St Angela's Parent Council

Minutes of St Angela's Parent Council meeting on Wednesday 2nd September 2026 at 7pm.

Present: Safa Yousaf, Aidan Kerlin, Mandy Thompson, Lorna Isaac, Natasha Mirza, Aqsa Imran, Eabhnat Ní Laighin, Rachel O'Malley,

Apologies: Kirsty, Thomas, Mishka, Fr Byrne,

Minutes of last meeting approved by Aqsa Imran & Rachel O'Malley

Meeting – Rachel O'Malley

Rachel opened the meeting

Apologies same, Minutes of last meeting approved.

Head Teacher's Report – Aidan Kerlin

Staffing

This session we are delighted to welcome Miss Devine as a permanent member of our teaching staff. We also welcome Miss Ayr and Miss McColgan, who join us as probationer teachers.

Miss Hussain, our EAL teacher, remains on maternity leave and we send our very best wishes to her and her family. Miss Bashir, our Community Development Officer, is also currently on maternity leave and we wish her well.

Miss Nicholas continues in the role of EAL teacher during Miss Hussain's absence.

Pupils

Over the summer we sadly lost ten pupils who transferred to schools within East Renfrewshire. We have welcomed four new pupils to St Angela's this session.

Our current school roll stands at 338 pupils, compared to 349 pupils at the same point last year. With the forthcoming census, pupil numbers may have implications for future staffing allocations.

Budget and Finances

Pupil Equity Funding (PEF)

• Allocation of approximately £43,500.

• £33,500 will support 1.4 Support for Learning Worker posts.

• Approximately £10,000 will be invested in priorities identified through our School Improvement Plan.

Core Budget

• School budgets continue to be challenging across the authority.

• We will continue to work closely with our Area Finance Assistant to ensure spending remains efficient and focused on pupil outcomes.

School Fund

• Current school fund balance is approximately £5,000.

• The Colour Run will return this session to further support school initiatives.

Playground Draw

• The initiative has been refreshed and will now operate with four larger prize draws across the year.

Curriculum and School Improvement

Our new School Improvement Plan has been developed following consultation with staff, pupils and parents and reflects our priorities for the year ahead, HMIE helped to inform this years SIP. The plan is attached for information.

SQR will be created by myself in coming weeks. I ask the PC to review once sent so it can be shared with wider school.

Building and Estate

The school building has returned from the summer break in very good condition.

The building remained open throughout the summer period to support holiday childcare provision, which has had a positive impact on ongoing maintenance and upkeep.

Residential Experiences

We are looking forward to this year's residential experience at Blairvadach Outdoor Education Centre in March.

Parish Links

This session we are strengthening opportunities for families connected to St Vincent's Parish and supporting pupils to receive the sacraments within their own parish communities where appropriate.

Priorities for Session 2026/27

Working in partnership with our Parent Council, our key aims this year are:

1. Establish clear Parent Council priorities through an agreed Action Plan.

2. Develop working groups to support events and spread responsibilities more evenly across volunteers.

3. Provide financial support for school improvement priorities where possible.

4. Ensure full adherence to PVG guidance and safeguarding requirements.

5. Continue to strengthen family engagement and community partnerships.

6. Support initiatives that improve attendance, attainment and wellbeing for all learners.

Thank You

I would like to thank our Parent Council and all parents and carers for their continued support of St Angela's Primary School. Your contribution helps us provide the very best experiences and opportunities for our children.

Treasurer's Report: Aqsa Imran

Total amount in bank £8071.09
PC amount £2799.92
Saltire amount £4601.67
Nursery playground fund £669.50

PC
Since last meeting we have paid for the
Minutes and let for May meeting
Nursery graduation donation
Football buses

more tickets were purchased for the prom and all expenses for it paid out.

SALTIRE
Expenses

End of last term:
Adult wellbeing session
Saltire celebration expenses-chocolate coins, operation play outdoors , propagates composting stall
Art supplies, picnics and facilitation fees for craft club
Picnic for steering group girls
Picnic for saltire adults
Gardening club picnic

This term:
Picnic for craft club
Picnics for adult wellbeing workshops

SALTIRE Update – Eabhnat Ní Laighin

Adult Workshops:
Our Adult workshops started back the first Tuesday after the holidays and we were delighted to be back together. So far, we have had two joyful gatherings to share food and chat and to plan for the year ahead and improve our skills at facilitating the project going forward. Our full adult calendar will be decided collaboratively at the next adult workshop and shared with all families.

Steering Group:
New P4 members have joined our steering group and we met for the first time last Tuesday when we worked in the allotment to harvest and weed.

Pupil Work:
P6 and 7 pupils joined us last Tuesday for the first pupil sessions where we did lots of weeding and we harvested carrots, beetroot, marrows and apples. We also turned one of the garden waste compost bays and emptied Twisty, one of our food waste compost containers. The pupils got a great sense of the cycle from food or garden waste to compost helping food grow.

Muddy Movers:
Muddy Movers stars up again next Tuesday for the new P1s when they will visit the orchard and explore the life cycle of an apple.

Harvesting:
Our allotment has been very productive this season, with plenty of food still to harvest including beans, potatoes, beetroot, squash and courgettes. Our orchard at the front is beginning to really establish itself now with some trees producing a wonderful crop of fruit.

Family Gardening Club:
This will start again from Tue 8th September 3-4pm. All welcome.

Family Craft Club:
This started on Monday and was very enjoyable. Funded by Corra Foundation, the family craft sessions centre around reimagining Darnley as a safer place for active travel and with improved public transport.

Literacy as Liberation:
Three of our group attended the GFT for a community screening of the research film Literacy as Liberation. The film is created by Jess Anderson from Stirling University and Red 7 Productions and is an exploration of inclusion in literacy education. The film features the SALTIRE project which is given a significant section in the film and is a stunning visual celebration of the grounds and our work. It features the Steering Group and adults talking about the project and its importance in improving literacy about the natural world.

Dates to confirm:

Go Green for St Patrick's Day: Tuesday 16th March.

SALTIRE Celebration: 1st June unless dance is that date and then Tuesday 8th June

Actions: Mandy to ask Claire Clark regarding date for dance event at St Paul's

Events Calendar: Rachel O'Malley

Meetings:

Rachel: Let's get the dates in for meetings first

Aidan: Every 6 weeks?

All: yes

Meetings dates discussed and set:

7th October

18th Nov

13th January

24th February

21st April

26th May

Dates for events discussed and set:

Autumn Disco: Wednesday 28th October

Times: 5.45 – 7, 7.15 – 8.30pm

Let 6- 9pm

P1-4, P4 - 7

Christmas Fayre: Sat 5th December

Times: 10am – 1pm

Let: 9.30am - 1.30pm

St Angela's Feast Day: Wed 27th January

snacks needed for feast

Iftar: Friday 26th February, 6pm

Go Green: Tue 16th March

Eid Bazaar: Sat 24th April,

Aqsa: later is better, end April, we are happy to celebrate Eid for as long as possible

Times: 12 – 3pm,

Let 11.30am – 3.30pm

Spring Fling: 28th April same times as autumn

SALTIRE Celebration: 1st June 6 – 8, Let, 5.30pm – 8.30pm

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

Graduation: Tuesday 15th June 6pm

teas and coffees needed. PC supplying refreshments and volunteers to serve, school will set up

Leaver's Dance: Friday 18th June

Parents for 6, slideshow 6.30 – 7, 7 – 8.45 disco, gone by 9pm

Let 6 – 9pm

Actions: Lets in for meetings and earlier events.

School Events / Parental contribution – Aidan Kerlin

Leaver's Hoodies: Rachel O'Malley

Rachel: Blairvaddach is in March so it would be good to have the hoodies by then.

Aidan: It would be nice to have them for Christmas.

Rachel: I'm happy to liaise with you, Mandy, about about the hoodies again.

Aqsa: The provider we used in previous years was Gilmore sports.

Rachel: Do you still have a sample set?

Mandy: Yes, I'll get details to you.

Autumn Disco

Rachel: When the new flyers and communication goes out we can include the date for the autumn disco

Aidan: That will help with the organisation of the disco if we request helpers asap.

Aqsa: Are we keeping the ticket prices the same or can we increase?

Rachel: We could put them up by 50p

Aqsa: £3 a ticket

Actions: Communication to go out to families. (Rachel) Hoodie measurements to be sent to Rachel (Mandy)

AOCB:

Fence at "Wooden Path"

Natasha: You mentioned in a previous meeting about a wooden gate that was broken.

Eabhnat: I think it was the wooden fence which is coming to the end of it's shelf life.

Aidan: Yes, the wooden fence along by what we call the wooden path is deteriorating in parts. The Council won't replace it because they say it is not needed as the school gates should be closed when pupils use it and therefore there should be no cars. It would be costly to replace.

Toilets in the huts

Rachel: It has been brought to our attention that there is an issue with the toilets in the small huts.

Aidan: Yes, someone got locked in. The toilet door is not defective but the door itself is quite heavy.

Natasha: The doors are heavy to open.

Rachel: Cora, can you tell us about the problem with the doors in the toilets.

Cora: One of the girls' bathroom doors won't unlock.

Mandy: Does the door open again?

Rachel: Can you lock it but it's very difficult to unlock again?

Cora: yes

Aidan: we'll look at that, there is an alarm in the toilet which children can pull to raise an alarm if they are locked in. There is a button for staff to reset the alarm afterwards.

Natasha: does the boys toilet have it?

Aidan: No. Technically it's a disabled toilet that's why there's the alarm but it is repurposed as the girls toilet. We will speak to the class – if they get stuck they can pull the alarm.

Campus cop

Rachel: Do we have a new campus cop?

Aidan: Natalie was having a baby so I'm assuming there must be.

Rachel: If we have a new campus cop I would like to speak to them about road safety.

Aidan: There was an issue with a parent blocking a driveway recently. I'll find out who the campus cop is and get the details to you.

Family Sports Evening

Aidan: Clarie Clark had the idea of holding our family sports evening in Sept to bring families together early in the year. A tentative date of 23rd Sept has been set.

Mandy: she thought it would be nice for P1 families to meet up

Aidan: food and drink will be available in the hall from 3 – 3.30pm, so families don't have to go home and the event starts at 3.30pm. Not yet finalised enough to send out communication but families will be informed ASAP.

Football Transport:

Aidan: The Area Partnership wont be funding busses any more, families now take their own kids and it's working well.

Mandy: More parents are going along to watch it too, which is nice.

Aidan: The Kano Foundation works with Celtic football club to offer schools tickets for children to go to a game. We've been allocated seats on Sat 13th Sept for 50 children attend. School organise it all. We will need to look at cost of busses etc. Staff usually volunteer for it, but we might need parental volunteers.

Actions: Aidan to get details of campus cop to Rachel. Aidan to speak to pupils about toilet lock and alarm.

Meeting ended 8.05pm. Rachel thanked everyone for their attendance and contribution.

Next meeting: 7th October