

## ST LOUISE PARENT STAFF GROUP

Wednesday 26 September 2018

### AGM

#### PRESENT

Siobhan Mooty, Marie Croser, Karen Johnstone, Gerry McCoy, Gillian Bonner, Councillor John Anderson, G Santangeli, J Duff, A Welch, C Docherty and S Gilligan.

#### APOLOGIES

K. McConnachie, Jim Perratt, Mrs Mack and M Buchanan

- 1) Welcome/Opening Prayer
- 2) Chairperson's report
- 3) Treasurer's report
- 4) Appointment of new Parent Council members/office bearers.
- 5) HT's Report
- 6) Coffee morning 29.09.18
- 7) AOB

G. Bonner welcomed everyone and M Croser opened with a prayer. No new members attended.

#### **CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT**

St Louise Parent and Staff Group is the Parent Council of St Louise Primary School and as a St Louise Primary pupil's parent/carer, you automatically become a member of what's called the Parent Forum.

We are here to represent all parents/carers in that forum and as a Parent Forum member you have:

- A right to advice and information about your child's education at the school
- The opportunity to be more involved with what the school is doing
- The opportunity, along with all the other parents to have your views represented through your Parent Council

#### What do we do?

- We support the school in its work with pupils and parents
- We represent the views of parents

- We promote contact and communication between the school, parents/carers, pupils and the wider community
- We report back to all the parents/carers in the school (called the Parent Forum)

#### What did we do in 2017 - 2018?

- Held regular meetings that were open to all parents/carers and the Minutes of our meetings were added to the school website so that parents could see what had been discussed
- Continued communicating regularly with parents/carers through social media
- Organised several social and fundraising events throughout the year, including our Halloween disco, Christmas fayre, St Louise feast day disco and our Summer fayre
- We worked collaboratively with Heathery Knowe Primary and various bodies within South Lanarkshire Council to tackle road safety in and around our schools. This will be an ongoing campaign to continually monitor the situation at both schools
- We have provided St Louise Primary with funds to update their netball uniforms, paid for online subscriptions to enhance the learning of our children, bought P1 water bottles, paid for the P7 trip, leavers hoodies and pizza lunch. We also presented the school with a cheque for £1000.

#### What do we plan to do in 2018 - 2019?

- Continue to raise questions/issues that parents bring to our attention
- Promote PSG more, to encourage more parents/carers to be involved so that we have as wide a selection of parents/carers views as possible
- Be an active part of school events by attending and supporting them
- Continue to give our input on Curriculum for Excellence issues
- Hold general fundraising activities that will support the learning and experiences of the pupils at St Louise Primary School

You would be really welcome at any of our parent council meetings, for as long or as short a time as you can manage. Meetings are usually held on Wednesday evenings from 7pm - 8.30pm within the school building.

Many thanks for your continuing support.

Gillian Bonner

Chairperson, St Louise Primary PSG

#### **TREASURER'S REPORT**

J Duff reported that we have more in the bank than this time last year.

## **HEADTEACHER'S REPORT**

### **School News**

The recent newsletter that was issued to all families can be downloaded from the school website or additional copies picked up from the school office. It included a lot of information on dates for the coming year and school events and information.

Transition information for P7 has now been finalised and shared which shows a clash with our proposed Halloween disco (30<sup>th</sup> October) and may now need to be changed.

We have had a huge response to the after school reading club and will now work with Mrs Cooper to get this up and running.

We think South Lanarkshire Leisure have secured an athletics coach for the school to support the competitions the children have entered but await confirmation of this.

Our school have now received our reading passports and as part of the First Minister's Reading Challenge we will be issuing these to all pupils to record what they read across the year. Our children are already very avid readers and we would like to develop this further.

Our first 'Find Out' session is this Friday 28<sup>th</sup> September – all welcome.

As part of our reading priority this session we have organised an author visit for P1-3 in November and will also plan a similar event for P4-7.

In January we will have a full day's input and workshops for each class on hand washing and hygiene from the student nurses at UWS.

Pope Francis Faith Award continues with all children eager to take part. The workbooks have arrived for P6 and they will now work through the programme.

Massive congratulations to our P7 pupils, Mrs Docherty and their families as they came first in the Sumdog competition over Maths Week Scotland and have now been invited to Scottish Parliament to receive an award from John Swinney.

We recently launched our whole school pupil focus groups where every child in the school is part of a school improvement group looking at different priorities including Literacy, Numeracy, HWB, Family Engagement, ICT, RE, Languages, STEM, School Grounds, ECO and Fairtrade. They really enjoyed discussing their focus in their groups and have come up with some really great ideas to take forward.

Our school are also signed up to the 'Free Books for Schools' Campaign and would ask anyone who reads the Sun to support this by handing in the printed vouchers to the school.

### **School Improvement**

Our school improvement priorities for this year can be seen in our school improvement plan which can be accessed from our school website. Our Standards and Quality Report is also available here. If anyone would like a paper copy of either, this is available on request from the school office. These include:

- Active Literacy – Focus on Reading
- Health and Wellbeing – Focus on Resilience
- Religious Education – 100 year anniversary of Catholic education

### **Pupil Equity Funding**

Many of the interventions and initiatives that the school implemented last year will now continue to be developed going forward. These include:

- Targeted Interventions
- Bounce Back Resilience Programme
- Nurture Approach
- Active Literacy
- Catch Up Numeracy
- Big Maths
- Family Learning

### **PSG Wishlist**

We are extremely grateful for the support we receive from the PSG and the efforts that are put in annually to provide all our children with extra resources and opportunities.

Last session we were able to develop the expressive arts area as the PSG purchased a license for the Charanga pack. Feedback from staff and pupils has been very positive and the school would like to renew the subscription when it runs out next month. The cost was £195 plus VAT and we were hoping that the PSG might agree to fund this again going forward.

### **Road Safety**

School travel plan has been compiled and the first draft has been looked at by Parent and Staff Group members, pupils and JRSOs and we will now meet with Marion Shearer to discuss going forward.

### **APPOINTMENT OF NEW COUNCIL MEMBERS/OFFICE BEARERS**

- G. Bonner informed group that K. McConnachie and J. Perratt would be stepping down from the group due to work commitments but will help out at future events if they can.

- K. Anderson is keen to help out but was unable to attend tonight's meeting.
- Mrs Mooty asked members to stand down and asks for nominations.

#### **NEW OFFICE BEARERS ARE:**

Chairperson – Gillian Bonner

Treasurer – Jacqueline Duff

Secretary – Karen Johnstone

Lets Manager – Frank Gill

PSG Board Managers – Siobhan Mooty and Claire Docherty

A new date for Halloween disco is now Monday 29 October.

#### **COFFEE MORNING**

- 5 cakes so far for the Bake Off.
- A. Welch suggested a PSG stall at this event and she would be happy to man it and try to recruit new helpers.
- Letter to go out asking for home-baking and raffle donations.
- J. Duff will buy tea, coffee, juice, biscuits and cakes.
- A. Welch will photocopy some more Chairperson's report so people can read about the work we do.
- G. Bonner will do the 50-50 draw at the coffee morning.
- Children could sell raffle tickets on the day.
- K. Johnstone will collect money at the door.

#### **AOCB**

- Race night – British Legion. S. Gilligan will call them to find out availability between March – April 2019
- Mrs Croser will organise a meal voucher (£100) and a card for Mr Ainslie's retirement.
- Apologies for next meeting – M. Croser, K. Johnstone and S. Gilligan.

**NEXT MEETING :** Wednesday 24 October 2018 at 7pm.