

ST LOUISE PARENT STAFF GROUP

Wednesday 23 January 2019

PRESENT

Siobhan Mooty, Marie Croser, Karen Johnstone, Gillian Bonner, Jacqueline Duff, Joanna Allison, Lisa Cameron, Elena Gill, R. Welch, J. Mack, S. Gilligan and Councillor John Anderson

APOLOGIES

G Gilligan, A Welch and G McCoy

- 1) Welcome/Opening Prayer
- 2) Minutes of last meeting
- 3) Matters arising from previous minutes
- 4) HT's report
- 5) Treasurer's Report
- 6) Parking
- 7) AOCB
- 8) Date of next meeting

G. Bonner welcomed everyone and M Croser opened with a prayer.

MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

We discussed the emailing list and we will update this. There were no other matters arising from last meeting.

HEADTEACHER'S REPORT

School News

All of our classes have now had a visit to the local library and this has supported the school's priority this year on reading and the First Minister's Reading Challenge. It is hoped that we will organise a return visit for all classes in the final term. All classes have also engaged in an author visit and there will be further input through the author's live programme for our P4-7 children.

The Art Department from STA&STB's worked with our children before Christmas and have continued their links with the school.

The children thoroughly enjoyed the Pantomime – Beauty and the Beast – in the school at the end of November.

Our P6 and P7 children attended Sports Hall athletics and have done very well over the sessions. Unfortunately, we did not get very far with the after school club we tried to organise but have now been given permission from parents and the high school for two former pupils to take the club every second week and we just need to get this organised going forward. The next event for the children will be the cross-country.

Clubs running throughout the school last term and some into this term have included; Choir, Reading, Film, Netball, Football, Acting, Multi-sports and Games.

P4, 5 and 6 completed the air quality workshops and feedback as usual shows that our children enjoy working on projects with outside agencies and contribute positively to the experience.

Children have attended the football and netball festivals.

The Salvation Army and the East Kilbride Community Trust kindly donated toys to the school at Christmas and we were able to re-distribute these to our children.

Our Christmas Fayre was a great success, thank you to all and the children were complimented once again for their craft efforts, their singing and their staffing of the stalls.

I think you will agree that both the nativity – Babushka – and the Christmas show – Baltic – were wonderful, the children once again showcased their fabulous talents, and skills as well as the hard work put in to support this from parents, carers and staff.

The Christmas parties were a great success, thanks to the Parent Staff Group for subsidising the food and drink and to Santa for paying a lovely visit to the P1s.

We once again ended the term by getting together with Heathery Knowe where all children took part in a lovely Carol service.

We have completed our enrolment for new P1 children starting in August and look forward to welcoming them into our school community.

Our P5 children completed the Youth Music Initiative programme and put on a wonderful display of what they have learned for their parents and carers.

We have been invited along with St Vincent's to be part of a Christian Meditation film to show how our classes engage with this in our schools and to support other teachers and schools across Scotland who would like to introduce this model into their schools.

Our P7 children are working with the ICT department for 4 weeks on coding and are enjoying this as part of the transition process.

Our school is taking part in VSE today and tomorrow, which is the council's Validated Self Evaluation process, and it is going very well and our visitors have enjoyed meeting our wonderful children, hearing all about their experiences in the school and hearing from staff and parents about their experiences.

Parish News

Parish involvement has included:

- All P6 and P7 children making their Confirmation have been enrolled at a Mass in St Vincent's Church. We would ask that everyone keep them in their prayers at this time as they prepare for the sacrament on 7th February. Children who are from St Vincent's parish will attend a workshop this Saturday 26th and children from OLOL will attend their parish on Thurs 31st January. We are finalising the seating arrangements for Confirmation and will send out a letter next week to confirm this and any other information. Bishop Toal will visit the Confirmandi this Friday as part of their preparation.
- P4-7 engaged in Confession with our parish priests on 3rd December.
- OLOL First Communicants were enrolled at Mass on 13th January and further information given to parents and carers of both First Communion and First Reconciliation. St Vincent's First Communicants and those making their First Reconciliation will be enrolled at Mass this Sunday 27th January and further information provided to parents afterwards.

PSG Wishlist

This year we are hoping for new athletics tracksuits for the children and help towards buses for the end of year trip.

Road Safety

New Janitor is finding his feet with school and car park! Due to not enough car spaces and then issues with too many cars in the car park we will be closing the gates at the end of the day as soon as the car park is full.

There will be a reminder in the school newsletter coming out this term with the general road safety rules for in and around the school. This will include a statement to say that should anyone refuse to move their car from an illegal spot or a dangerous spot then the Police will be contacted.

Last week we had to phone the Police to assist us as people were parking in front of the school gate when it was closed and on the yellow box. They were asked by staff to move and refused. The Police will try to be a more regular presence at the school when they can to help with parking issues.

We will be launching the travel plan at an assembly on Friday 1st February in both schools and children will be handing out leaflets to all parents and carers at the end of the school day. We will be looking for volunteers from both schools to help implement the suggested strategies planned.

We discussed with the council about getting the car park signage re-painted and are awaiting a follow up from this. We are hoping to add another 1 or 2 disabled car park spaces next to the existing spaces to increase the availability here and in the mean time have allowed cars to use this available space.

TREASURER'S REPORT

J Duff reported that we have £4400 roughly in bank. The money for the Christmas party food and flowers for Miss Clarke has come off.

PARKING/ROAD SAFETY

- Gate will be closed when the school car park is full, no matter what time. (At the end of the day only)
- Problems with parking continue and the police were called last week to assist.
- The school will issue a newsletter highlighting the issues and concerns around the parking.
- Travel plan will be launched on Friday 1 February at assembly in both St Louise and Heathery Knowe.
- Hopefully there will be enough space to add a couple more disabled spaces in the school car park.
- John Anderson will find out if we can get the special paint for the school to paint the lines for these spaces.

ACTION:

- **Mrs Mooty will send out a newsletter informing parents of the continuing issues with parking.**
- **The school travel plan will be launched on 1 February.**
- **John Anderson will find out if the school can get access to the special paint needed to paint parking bay lines.**

AOCB

- Athletics Tracksuits – at the moment we have a quote for £30 per tracksuit. We will need 24 tracksuits for the Sportshall Athletics Team.
- G Bonner will contact GT Designs for a quote.
- Shorts and T-Shirts – we will also get a quote for these too for the teams to wear to events.
- Mrs Mooty will ask in the newsletter if any parents have a printing company who could help print school name on kit or if anyone knows of a company who may sponsor the new tracksuits, shorts and t-shirts.
- R. Welch will ask his employer for the possibility of sponsorship.
- J. Mack will also help to look for quotes.
- S. Gilligan will also ask her employer for a list of contacts we could approach to ask for sponsorship. We will need a letter template.
- P7 Treat – we will buy hoodies as the children in P7 loved these last year.

- The school will ask P7 what they would like as their final trip and we can get started with the organisation of this.
- We discussed future fund raising. Everyone agreed to have a look for ideas and email the PSG with suggestions. This fund raiser is to happen within the school day and will probably take place the week after Easter.
- Race Night – Stephanie can get access to the wooden horses for this and it makes the night more interactive!
- S. Gilligan will call British Legion to ask if they have 3 May 2019 available for us to hire. If not available she will call Murray Owen Centre.

ACTION:

- **G Bonner to contact GT Designs for quote (Tracksuits)**
- **R. Welch to ask his employer for possible sponsorship.**
- **S. Gilligan to ask her employer for a list of contacts we could approach for sponsorship. (Letter template required)**
- **Everyone to have a look for sponsored activities the children could be involved in for the week after Easter. Email PSG with ideas.**
- **S. Gilligan to call British Legion to ask if their hall is available for 3 May 2019. If not she will call Murray Owen and get back to us with any dates they have.**

NEXT MEETING : Wednesday 27 February 2019 at 7pm.