

St Angela's Parent Council

Minutes of St Angela's Parent Council meeting on Wednesday 20th May 2026 at 6.30pm.

Present: Aidan Kerlin, (7pm) Eabhnat Ní Laighin, Aqsa Imran, Rachel O'Malley, Mandy Thomson, Natasha Mirza, Lisa McCann,

Apologies: Thomas Morrison, Safa Yousaf,

Minutes of last meeting – Approved by Rachel, Aqsa

Prayer

Come Holy Spirit, fill us with your strength, that we may bring the light of faith, the hope of the Gospel, and the promise of your kingdom into our schools and homes.

Grant that the work of our Parent Partnership will bear fruit for the good of the children and families in our school community.

We ask this through Christ Our Lord, Amen

Meeting – Rachel O'Malley

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

Apologies given and minutes of last meeting approved.

Financial report - Aqsa

Total money £11,362.51

PC money £4,200.17

Saltire money £6,418

Nursery money £669.50

PC

Income

Spring fling tickets, glow sticks tattoos

P7 prom tickets

Outgoing

Let and minutes for April meeting

Let and Snacks for spring fling

Communion/sacrament gifts

SALTIRE

Income

None

Outgoing

Let for saltire celebration

Seeds

Picnics for POC workshop, gardening club and craft club

Spring fling profit of £506.15

(Last year £371.09)

Mandy: How come we made so much more?

Aqsa: The let was an hour less because of afterschool care, Natasha donated some of the snacks, Rachel donated glitter tattoos and Thomas donated the glow sticks

The P7s balance is healthy.

Rachel: I'll text Luciana for an update on Prom.

Aqsa: Because the funds are paid into the PC account I have a list of who has paid, I'll email that to Luciana.

SALTIRE Report – Eabhnat

Adult Workshops:

The adults have met twice to plant and weed the raised beds. The allotment is looking fab and coming along very nicely.

Steering Group:

The Steering Group had their final session with Sapna which went very well.

Pupil Work:

Almost all classes have planted their beds now and things are beginning to grow – in competition with the docs we keep pulling out.

Muddy Movers:

We've been exploring sound vibrations and how sound travels, making a lot of noise in the playground. We also took them up to the allotment, where we planted lettuce and they tasted it. Our Muddy Movers party coming up at the end of the year as we say good bye to this cohort.

Allotment Development:

All 3 rainwater collection containers have been connected and last check we had 1 ¼ tanks full in preparation for the sunshine.

Family Gardening Club:

This is still running successfully on Tuesdays after school and is very enjoyable. It will also be held Saturday 6th June to run alongside SAPC's Commonwealth Games festival.

Family Craft Club:

This started last Monday and was very enjoyable. Funded by Corra Foundation, we will run three family craft sessions reimagining Darnley as a safer place for active travel and with improved public transport.

Celebration Event:

Tuesday 2nd June

Let in and paid

Band, Operation Play Outdoors, SAPC, Spider Arts booked.

No posters – budget

Should we have the marshmallows at back of school?

Aqsa: would that be a safety risk because little ones would be running around?

Eabhna Op Out are very safety conscious and would have it well cordoned off.

Mandy: School of dance is on the same night in St Paul's again.

Actions:

Invitations out – Eabhna & Aidan

Volunteer Form & timetable

Treasure Hunt maps prepped and printed, stampers and chocolate coins

Letter to Steering Group – Laura

Tidy and sort sunshine room

Risk assessment & First Aid

School Improvement - Rachel**School Uniform Swap Shop**

Rachel: We were wondering if we could have a school uniform swap shop in the school for new / nearly new clothes. Perhaps it could be out on the induction days.

Mandy: how would you communicate about it?

Rachel: I can make a poster

Mandy: it would also be good at parents night, somewhere discreet.

Aqsa: it's becoming much more acceptable and usual to get secondhand clothes, with vinted etc. it doesn't have the same stigma as before.

Rachel: we'd need a rail

Natasha: I have one

Mandy: the school has one too, it might have nativity clothes on it.

Lisa: the nursery has one.

Rachel: we can have it sorted by gender or age etc

Actions: Set up swap shop,

Events & Fundraising – Rachel

Prom:

Rachel: We've covered this. Luciana is organising and I'll get in touch for an update.

Natasha: how will it work next year if Luciana will be gone?

Rachel: usually someone steps up to organise it, last year we had a committee.

Celebration Event:

Rachel: We have already covered this. Eabhna, if you need help with Celebration event, please ask.

Actions: Contact Luciana, Eabhna to ask for help with event planning

Child Safety - Rachel

Rachel: Has anyone noticed any improvement or is it the same?

Mandy: it is awful just now, kids getting out on the kerb, with other pupils around. After it was discussed at the last meeting we did a seatbelt safety event with pupils. Parents are parking right outside the gate where it is a car free zone 2.45 – 3.15pm. It's really bad just now. The police have been out in the past.

Rachel: we need to contact community police and PC Natalie

Mandy: It is our parents because our pupils are getting in the cars. They are endangering other pupils' lives.

Rachel: Are you happy for me to contact the police? Do you have a contact number?

Mandy: Yes we are. I have a number for PC Natalie.

Rachel: Community Police should be dealing with this and PC Natalie

Mandy: It's the parents that need to be spoken to not pupils.

Rachel: Maybe they will come home and say the police were there.

Rachel I'll contact Natalie and see what she can do to help us.

Actions: Contact police

Parent Council Business -Rachel

Disclosure Scotland

Eabhna: I will contact Aidan about an email address to follow up on the missed disclosure.

Rachel: All SALTIRE except Fatima have disclosure and all PC members who put names forward.

Communication:

Rachel: I feel we need to overhaul our communication procedures. We used to use Twitter, but now we have no channel of communication and we should be letting parents know about the work we do the money we raise.

Natasha: Parents think the school pays for things that we pay for.

Rachel: It might be an incentive to join if they know the good work we do.

Rachel: is everyone happy for me to go ahead with this?

All: Yes.

Aqsa: Things could go in the WhatsApp groups

Rachel: We could communicate monthly as Aidan sends out his newsletter. We also have the Sr Angela's families Facebook page. Should we make that more of a PC site?

Eabhnat: Who is admin?

Rachel: I am and Fiona was. She might still be.

Mandy: Is there anything we can do to support that

Rachel: Nothing other than sharing what we give you with families. We should explore more channels too.

Eabhnat: We have a blue Sky account that hasn't been used.

Aidan: We could survey the parents.

Rachel: Yes, for example, do you use Facebook? do you like email communication?

Aidan: Do people use Facebook?

Rachel: I do, I think people do.

Aidan: Social media can be a bit of a burden but it's there to be used if it's of benefit.

Actions: More frequent communication with families. Survey families about preferred methods of communication. Eabhnat to follow up on missed disclosure.

Head Teacher's Report – Aidan Kerlin

Staffing

Staff leaving; It's the time of year when we say goodbye to staff. Miss Devenney, has been with us on supply and has been a brilliant addition to the staff. Miss McCracken and Miss McConnell, our probationers will be leaving us this year. We thank them for their service to St Angela's and wish them well in their careers.

Mrs Douglas is retiring at the end of the session, we thank her for her service to St Angela's and wish her a happy and healthy retirement.

1.0 Permanent Vacancy allocated to Kerrie Devine. She will be coming to Meet the Teacher.

Awaiting allocation of 0.2 vacancy on a temp basis.

Awaiting allocation of 2 new Probationer Teachers. This is to be confirmed. Having a probationer positively effects our staffing levels as one probationer is .5 of an allocation. There appears to be a low allocation of probationers across the city compared to last year.

Pupils

Current roll sitting at 329, down from 333. This will probably effect staffing for next year. Even with more P1s coming in than P7s leaving we are still sitting at less than my predictions.

Budget / Finances

Colour run - £1781 collected for School Funds. 78 Families contributed.

Natasha: how was footfall?

Aidan: it was less than last year

Natasha: the Celtic game may have effected numbers

Aidan: Attendance was less but not by much, roughly 170 attended. Some asked for it to be later but I'm not sure we can accommodate that. The early time also suited many.

Running costs of paint and the let have gone up but it is still a worthwhile fundraiser.

Sumer trip - £3000 collected so far, with a bill of £3340 to be paid for buses.

Outstanding families will be contacted this week. £300 short – communication will go out, no problem if families can't afford but they need to let me know so I can help.

Building

GCC have declined the installation of CCTV due to the cost. £25,000

Fire audit took place yesterday with positive feedback, a further recommendation has been made by them for CCTV.

Fire service said we're doing all we can as a school but need more support form council e.g. cctv, which will go in his report.

Aidan: I think the cost is elevated because of procurement

Natasha: has this arisen because of the recent vandalism?

Aidan: yes, fire and vandalism.

The fire officer questioned the position of the temporary boiler, causing a possible obstruction to fire vehicles. This will go in the report which will hopefully help to have it replaced with a permanent solution or aty least moved out of the way.

There was a leak in the building this week while it was raining.

Culture/Faith

Reconciliation took place on 17th March – congrats to all involved.

Conformation took place on Tuesday 28th April in St Vincents at 7:00pm

Communion took place on 10th May in St Roberts at 10:00

We congratulate these pupils on the next step in their faith journey.

Bridie La Combre has agreed to source sacramental gifts for PC, budget is £50 and she will seek reimbursing from PC.

Thanks to all the staff involved, especially Mrs Isaac. This is her remit, she's fab, and runs it beautifully. Thanks to the pupils who were great. We're going to have a celebration for them during the school day. Same day as Prom Friday 19th

PVG

11 Parents have requested a PVG – 4 have returned documents so far.

4 parents have had PVG confirmed for education.

Ideally all PC members would have PVG membership. We're getting close to this.

Summer Trip

Dumfries House

Dates have been changed to clash with Big Eid.

Monday 18th May - Nur, P1 and P2 Trip to Dumfries House

Tuesday 19th May - P3, P4 and P5 Trip to Dumfries House

Wednesday 20th May - P6 and P7 Trip to Dumfries House

A great few days away, considering the unknown weather forecast. Thanks to our parent helpers and staff for making it possible.

Mandy: lots of older kids were saying best trip ever. They especially liked the STEM area where there was great collaboration and teamwork going on.

Aidan: It's very child friendly with lots there for kids to do. Dumfries House were very accommodating, and we would go back again.

Aqsa: but not next year

Aidan: We would alternate with other places. Going two years in a row or two years apart and we'd be more familiar with the venue and the trip would run smoother.

Natasha: Culzean house is an option.

Lisa: Yes it is good but there is a cost to go there.

Aidan: we did talk about P7s going away somewhere

Mandy: They've been asking, "where's our surprise?"

Aidan: We think we've settled on a Cinema trip.

Mandy: We can go to Silverburn to see Sheep Detectives. £211.50 to book a screen £4.50 per pupil, that's going with no food.

Rachel: do you want a contribution for this and for Nursery graduation?

Lisa: yes please (nursery graduation)

Aqsa: Can we help with a popcorn fund?

Mandy: they do a lunch box for £2.75 per pupil

Natasha: The children's cinema is £2 on a sat morning for adults and children

Aidan: I would like not to have to ask parents because it's a treat

Aqsa: did you decide against bowling?

Mandy: staff thought cinema would be better. We could walk there and bowling might be over quickly.

Rachel: It's also very noisy.

Natasha: how many children would be going?

Mandy: 46

Aidan: if we don't go with food, kids can bring their own food and then kids get their own choice. We might go with that option.

Mandy: It's not yet booked, we need permission from parents PG,

Aidan: This will be opt out of permission.

Colour Run

Approx 170 competitors, a great morning of exercise and community spirit.

Report Cards

Staff now started writing. Will be published in final week of term. This will indicate new class and teachers for next years classes.

P1 Transition

Final allocations have been shared with families, a number of families have had PR denied, however families are entitled to appeal. Current projected role for P1 is 58, this is our sustainable cap.

P1 induction sessions for next sessions on

Thur 14th May – 1:30 – 2:30

Thur 21st May – 1:30 – 2:30

Thur 4th June – 1:30 – 2:30.

Lorna to update on structure of sessions.

PC attendance at session on

S1 Transition

Confirmed allocation for S1 next year

51 in cohort

41 confirmed for St Paul's

3 Hillpark

1 Lourdes Sec

6 out of authority

Transition day for St Pauls on 28th and 29th May. It has been highlighted that this clashes with Big Eid.

Aidan: What days can we expect children not to be in because of Eid?

Natasha: Wed.

Aqsa: Just Wednesday though some pupils might possibly not be in on Thursday too.

Aidan: Thanks

Rachel: Lisa, let us know how much you need and we'll arrange that for you.

I will take the P7 trip support to the group for a vote as we have too few people here today.

Aidan: End of session calendar has been shared (below)

P5 iPad allocation is ending. Only P6s and 7s next year. P5 and below will have shared iPads.

Cultural awareness day 1st June – incorrect – will need to correct tomorrow

15th June has been confirmed as a holiday.

Pupils will meet new teachers Tue 23rd Children will go into new classes and have half hour to see new teacher and classroom.

Holidays on Thursday 25th June.

Aqsa: What happening with P7s on the last day?

Aidan: We'll arrange a bagpiper

Aqsa: what time?

Aidan: 12.30 but I'll confirm

Aidan: For Prom, 5 helpers will be needed. 46 pupils max in attendance.

Aqsa: 23 pupils have bought tickets so far

Mandy: I'll send that communication out again

Aqsa: we have a poster on the WhatsApp

Mandy: I don't have that poster

Aqsa I'll email it to you

Mandy: Thanks, and I'll email it out.

Aidan: Is there a boogie bus?

Aqsa: Yes, but it is separate from PC.

Actions: Aqsa to email poster to Mandy, Aidan to confirm P7 pipe time with families, Date of Cultural Awareness Day to be updated, Lisa to email about nursery graduation budget, Rachel to message the PC WhatsApp group to take a vote on contributing PC funds towards Nursery Graduation and P7 trip. Follow up with Lisa and Mandy via email.

AOCB

Celebration Event:

Eabhnat: Aidan, could we move the marshmallows around to the back of the school this year to keep everyone together? Where the band use to be.

Aidan: Yes, they can go at the white doors by the P6 base.

St Paul's High:

Aidan: Lisa Pierotti is retiring as head Teacher in St Paul's. It has been a pleasure to work with her, and we wish her all the very best in her retirement. The position has been advertised. It will be a very desirable post because she's done such a great job.

Actions: Update location with Op Out, share congratulations with Ms Pierotti.

End of Meeting:

Next meeting is **the AGM – Wed 2nd September**

End of session calendar

Mond ay	Tuesd ay	Wednes day	Thurs day	Friday	Satur day	Sund ay
1	2 P5 iPads Collected P7 Sports Day – 1:00pm SALTIRE Celebratio n Event – 6:00pm	3 Nur – P3 Sports Day – 10:45am P4 – P6 Sports Day – 1:00pm	4 P1 Induction 1:30PM	5 CommonH ealth Games P6 and P7	6 SAPC CommonH ealth Games – 9:30am	7
8 Cultural Awarenes s Day	9	10	11	12	13	14
15 School Closed	16 P6 and P7 iPad Return P7 Graduation Mass – 6:00pm	17 P3 and P4 Prizegiving – 9:30am	18 P7 Prizegiving – 9:30am P5 and P6 Prizegiving – 1:30pm	19 P1 and P2 Prizegiving – 9:30am Sacrament al Thanksgivin g Mass. P3, P4 and P7. 1:30pm P7 Prom – 6:00pm	20	21
22 Report cards sent home	23 Meet new teacher session for pupils	24	25 School Closes at 1:00	26	27	28