Lucy.

Mr Kerlin – I second that. You've done a great job. Best of luck in the future.

Aqsa – Some P1 parents have expressed an interest in the PC but have no one to look after their children. Do we look at a Zoom alternative?

Eabhnat – We used to have children at meetings so can maybe look at that again. Not sure it would work in this setting as will be quite loud due to the size of the hall.

Aqsa – Do parents have to attend all meetings?

Thomas – No, but they have to attend some. Will also be difficult to have your vote.

Eabhnat – Maybe they can come to some meetings and join the WhatsApp group to give their views. Can our new members leave their email address and phone number so we can add you.

Meeting finished at 8p.m.

The next meeting will take place on Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> June at 6.30p.m. in the Darnley Community Centre.

AGM on Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> September at 6.30p.m. in the Darnley Community Centre.

Eabhnat closed the meeting and thanked everyone for attending.

