

St Angela's Parent Council

Minutes of St Angela's Parent Council meeting on Wednesday 3rd September 2025 at 7pm.

Present: Safa Yousaf, Aidan Kerlin, Mandy Thompson, Olu Shokunbi, Lisa McCann, Luciana Markey, Eabhna Ní Laighin, Rachel O'Malley, Natasha Mirza, Thomas Morrison, Aqsa Imran.

Apologies: Paul, Mo, Siobhán, Mishka.

Minutes of last meeting – Approved by Aqsa Imran & Eabhna Ní Laighin.

Meeting – Rachel O'Malley

Rachel opened the meeting

Apologies same, Minutes of last meeting approved.

Head Teacher's Report – Aidan Kerlin

Staffing

Welcome to Miss Connolly, Mrs O'Boyle, Miss McConnell, Miss McCracken and Claire Jones (Nursery)

Two upcoming maternity leaves, Miss Hussain and Zenab Bashir. We wish them well. I am in contact with HR over replacements.

Pupils

Sadly, we lost 20 pupils over the summer to East Ren schools. We have welcomed 7 new pupils this term. With the upcoming census, this could have an effect on teacher numbers. Current roll of 349 Census will take place in the next week.

Budget / Finances

PEF - £33,500 to be sent on 1.4 sflw. Approx. £10,000 to be spent on improved literacy resources to raise attainment.

Core budget – Met with AFA – budgets are tight, but we will endeavour to be as efficient as possible. Don't want to use PEF for sundries, but get the best possible advantage from that

School Funds – Colour run scheduled again. Increase in Playground draw has been well received. 113 families have contributed to Playground draw this month. Colour Fund

Run already in the diary for next year. Need to look at dates and costs for Ayr Beach / alternative and pantos.

Curriculum/School Improvement

New SIP attached below **Appendix 1**

iPad roll out announced – affects current P5's directly. P6 and P7 continue to have 1:1 ipads. Old ipads will be collected between now and Decemeber, when the refresh happens. P1 – 5 will use shared ipads.

Project based learning – idl projects - looking at the relevance of topics to our children in Glasgow / West Scotland. There have been increased racism and incidences of hate due to the rise of far right and we want to address it appropriately through the curriculum.

Curriculum & Education: we were praised for how our children engaged in learning - Senior Leadership team are leading on this.

Building

No significant issues at present – the grounds are unkempt, would be good to tidy them up

Loose parts equipment – rotten and disposed of - keen to replace them

Eabhnat: We said we would purchase new LPP equipment with SALTIRE funds but have yet to arrange it.

Actions: Grounds clear up & New Loose parts purchased.

Family Engagement

Mrs Thomson working hard in background with new schedule

Meet the teacher taking place tomorrow – strong turn out from Parents last week for P1

After School Care

Awaiting start date due to Care Inspectorate – out of the control of Dannielle Campbell

Humza Yusaf visit

Upcoming visit from Humza Yusaf. He'll attend a whole school assembly including singing and sharing news. Unfortunate we can't have parents because of lack of space.

We will talk about the SALTIRE recognition. It is exciting for the kids to meet someone successful from their community.

Residential – Mandy Thompson

Upcoming trip to Ardentinnny.

Mandy: Unfortunately we've had a very low uptake this year compared to all other years. An email went out about a meeting next Tuesday. Only 18 out of 49 pupils have registered to attend. Families pay £300 but cost is £350, £50 per pupil will be paid by school, plus the cost of the bus and ferry to Dunoon.

Safa: Can families pay in instalments?

Mandy: Yes

Luciana: Will we share on the P7 chat?

Mandy: Yes please share the details of the meeting. A man from Ardentinnny will be attending the meeting.

Aidan: We need numbers confirmed to keep the cost static, a significantly low uptake could impact on costs.

Mandy: I have asked parents to get in touch if finance is an issue. This message along with all initial information goes out in P6.

Safa: Could there be cultural reasons for non-attendance?

Aidan: There has been the same cultural make up in years gone by and the numbers were higher.

Natasha: Do the children in P7 know about it?

Luciana: Yes

Aidan: If families approach us then we can ask organisations for financial help. We don't want finance to be a reason not to go. We don't want to get to leaving time and children want to be on the bus. You could share with parents that if they approach the school for financial support it is available.

It will be in Ardentinnny next year and Blairvadach the following year. Blairvadach is public and therefore cheaper than Ardentinnny which is private. December is the cheapest time of the year. We have done everything we can to keep the cost to a minimum.

Treasurer's Report: Aqsa Imran

Prom

Money in £1070.47

Cost £848.51

Left £221.96 -£50 will go to prom 2026

Other sources

Raffle at saltire celebration £297.74 (£43.50 is in cash, will be deposited into bank soon as possible)

Easy fundraising £26.79

Money from Glasgow city council £400

Money spent since last meeting

Let and minutes of May pc meeting

Sacrament gifts

PC flyers

Prom expenses

Snacks for p7 leavers mass

Retuned left-over money for SAPC buses to GCC

SALTIRE

No money in since last meeting

Paid for

Compostable cups

Printing of Directory made in craft club

Topsoil

Potato bags

Facilitation fee

Saltire celebration costs

Chalk, maps, chocolate coins, pegs for den building

Let, SAPC donation, operation play outdoors via school, propagate for microscope and compost station

Picnic for steering group girls

Sweets, stickers and party bags for muddy moovers children

Calm Families outdoor sessions

Nursery fund

Money includes crowdfunding £38.61

SALTIRE Update – Eabhnat Ní Laighin

Adult Workshops:

This year our adult workshops will be funded by Glasgow Wellbeing Fund. The timetable is still being organised and will be shared with families soon.

Some activities will take place after school hours to extend the opportunities to more parents.

Steering Group Workshops:

This year we have funding to run a facilitated workshop with the Steering Group once each term. These workshop aims to give them ownership of the work that needs to be done in the grounds by creating subgroups. The first workshop was Tuesday morning, the girls loved it and came up with lots of ideas and were excited and motivated.

Pupil Work:

Mrs Shaw is creating our pupil timetable which starts next Tuesday and this year is expanding to include the nursery. We worked outside with the Steering Group last Tuesday harvesting from the adult raised beds which were very successful.

Muddy Movers:

Is going ahead again this year with P1s, thanks to Rachel for supporting this as well as the pupil SALTIRE work.

Funding:

Over the summer we applied for a variety of grants and were successful in two applications so far. Both funds are paid in arrears, meaning we are paid as and when we submit invoices.

Branching Out Fund £500 – paid in arrears

- Bark

CSGN Growing Food Together Fund £5000 paid in arrears

- raised beds
- rain water collection
- food growing family workshop facilitation

Allotment Development:

A significant amount of our funding and work this session will be centred around developing and maintaining the allotment, including a shelter for the composters and a sustainable watering solution which we plan to have in place before the Spring.

Composting:

Thanks must go to Mrs Shaw for the success of last sessions composting which ran from January to June. Run by the Steering Group and the Eco Committee under Mrs Shaw's supervision food waste from break and lunch was collected and composted meaning we will have a significant amount of homemade compost for the raised beds this Spring. Composting starts again next Tuesday.

Visitors from a Permaculture group in Dumfries and Galloway are visiting the allotment on Friday around lunchtime to learn about our composting system. Thanks to Rachel and Safina for meeting them and showing them around.

Humza Yusaf will also hear about the SALTIRE project during his visit on 19th September.

Dates to confirm:

Go Green for St Patrick's Day: Tuesday 17th March.

SALTIRE Celebration: Tuesday 2nd June

Events Calendar: Rachel O'Malley

Meetings:

Rachel: Is everyone happy to continue with Wed?

Group: Yes

Rachel: And meetings every 6 weeks?

Group: Yes

Meetings dates discussed and set:

22nd October

19th Nov

14th January

25th February

22nd April

27th May

Events:

Autumn Disco: Wednesday 29th October

Times: 5.45 – 7, 7.15 – 8.30pm

Let 6- 9pm

Conversation about cost of let, putting in lets early and idea of using the community centre.

Thomas: The centre is not available until 6pm, DASC use both halls

Luciana: Kids, especially little ones, know the school

It was agreed as a group that using the school for events is much preferred option.

Rachel: We learned from Prom fundraising that glitter tattoos and glow sticks make money

Christmas Fayre: Sat 29th November

Times: 10am – 1pm

Let: 9.30am - 1.30pm

Aidan: P7s will have an enterprise stall

St Angela's Feast Day: 27th January

snacks needed for feast

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Time TBC (maghrib 5.50pm?)

Let 5 - ? tbc

Go Green: 17th March

Eid Bazaar: Sat 28th March,

Times: 12 – 3pm,

Let 11.30am – 3.30pm

Spring Fling: 29th April same times as autumn

SALTIRE Celebration: 2nd June 6 – 8, Let, 5.30pm – 8.30pm

Aidan: The Janitor house is becoming empty as the resident janitor is retiring from his post.

Eabhnat: That might have access repercussions for our allotment.

Aidan: It won't happen for a while yet.

Thanksgiving Mass: Thursday 18th June, 1.30pm, during the day in the school,

Aidan: Bridie will source Sacramental gifts and invoice parent council. We will invite all sacramental pupils. We will discuss what it looks like and what it needed closer to the time.

Graduation: Tuesday 16th June

teas and coffees needed.

Leaver's Dance: Friday 19th June

Parents for 6, slideshow 6.30 – 7, 7 – 9 disco, gone by 9pm

Actions: Next year print a school calendar for arranging dates, Discuss and Action events as they approach.

School Events / Parental contribution – Aidan Kerlin

Aidan: We can skip this just now. I want to have a conversation and seek advice from the parent forum because we're not covering costs at all. We need to consult with parents about what they're willing to pay.

Group decided to move for future discussion on joint decision on asking families and the consequences of not paying. Keep on agendas going forward.

Action: Future agenda item

Leaver's Hoodies: Rachel O'Malley

Rachel: We would like to have them for the trip

Aidan: We're happy to have them earlier, they'll be well worn by June.

Luciana: I'm happy to order:

Aidan: Please make sure the new school logo is used.

Luciana: I'll use the same contact as last year.

Rachel: Thanks Luciana.

Action: Luciana actioning hoodies before Ardentinny.

AOCB: Raise the Flags campaign in Darnley

Eabhnaid raised the issue of the Saltire flags being raised in Darnley, their significance for our community, and if/how we should respond. The topic was discussed as a group. The decision was made not to make any overt reference to the flags or campaign but to make a considered response e.g, support for Refugees in time.

Meeting ended 8pm. Rachel thanked everyone for their attendance and contribution.

Next meeting: 22nd October

Appendix 1 – SIP 2025/2026



St Angela's Primary School Improvement Priorities 2025-2026



1. We aim to improve **teaching and learning** by . .

	using our reading skills to write better		becoming more skilled at self and peer assessment		getting better at project based learning
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2. We aim to expand our **inclusive practices** by . .

	supporting our EAL learners		becoming skilled in restorative approaches		being proactive against racism		learning Makaton
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3. We aim to **engage our pupils and families** by . .

	reviewing our curriculum		increasing challenge and engagement		learning purposefully whilst using digital devices
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