

St Angela's Parent Council

Minutes of St Angela's Parent Council meeting on Wednesday 4th March 2026 at 6.30pm.

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

Apologies: Paul, Kirsty

Minutes of last meeting – Approved by Rachel, Aqsa

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

HWSW – Interviews yesterday. This is a post for individual health support for a child with significant needs. A successful candidate has been appointed.

New SFLW – Nusrat Jabeen – started on 19th Jan, another welcome addition to the team.

Nicky – likely returning to work 23rd March

Maggie Douglas is off because of a broken knee and is retiring in the summer. She works .2

Leigh - absent

Nursery Staff – Laura Neill has been appointed as our new CDO

Claire Jones moved to another establishment.

Staffing meeting with GCC on 3rd March. Predicted role put forward. Staffing number down .4 because roll is down. This means one permanent 5 day a week job is available.

Pupils

Current roll sitting at 336 – down from 340 since last meeting. At the moment 58 spaces in P1 filled.

Budget / Finances

School funds have been audited. Approx £2800 left in school funds. Colour run can be used to replenish this for school improvement.

Building

No issues at present. City Building have come out to say they will put in a permanent boiler. This will have to go outside where the temporary boiler is, in a newly built extension. This will not restrict vehicular access to the back of the school.

Culture/Faith

The Iftar was very successful last Friday. We have received very positive feedback. The model of organisation worked well. We can use this going forward, adjusting as needed. The food was a bit late, but it was very well received and prayers went very well. Thanks to Humza for leading the event and to the children who said their prayers very well.

Next year we'll put the cost out to procurement. There is some cash in the school to cover meals, and digital money went to PC a/c. £80 in donations bucket. The invoice is pending.

PVG

11 Parents have requested a PVG – 4 have returned documents so far. Eabhna submitted the 4 PC applications last Tuesday.

Summer Trip

We have booked our school trip to Dumfries House

Monday 18th May: Nursery – P2

Monday 19th May: P3 – P5

Wed 20th May: P6s and 7s

£9 a child – bus ticket only.

Originally clashed with Big Eid but dates have now been changed.

Colour Run

16th May 2026 – Similar format to last year. Fundraising sheets to be sent to families next week.

Rachel: Would it be good to have medals?

Thomas: Or stickers?

Aidan: That's a nice idea, I'll look into it.

Parents Night

Parents night – 31st March. Booking system to open WB 9th March

Mr McCarthy – P6/5 – returning 1 week before the meetings and cover teacher, who only had them 6 weeks, will have left so it isn't feasible to have parents evening. Parents have been offered a form to ask questions for Mr McCarthy.

Ms Gallone's meetings will be split over two nights.

HMIE

Feedback received from HMIE. SIF Summary of Inspection Findings draft report have been shared with HT & PC. The full version will be shared once it is finalised. It was a very positive experience. We are happy with the process and found it fair and supportive.

Sacraments

Reconciliation: Tuesday 17th Mar 6pm St Robert's

Confirmation: Tuesday 28th April 7pm St Vincent's

Communion: Sunday 10th May 10am St Robert's

We will approach Mrs LaCombre about sourcing gifts and will .send budget & numbers

Actions: PVG applications if more come in, sacramental gifts.

Financial report - Aqsa

Total money £9099.33

PC money £3339.37 of this £804.34 is for the Iftar meals

Saltire money £4795

Nursery money £669.50

PC

Income

Funding for football buses

Easyfundraising

Eid bazaar stalls

Iftar meal ticket sales

Expenses

Minutes and let for January

Feast of St Angela's day snacks

Football buses

Refund of overpayment for Eid bazaar stall

Eid bazaar let

SALTIRE

Income

Refund of overpayment from sowing seeds

Third payment from green action trust

Groundwork UK fund

Expenses

Gardening club picnic

Supplies, picnic and facilitation fee for people of colour workshop

Primrose mix

Facilitation fee for all project

Calm families workshop

Posters for saltire wall

End of year gifts for Saltire girls

Parts for compost shelter paid

Picnic for adult wellbeing workshop

Aidan: Thank you to the PC, especially Rachel, for the treats for St Angela's Feast. It was very much appreciated. Amazon delivery was a good idea. How much was it?

Aqsa: About £300

Aidan: That's worth considering for the future.

SALTIRE Report – Eabhnat

Adult Workshops:

Since the last meeting we've had a very exciting morning with Sewing Seeds helping to roof the shelter for the Jora Composters and practicing our woodwork skills. We spent a morning with Ranger Rennie from Dams to Darnley pruning the willow and a lovely morning with Aqsa creating prints. Before the Easter holidays we'll have an adult block printing session with community artist KengKeng and a morning planting our adult raised beds.

Thanks to Rachel for her work on infographics for the allotment and updating our noticeboard which now looks fab.

Steering Group:

The Steering Group had their 3rd session with Sapna where they talked about what they wanted to share with the inspectors and made friendship bracelets.

Pupil Work:

Unfortunately, the rain meant we had to cancel SALTIRE for the inspectors, and we had to swap the willow pruning to 10th March which was a pupil day. Thanks to the P5, P6/5 and P5/4 teachers for taking their classes out and leading them in willow weaving despite having no SALTIRE helpers available. There were some lovely creations made. Next week we have lots of work for the P3s and 4s to do, 17th March is Go Green for St Patrick's Day and from 31st March we'll be working with 5 groups each week for 3 weeks to get the raised beds planted. Thanks to Mrs Shaw for the preparation work on Go Green.

Muddy Movers:

Muddy movers have continued their exploration of materials through things found in nature. They have also had great fun using lots of different materials from our loose parts resources to build their own homes just like the three little pigs. This week they did chalk drawing and silly dances. Thanks, as always, to Rachel for giving her time to this.

Allotment Development:

Work has continued in the allotment. Thanks to all those who turned up two weekends in a row to work on the school grounds. The path at the back gate was cleared completely, the water collection area cleared, flattened and three IBC containers donated and put in place. The P1 playground was also swept and cleared and the last of the woodchip spread under the trees.

The rainwater collection system is now in place, collecting any rain that falls on the roof of the shelter. In just a couple of weeks we have filled the first 1000l container. This will make a huge difference to watering this summer.

Family Gardening Club:

This is still running successfully on Tuesdays after school and is very enjoyable. Dates for February and March have been shared with families with the Saturday morning date being this Saturday 28th February.

Funding:

Glasgow Let's Grow Together Fund: £1300 for another Jora to complete the set to allow for an increase in food composting in the future.

Corra Boost Fund: £3000 for an after-school family craft club centred around reimagining a safer Darnley built around active and public transport.

School Improvement - Rachel

HMIE Inspection – *covered in HT report*

Target Setting –

Aidan: targets are set for literacy, numeracy and health & wellbeing. These are done with parents instead of homework the week before parents night and then completed with the teacher. Inconsistencies of practice have been identified and these have been ironed out.

Child Safety:

Rachel: There was a concerning message shared in class whatsapp groups.

Aidan: At 9.05am last Friday, a mum watched her daughter walk to the door of the school. A man also walked to the door and stood waiting for it to open. Mrs Fisher opened the door, greeted that man who said good morning and then turned and left. Mrs Fisher let the child into the school and the mum left. Without speaking to the school, the mum sent a message on the group whatsapp with false conclusions and no factual information about who the man was. The message was shared widely, causing significant unnecessary concern to families. There is no evidence of anything of concern. I have spoken to the Mum and requested that she explain that she spoke to me, the incident has been investigated and there is no evidence of cause for concern.

There were many concerned calls to the school, however there are many possible explanations and it showed that our security systems in the school work and no unauthorised person has access to the building.

Luciana: Could you get a Ring Doorbell?

Aidan: No, for GDPR reasons. CCTV systems differ in schools across the city. We don't have any but I had investigated the possibility because of vandalism in the past.

Safa: Maybe next time more parents will question messages and not jump to conclusions.

Aidan: I researched the facts and decided that a communication wasn't needed as there was no cause for concern. It was disappointing and hopefully it has now ended. I would ask that adults bring concerns to me in the first instance.

Seatbelts:

Rachel: There are significant concerns about children in cars without seatbelts both outside school and at McDonald's.

Aidan: I have addressed this in the newsletter

Rachel: It needs to be communicated to pupils and parents and we need to involve community police.

Luciana: How is the school road closure going?

Aidan: The same people continue to park inconsiderately and it causes significant disruption to residents.

Thomas: There are ongoing issues and families have missed appointments.

Aidan: Regarding seatbelts, I'll put another letter out to parents, and address it at assembly.

Thomas: You get points for your child not having a seatbelt.

Aidan: Children should also be in booster seats, not just wearing seatbelts.

Crossing patrol:

Aidan: The crossing patrol will be changing due to a forthcoming medical absence.

Natasha: What's happening with the Jannie's house?

Aidan: It is still occupied however, he is no longer working as a janitor. I will inform the PC when it becomes vacant.

Events & Fundraising - Rachel

Iftar – covered in HT report

Eid –

Aqsa: 12 stalls booked, let booked and paid for and approx. £170 taken in already

Luciana: Will P7 have a stall?

Aidan: Yes, P7s will have a stall for their own fundraising.

Luciana: May I ask about P7 leaver's dance? Are we charging £15 like last year? The cost of things has gone up, however, parents are being very generous, offering to pay for balloons, food at cost, etc. and I think we will be able to cover it with £15

Rachel: We didn't put it up last year so it would be good to keep it the same again.

Aidan: how was it paid before?

Aqsa: Parent Pay last year and bank transfer in previous years. Bank transfer is significantly easier.

Aidan: You could use the school account if needed.

Aqsa: That wouldn't be necessary, bank transfer is easier. Parent pay is more difficult because spreadsheets are intermittent.

Luciana: Let's do bank transfer

Aqsa: Ask them to use the child's name as reference

Rachel: Anything else for Eid Bazaar?

Aqsa: We have a volunteer for hair tinsel.

Rachel: Do we want a bouncy castle?

Aqsa: What we do depends on the number of volunteers we have to run activities. Parents can be very argumentative about the bouncy castle.

Rachel: We need to ask on the group for volunteers

Luciana: When is it?

Aqsa: Sat 28th March, 12-3pm

Spring Fling

Rachel: Do P7s want to be involved

Luciana: yes, They can do the glitter tattoos and lead the dancing.

Rachel: There are some glow stick in the cupboard and glitter tattoos.

Thomas: I'll get the glow sticks

Eabhna: Thank you.

Rachel: We'll also need more glitter tattoos

Natasha: We need to have a few tables of the tattoos because they were popular.

Aidan: What's the date?

Aqsa: 29th April

Aidan: We need adults to volunteer. It should help that PVG applications have been started for the PC.

Thomas, Natasha, Luciana: I can volunteer

Luciana: I can do the second disco, what time is that?

Aidan: 7.15 to 8.30pm

Rachel: I'll do the poster

Adan: Parent Pay can be used but let Jennifer know times etc so it is live when the communication goes out.

Rachel: I'll do that.

Natasha: Do we get fruit shoots and crisps?

Rahcel yes, I'll amazon them.

Natasha: It will be less than St Angela's Feast Day

Rachel: I'll make a Microsoft form for volunteers

Actions: Glitter tattoos, Volunteers for disco, Microsoft form, Parent Pay set up and time line agreed, crisps and fruit shoots,

Parent Council Business -Rachel

Bus Funding - Apr '26 –

Aqsa: There is money in the account to pay for 2 more with some extra.

Aidan: The school will cover the rest and we will discuss next year's bus payments in the new session.

Disclosure Scotland –

Eabhna: 4 applications already in. Perhaps we could send out a push to parents with reference to the Spring Fling.

Bank signatory update –

Aqsa: We haven't a second signature yet and we need to remove Fiona.

Natasha: What do we need to do?

Rachel: I could do it. We could both go one Tuesday after SALTIRE.

Aqsa: We don't need to go to the bank. I will look up the procedure.

Rachel: I can do it.

Old bank account – Aqsa working on this

Actions: Rachel to join as bank signatory.

AOCB

Thomas: I have ordered glow sticks and glow in the dark paint.

Meeting on 27th is changed to 20th May because of Big Eid.

End of Meeting:

Next meeting is Wednesday 22nd April 2026