

St Angela's Parent Council

Minutes of St Angela's Parent Council meeting on Wednesday 14th January 2026 at 6.30pm.

Present: Aidan Kerlin, Eabhnat Ní Laighin, Thomas Morrison, Aqsa Imran, Rachel O'Malley, Safa Yousaf,

Apologies: Fr Byrne, Natasha, Paul, Kirsty

Minutes of last meeting – Approved by Aqsa & Rachel

Meeting – Rachel O'Malley

Rachel welcomed everyone to the meeting and Aidan opened with a prayer.

Apologies given and minutes of last meeting approved.

Head Teacher's Report – Aidan Kerlin

Staffing

Health & Wellbeing Support Worker – A job will be advertised soon for a 1:1 support worker for a pupil with special health needs who can start school as soon as the post has been filled.

JMcG Retired – we wish her well

New SFLW – Nusrat Jabeen – starting on 19th Jan delighted to welcome her

2 student teachers at present in P7/6 and P1

Mr McCarthy is off long term sick & we pray for his health.

Maggie Douglas & Leigh McQue's long term absence continues.

Claire in nursery has a broken rib which is very painful and she is unlikely to return before the inspection.

Support from council covering staffing during absence

Pupils

Current roll sitting at 340 – projected roll for next session submitted to GCC at 345, staffing will be based on this. Conservative estimate to ensure if we are inaccurate that we will gain a member of staff rather than lose one early in the new session.

Budget / Finances

Period 11 Budget received from Area Finance Advisor, all budgets within budget parameters at present.

We are supporting staff as much as possible with resources just now in preparation for inspection.

Curriculum/School Improvement

PEF to be spent on Reading resources in line with SIP – Mrs Thomson leading on this and will update at next meeting

Building

Leaks fixed in majority of school.

Skip on site at present this week, PC welcome to use, although it is almost full this evening.

After School Care

Uptake starting to increase, happy with partnership so far. Children very fond of Dani and she has a very positive relationship with them.

Culture

Iftaar planning meeting on Tuesday 20th January at 2:00. 30 sign ups so far. Initial indications are mentioning a ticketed event with a caterer. Decisions will be shared after the meeting.

PVG

11 Parents have requested a PVG

10 want both school and PC

1 Parent wants just School.

Eabhnat & I will liaise on this in February

Christmas

Pantos were thoroughly enjoyed by children, came in on budget- with almost all families paying.

Christmas shows were a success, approx. £500 was raised through donations and this was used to fund pupil Christmas parties.

Thank you to Fr Byrne for his kind donation of a gift for every child in the school.

Christmas fayre was a great success, with our pupil enterprise raising approximately £700 for panto buses, thank you to St Vincent De Paul for supplementing the rest.

HMIE

HMIE inspection on 26th, 27th and 28th January.

Inspectors arrive Monday lunch time. They will meet with management first, then observe staff and meet with pupil, staff and community focus groups. There will be a team of 8 inspectors, two in nursery and 6 in the school, including one for health.

Surveys for parents and partners to be completed by 16th January.

Partners focus group meeting - 27th - 2:00

Parents focus group - 27th - 9:00

The school are extremely grateful for the support provided to the school in the run up to the inspection.

Eabhna: How can we support you?

Aidan: Encouraging more parents & partners to fill in response form so as many families as possible get their voices heard.

Rachel: We can share in WhatsApp groups

Action: Share form with parents/carers and partners

Financial report - Aqsa

Total money in account £7175.60

PC money £2360.77

SALTIRE money £4145.33

PC

Income since last meeting

Xmas fayre stall hire

Earnings from Xmas fayre

Xmas raffle ticket sales £126.90

Expenses since last meeting

Minutes and hall hire for November

Rolls and sausages for Xmas fayre stall

Stall mix up refunded

Let for Fayre

Sainsbury's gift cards donation for school

Football buses paid

Xmas Fayre

Income- includes stalls and earnings on day £1663.13

Expenses-include let, rolls and sausages £353.60

Total profit £1309.53

SALTIRE

Income

Grant from tree council for bark

Expenses

Snacks for gardening club

Picnics for adult wellbeing workshops

Lunch for HSBC volunteers

Floating feather adult wellbeing workshop

Wreath making adult wellbeing workshop

Gift for saltire steering group girl

Sowing seeds payments

Cherry trees

Picture frames for certificates

Apple juice for wassailing

SALTIRE Report – Eabhnat

Adult Workshops:

Since the last meeting we've had 3 very successful adult wellbeing workshops; Mindfulness with Gemma from the Floating Feather, Winter Wreath making with Rachel and Story Telling with Daiva from the Village Storytelling Centre. Upcoming workshops include building skills and willow pruning and weaving.

Steering Group:

The Steering Group have their next session with Sapna on Tuesday next and had fun helping the P1s with Wassailing yesterday.

Pupil Work:

Before Christmas pupils planted garlic, which has already sprouted. The also helped lay cardboard and spread soil on the infant raised beds which is a "no dig" method of gardening designed to suppress weeds and promote healthy soil. This week we had great fun singing and dancing and doing clapping games around one of our orchards with the P1s and nursery pupils in an English tradition called wassailing to wake up the fruit trees.

Food waste composting on Tuesday is in full swing and all four Jora chambers are in production.

Muddy Movers:

Muddy movers resumed this week for P1s. They explored textures by collecting and discussing items from nature and had fun “going on a bear hunt” in the playground.

Allotment Development:

Our allotment has been transformed and is looking new and exciting. Thanks to Sowing Seeds and a significant number of volunteer hours.

Despite Glasgow City Council’s best efforts at clearing away collected and cut wood we managed to source enough to fill the bottom of the two new beds to form a basis for hügelkultur beds. This means the wood decomposes over time, nourishing the soil from beneath while we nourish it with compost from above. Soil health is the basis for successful food growing.

Organised by Sowing Seeds, volunteers from HSBC joined us for a day before Christmas to help fill the 2 new raised beds with soil and cover all three allotment areas with woodchip. Sowing Seeds levelled the jora area and have begun construction of the shelter. We will finish this with them on 3rd Feb along with our rainwater collection system which should collect more than enough water thanks to the generosity of families delivering IBC containers this week. Thanks to those who donated. Alongside this work we will also have lids on all our compost bays, creating two more for garden waste and creating a storage space for bark to be used in the Jora composters.

All this work means that by mid-February the allotment should be fully up and running and ready for a very successful growing season.

Family Gardening Club:

This is still running successfully on Tuesdays after school and is very enjoyable. We have worked on covering the raised beds, adding new wood chip to the sensory garden, cleared the P2 mud kitchen and planted some garlic. The garden club is also on Saturdays once a month with dates shared via email. All welcome.

Inspection:

We are excited to show off the school grounds and our SALTIRE project to the inspectors and know they will be impressed with the school on all levels. In preparation for this we have arranged a community day of action On Saturday 17th January 10am – 2pm and encourage all to join us as we want to show off the school at it’s best. Help is needed to clear the path at the back gate, move bark, install two more compost bays, clear waste into the skip, plant trees and flowers, add bark to the P1 playground and tidy the sunshine room. All help welcome.

I’d like to take this opportunity to wish the school the best of luck with the inspection, knowing luck will have nothing to do with their success but continuous hard work and dedication.

School Improvement - Rachel

HMIE Inspection – covered in HT report

Events & Fundraising - Rachel

Christmas Fayre Feedback

Aqsa: we made a total profit of £1309.53.

Safa: Perhaps we could have a survey for vendors next year to get their feedback on the event?

Aqsa: We could.

Safa: Was the raffle drawn?

Rachel: Yes, Natasha and I drew it. We asked the office to email the list of winners to families and will chase this up.

Aqsa: But have all winners received their prizes?

Rachel: Yes prizes were distributed before the holidays.

Thomas: The tombola took in about £500. The TV was very popular and people were spending big in the hope of getting it. I had also bought reduced toys in Sainsbury's for it.

Safa: The book and toy stall was successful, especially books. Some people were asking for adult books and that could be a suggestion for next year.

Rachel: Yes one Dad bought a large selection of books for his son who loves them.

Aqsa: We could ask for adult books next year.

Discussion was had on the entry cost which has been £1 per person/ child over 3 since before all members in attendance joined the PC. The suggestion was to discuss upping this to £2 next year.

Ifaar Evening – covered in HT report

Eid Bazaar – brought forward to next meeting

Action: raffle winners shared with families, survey for vendors, request for adult books, discussion on raising entry fee to £2.

Parent Council Business -Rachel

Bus Funding - Apr '26 - brought forward to next meeting

Disclosure Scotland – Aidan will liaise with Eabhnaid in February & discuss at next meeting.

Bank signatory update – Aqsa approached Safa about becoming a signatory when Fiona is removed and they agreed to discuss it ahead of the next meeting.

Old bank account – Aqsa working on this

Actions: Bring all forward to next meeting

AOCB

Eabhnaid suggested the PC do something to pay their respects to Arven's family on the death of her mother. The group agreed to send flowers and a card to the family via the school to let them know they are in our thoughts as time moves on.

Action: Rachel to organise flowers, card and delivery via school.

End of Meeting:

Rachel thanked all for attending and we closed by wishing the school the very best with the inspection and expressing our confidence in a successful outcome.

Next meeting is Wednesday 25th Feb 2026