

# St Angela's Parent Council

Minutes of St Angela's Parent Council Meeting at 6:30p.m. on the 20<sup>th</sup> of November 2024

Present – Fiona Rich, Eabhnat Ní Laighin, Rachel O'Malley, Aqsa Imran, Paul McIlroy , Thomas Morrison, Jaqueline Broadhurst, Siobhán Gibb, Mr Kerlin, Mrs Issac.

Apologies – Natasha, Mishka, Nicola

Mr Kerlin opened with a prayer.

Minutes of the last meeting – All okay

Fiona congratulated Mr Kerlin, on behalf of the Parent Council, on his appointment as permanent Head Teacher of St Angela's. The school community is delighted with his appointment and we look forward to many successful years working together.

## **Head Teacher's Report**

**Staffing** – The Head Teacher post was appointed today and I am looking forward to working together to take the school from strength to strength. This has a knock on effect for the Senior Leadership Team as we have Mrs Thompson acting DHT and Mrs Shaw and Mrs Thompson acting PT. Their jobs will now be advertised. Interviews should take place over the next few months although there is no set timescale yet.

### **Actions –**

**Literacy** - Literacy was spoken about in the last meeting. We should be able to fund new Literacy Class Materials centrally. They won't be in place for this academic year but we expect to have them in classes for next year.

**Library** - The library is being upgraded. We have removed outdated books that do not impress or engage the children. We will work to ensure we have a well-stocked library for pupils and Mrs Thompson is looking into funding for this.

**Newsround** – Since the last meeting we have discussed this with staff. It can serve a meaningful purpose in class, but ask staff are more aware of its content. Staff will ensure they watch the programme first before showing it to the pupils.

### **Parent's Night –**

There is a new booking system for parents night this year. Everyone who had appointments turned up, which teachers appreciated. Overall Parent's Portal worked the way we hoped, and parent's night went well. This new system will be there for the perpetuity of the children's time at St Angela's Primary.

## **Parent's Portal –**

145 children without permissions for pantomime trip.

292 children linked to parent pay out of 355.

What has happened is that there are people who have paid but without signing permissions. A fair timescale was given to parents to pay and give permissions. It is the responsibility of parents to sign permissions, and they need to understand this. We can't take children on the trip without permission, and we can phone parents the morning of the event, but we don't want to go down that road. Overall, more parents must engage.

## **Blairvadoch –**

The P7's are away on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> December. The rooms will be organised by Mandy and will be given out on the morning of arrival. Blairvadoch feel strongly about making new bonds with other people out with friendship groups therefore, the groups are not necessarily friends but instead groups of people who do not normally interact. Their dorm groups are usually different to their activity groups. Pupils also have the evening down time to mix with everyone.

The hoodies have arrived. Mandy will quality check them tomorrow and they will be given out to the pupils on Friday.

Jaqueline- I wouldn't recommend them wearing the hoodies during activities as they'll get destroyed.

Mrs Issac – Yep, they should be worn only during evenings or the bus journey.

Eabhna – A very well done to Mrs Thompson and Rachel for getting that all organised so quickly.

## **Building –**

**P1 Canopy** – Work continues on the P1 canopy. They have to shorten the canopy that overhangs into the car park as bin lorries tend to hit it and this can affect structural integrity and the cables along the length of the canopy. We want the construction to be complete for the Christmas Fayre. The P1 entrance was opened today but the main entrance will be closed Friday, Monday and possibly Tuesday next week. The P1 entrance will act as the main entrance during this time. An email will be sent out to parents explaining this.

Mr Kerlin said that at the moment he doesn't need support from the parent council in this matter, but we will let us know if it is required.

Another problem is the weather because they can't use certain materials due to the cold temperatures.

Thomas - It needs to be at least 5 degrees.

Mr Kerlin – Yes, so this could cause a delay.

**Heating/ Hot water issues** – There is currently no hot water in the building. We can only have hot water or the heating on, we can't have both, which is not okay, especially at this time of year.

The kitchen is affected as they can't wash the number of dishes they usually have. Menus have been changed to accommodate this, which of course limits the food options.

We can heat water but only enough to wash hands in the toilets and clean a small number of dishes. The Council are aware of heating problems.

Children will not be missing their Christmas dinner on the 12<sup>th</sup> of December.

Mrs Issac – School lunch can be the only hot meal some kids get so we need to make sure that they get it.

Mr Kerlin – I will send out an email with the changed menu on Friday.

### **Gold Sports Award –**

On the 2<sup>nd</sup> of December we will be receiving the Gold Sports Award for all our after-school clubs and other activities. This month has been slow for clubs but will pick back up. Three pupils from the Sports Committee will be coming along to accept the award.

### **SAPC Update –**

A meeting with SAPC will take place in January to review how football will be offered.

### **Parent Council Recognition –**

Congratulations to the SALTIRE group who have been shortlisted as finalists for the Glasgow Times Community Awards on 4<sup>th</sup> December in City Halls. A very well-deserved recognition of the hard work they do.

Congratulations also on being shortlisted for PTA of the Year with Parent Kind.

Fiona – It appears we were put in for the wrong category. The nomination was for the SALTIRE group for environmental or community work, but they put us through for PTA of the Year. All of the info I submitted was about SALTIRE project rather than all of the achievements of the Parent Council as a whole. I listened to the awards ceremony and though it was nice to hear the work recognised we didn't win.

### **Road Safety –**

Mr Kerlin- We had a nursery child hit by a car on Tuesday 19/11/24 on Glen Morriston Road at 3.15pm, after leaving the school. The Crossing Patrol had finished. The car was doing 10 mph so no one fault was at fault. The child is okay apart from a few minor injuries but this event highlights how critical the situation is.

I have spoken to the dad and the child is okay. The police appeared today, and I would like to talk to them again.

Mrs Issac – We need a 20 mph sign that flashes

Rachel – We have a sign, but it doesn't flash.

Fiona – The community were recently successful getting lights for the roundabouts replaced, so it should be possible to get them for an important sign.

Mr Kerlin- Salters came and salted the pavement outside, which hasn't been done in a long time.

Thomas – This is a priority for the council this year because they received a high number of claims last year.

Eabhna – Walking on an icy pavement is just as dangerous as driving on an icy road can be.

Rachel – We should go to Rosa Salah about the speed signs.

Mr Kerlin – Yes, especially now a child has been hit. I will also send something out in light of the accident.

Rachel – I am happy to go along to Rosa's monthly drop in surgery in Sainsbury's.

Eabhna – You could ask on the chat for support. It would be good to show up with 2 people to say we are here from St Angela's PC, and we need your help.

## **Treasurer's Report**

Total in Account: £6778.85

Parent Council: £2674.50

SALTIRE: £ 3473.46

Nursery: £630.89

### **Parent Council –**

In -

- Autumn Disco Tickets
- Glow sticks sales – banked
- Easy Fundraising Money
- Xmas Fayre Stalls
- Grant for buses from GCC

Out -

- Let and Minutes for last meeting
- Snacks for disco
- Glow sticks for disco

### **SALTIRE –**

In -

- Corra Foundation, Outdoor play therapy, £3000

Out-

- Paid for second composter
- Locks for composter
- Composting work shops
- Seeds for allotments + meadow
- Bin bags

### **Events Update**

#### **Autumn Disco –**

Income from ticket sales and glow stick sales: £616.26

Outgoing – Let, snacks, prizes and glow sticks: £251.07

Profit: £365.19

#### **Xmas Fayre –**

Four stalls totalling - £130

### **New accounts reporting format**

Fiona showed the Parent Council a new format for yearly accounts which shows the breakdown for categories e.g. income from fundraising. (attached - Statement of receipts and Payments 23/24)

## **SALTIRE Report**

Eabhnaid led the discussion, providing an update and overview of the SALTIRE project: SALTIRE has kicked off in earnest again. We are very excited for the year ahead.

### **Recognition –**

Glasgow Times Community Champions Awards – won our south category and have been shortlisted for overall winner. Civic reception in City Halls 4<sup>th</sup> December for SALTIRE group.

Parentkind PTA Awards – Shortlisted for PTA of the Year for our SALTIRE work.

### **Adult Workshops –**

Adult Workshops have continued for the SALTIRE group. Composting with Cat from Propagate, Allotment Planning with Rebecca from Glasgow Community Food network as well as a planning meeting with the group to map out the year's activities.

We are finalising our workshop programme which will be shared with all families. The Workshops include wreath making with Rachel on 10<sup>th</sup> Dec, climate action workshops with PFFS, visits to The Clay Pits and Alexandra Park Food Forest, willow pruning & repair, safe fire starting and cooking and painting & decorating outdoor furniture.

We have been asked to host a composting open morning in Feb (1<sup>st</sup> or 8<sup>th</sup>) with GCFN.

### **Pupil Work –**

The Steering Group had their first meeting with Cat from Propagate about composting. This was held with the Eco Group, who will work along side them to lead our school composting project.

The first class-sessions were last week with the 6s and 7s and they did great work clearing the allotment. A full timetable has been created with Mrs Shaw and each class will have 3 sessions over the course of the year.

### **Composting –**

We built our second Jora composter and have worked with Mrs Shaw to create a plan for food waste to be composted and gathered by pupils every Tuesday. The compost can be used in our allotment.

Every Tuesday pupils will put bins in the muga, P3-7, P2 and P1 playgrounds and the nursery for children to put food waste. After lunch they will then transfer this, in bags, to the Jora with wood chips.

### **Community Action Day –**

We need support to clear the composting corner, build pallet bays and lay slabs to go under the joras. We are hoping to set a date for a Saturday in January.

Aqsa – Could we do this on January 18<sup>th</sup> has i would love to support but that is the only weekend I am available.

Eabhnat – Is this okay with everyone

All agreed

Fiona – Would this be a good day to set up a day for general clearing and cleaning?

Eabhnat – Yes, if we get enough volunteers we could separate out into different groups. Is 10- 12 on the 18<sup>th</sup> okay with everyone?

All – Yes

Eabhnat – Would you be willing to put together a flyer for this Fiona?

Fiona – Yes.

### **Funding –**

- The Corra Grant came through in a second round of funding and we have been awarded £3000 for Fun Family Outdoor Play sessions. This will fund 4 sessions for 3 groups of families and will start in March. Mrs Thompson and Mrs Isaac are arranging these with a qualified Play Therapist.

- Area Partnership bus fund successful £500 has been transferred to the PC.

Mr Kerlin – There have been no buses so far but I will talk to Tom to say that when the invoice comes through it has to say St Angela's PC so you don't have any problems. There will be sessions, but you might not be asked for that money for a few months.

Aqsa – That money is ringed fenced for that purpose only.

- Free trees from I Dig Trees arriving 23<sup>rd</sup> January.
- Area Partnership Fund asked us to delay our SALTIRE application until April as the PC & School have already have significant funding for this financial year. They are keen to support our Steering Group workshops and this should run next session.
- Adult Wellbeing Fund application submitted for further Adult Wellbeing Workshops, Family Play Sessions & development of the allotment.
- Community Food Grant applied for £500 to facilitate a Saturday morning gardening club.
- British Science Week Community Grant - applied for £500 for a microscope and thermometers and a science-based family workshop on composting, open to all families.
- Whole Family Fund – joint application with St Paul's family Partnership. Funding for an outdoor creative arts P7 / S1 transition programme for ASN children from the 4 feeder schools of St Paul's.

## **Rachel -**

Muddy Movers is off to a great start. We began our weekly sessions at the end of September and the feedback I have had so far from parents is that the kids are really enjoying it.

We have had loads of fun doing things like weeding, spring bulb planting, free play in the mud kitchens, making patterns using nature, and wizard wand making.

We are now on pause until January due to festive activities and show rehearsals taking place, but I am looking forward to getting stuck in again in the new year.

## **Events & Fundraising**

### **Autumn Disco Feedback –**

Fiona – The Autumn Disco went really well. The only problem was not asking for phone numbers at the point of booking.



Mr Kerlin – One of us will always be there so we can get access to the school system for phone numbers if needs be.

Fiona – We will try and collect the numbers by parent pay in future.

Aqsa – Another problem was that there were parents who just turned up without having previously paid. We did take their kids in but it's not ideal

Thomas – Yes, I had people show up saying they forgot to pay.

Fiona – Could we promote the ticket sales through SeeSaw or would this get mixed up with the children's other work on there?

Mr Kerlin – Using SeeSaw wouldn't be a problem.

Thomas – This event was one of the best for volunteers due to all the group chats. Even the volunteers who showed up and helped with the registers and then left were still appreciated.

### **P7 Leaver's Hoodies-**

Fiona – All good on that front

### **Panto**

Mr Kerlin - Transport costs are £1350 and in total we need £2928.

The St Conval's St Vincent De Paul group came in with a cheque of £200 which we will put towards the panto

So far £2000 has been raised by the parents through Parent Pay and St Vincent De Paul donation so we still need is to raise £900

At the end of December there is a playground prize draw, so we'll lean into that for the panto.

Eabhna – Do you have an idea of how much money you can expect to still get from parents through parent pay?

Mr Kerlin - £100. I had sent out an email saying that the panto tickets needed to be paid and received £240 in response. I can send out another email.

Thomas donated funds privately to Mr Kerlin to go towards the Panto. Thank you to Thomas for his generous support of the school.

Fiona – After the Christmas Fayre, kids can bring in money to school to buy whatever is left e.g. cakes, selection boxes, toys. This means an extra profit is coming in which is a possibility for the panto.

Mr Kerlin – last year staff bough left over selection boxes after the Fayre.

Eabhna – We have £900 available in our accounts. We are definitely in a position to help with the panto if needed.

Mr Kerlin – I have put out a form to parents for volunteers for the panto.

### **Christmas Support –**

Mr Kerlin – I have been speaking to Lisa in the Nursery. In the past, Lisa has bought the selection boxes and then been reimbursed after the Fayre. I have suggested instead that she organises the grotto, pays for the selection boxes and finds a Santa and all funds raised go to the nursery. What would the Parent Council think about this?

Eabhna – The only problem is then on paper we're not supporting the Nursery.

Mr Kerlin – You're supporting them by hosting the event which provides them with the opportunity for their fundraising.

All agreed to this change of arrangements going forward.

Siobhán – How do the baking stalls work?

Fiona – We get donations from companies and pupils bring in donations.

### **Hot Rolls**

Mr Kerlin – If you need the kitchen for hot food we will need to put in a let. In the past they have been served from the hatch between reception and the lunch hall.

Aqsa – There is not enough time for a let. The other option for making hot rolls if the kitchen isn't available, is using Air Fryers.

Siobhán – Who would make the rolls?

Rachel – Debra has offered but we would need more people to support.

Eabhna – Having the hot rolls being served in a classroom would prevent the corridor by the hatch from being blocked.

Rachel – So are we going ahead with the hot rolls?

Fiona – Yes, it sounds good.

All agreed

### **Entry Fee**

Aqsa – I would like to charge an entry fee of £1, which means an immediate profit. Under 3's would be free.

Mrs Issac – Could we give the parents a free tea and a biscuit with their ticket. That is what has been done in the past.

Rachel – I don't think we should charge kids but we should charge parents.

Aqsa – If we are charging for entry someone will have to be at the door.

Fiona – That is another job that has to be done, and another volunteer needed. We can decide on entry fees in the group chat. We need to know numbers for volunteers.

Eabhnat – I can make a volunteer form.

Fiona – That would be great.

Mr Kerlin – Our P7's will come out of class on the Friday to organise things such as the toy stall and to set up tables. If someone from the Parent Council would just come in to say what you want for the layout, and we will do all the work.

Fiona – Is there anyone here available on Friday and/or Saturday to help.

Jaqueline – Available Friday & Saturday

Paul, Thomas and Siobhán – Available Saturday

Rachel – Available Friday

Fiona – From the parent body, we are asking for tombola prizes and home baking but we can't accept alcohol.

Mr Kerlin – What is a suitable location for the bouncy castle?

Aqsa – Rana Harris' Garden.

Mr Kerlin – Perfect, so we will get power from the huts.

Aqsa – We have not paid a cleaning fee for the Fayre. Last time we paid for cleaning, but it wasn't cleaned, so I didn't apply for it this year. It just means we will have to do a little more cleaning after the Fayre.

### **Christmas Charity**

Mr Kerlin – Staff are holding their annual Christmas Advent Giving Calendar where they bring in donations each week. Families are also invited to contribute.

25<sup>th</sup> Nov – Non-perishables

2<sup>nd</sup> Dec – toiletries

9<sup>th</sup> Dec - sweet treats

### **School Meals**

Fiona – We have covered this. Are there any questions?

Eabhnat – At the moment you do not need any action from us?

Mr Kerlin – No. Everyone above me knows about it and it should be sorted.

### **AOCB/ Matters Arising**

None.

**This meeting ended at 20:05pm.**

**The next meeting will take place January 15<sup>th</sup>, 2025**