

ST LOUISE PARENT STAFF GROUP

Wednesday 27 March 2019

PRESENT

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

APOLOGIES

G Santangeli, J. Mack, L Mack, A Welch.

- 1) Welcome/Opening Prayer
- 2) Minutes of last meeting
- 3) Matters arising from previous minutes
- 4) HT's report
- 5) Treasurer's Report
- 6) Race Night and Fayre
- 7) P7 Trip
- 8) Rag Bag Money
- 9) End of year trip
- 10) AOCB
- 11) Date for next meeting

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

MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

M. Croser gave an update on list of events in relation to the Janitor position.

- Councillor Convery was meeting with A Mackinnon and asked for a copy of their response to the letter sent on the behalf of the PSG.
- The response from Facilities came to the school and not to Mrs Croser and it was dated 15/3/19.
- The position of Janitor will be re-advertised as a permanent position (Council decision).
- At this time we do not know when it be advertised.

HEADTEACHER'S REPORT

School News

Our Find Out Thursday and pre World Book Day launch went well with lots of fantastic work around books and reading strategies.

25 of our P6 and P7 pupils took part in the East Kilbride Cross Country Event and 2 of our pupils (Francis and Brodie) made it into the finals which were held today. They were also able to go in our lovely new tracksuits so thank you to the PSG for these.

P2 are currently receiving the lunchtime multi-sports with Active Schools and this will then move down to P1.

Our reading clubs have gone well and we thank Mrs Cooper for this and in the final term we have discussed tying this in with our family learning club where parents and carers will be invited to come along with their children for a book session – more information to follow.

Thank you to our Fairtrade group, Mrs Docherty and Miss Mooney for a wonderful Fairtrade Café where we had performances from P2 and P6.

Our children continue to attend the football and netball festivals and the finals are being held next term.

What a successful World Book Day we had and the range of wonderful costumes especially the handmade ones were excellent.

We relaunched our 'Listen to Me' service during an assembly at the beginning of March and we have had a great number of children using this to talk to staff about their worries but also about positive things in their lives.

Thank you to our other Mrs Docherty who organised a range of exciting experiments for all classes to take part in during British Science Week.

Thank you to our wonderful grandparents in P2 who joined us for an afternoon of reminiscing and chats about their own childhoods to support the class topic.

Our Lenten charity fundraising events are going well with lots of money being raised for our charities while at the same time having lots of fun.

P4 had a fantastic time at the Whitelees Windfarm to support their topic on renewable energies.

Well done to our P7 pupils, Mrs Cassidy and both Mrs Docherty for organising Spanish Cafes with lots of different stations on colours, numbers, vocabulary, food and Spanish culture, which allowed the P5 pupils from Our Lady of Lourdes to get a taster session on their L3 language of Spanish as part of the 1 + 2 strategy. Next term our P5 children will go to Our Lady of Lourdes for the same input.

P4-7 received an author visit from Keith Charters over the last two weeks and he really inspired the children about reading and writing.

Explore Learning recently attended our school assembly to launch a 500 word Writer's Award competition with the pupils in our school. This will be sent home to be completed over the holidays and any child who wishes to participate in the competition should return their entries to the school by Wednesday 24th April.

P2 had a very successful visit to Scotland Street School where they were able to hear and see what school was like in the olden days.

This week we have had a very successful 'Financial Education Week' and thank you to Mrs Mack for organising lots of the events. Each class has had a visit from Kilbryde Hospice, Bank of Scotland and Nationwide. All classes were given a £3 budget to buy ingredients for their 'Ready Steady Cook' session. We had a wonderful variety of careers for our children to hear about in our World of Work event in the hall and are impressed with the range of skills our parents and carers have. We have also relaunched the Credit Union and children will soon be able to use this service again. This week will be rounded off with a wonderful array of talent in our annual talent show.

Parish News

Parish involvement has included:

- Lent got off to a great start with all children attending Mass in Our Lady of Lourdes on Ash Wednesday
- Each Monday morning during Lent we have celebrated Mass with our parish priests from Our lady of Lourdes at 8.30am – due to the spring break the final Mass will be on Tuesday of Holy Week at 8.30am
- Congratulations to our P3 children from Our Lady of Lourdes and St Vincent's parishes who recently received their sacrament of Reconciliation
- P4 – 7 attended Our Lady of Lourdes Church for Stations of the Cross and we thank Fr Wyllie for taking the children through this important event in the life of Jesus Christ
- The Legion of Mary are offering a Rosary Club in the school every Thursday at lunchtime for P5-7 children and so far we have 20 children keen to attend – they also came along to P7 to do a workshop on the Stations of the Cross
- Thank you to Monsignor Millar who took our P4-7 for confessions this week

PSG Wishlist

The cost of the summer school trip per pupil is £16, which includes £9 entry fee to Heads of Ayr Farm and £7 for the bus. The date is Friday 7th June. We would like to ask the Parent and Staff Group for a contribution towards this.

St Louise School App

On Sunday 14th April you will be able to download the school's app which will contain information about all upcoming events and will enhance even further the communication between school and home.

TREASURER'S REPORT

J Duff reported that we have £3795.05 in bank. Since last meeting we have paid £729.60 for the new tracksuits and t-shirts and £50 on deposit for the race night venue (British Legion)

We agreed to give school an amount for each child for the end of year trip to Heads of Ayr Farm Park.

The insurance for the outdoor classroom has not been paid as the company stopped the payment from the account. G Bonner will look into this and try to contact the company to ask why this has happened.

RAG BAG MONEY

- G Bonner had a call from the company to say they owed the PSG £624.50 which is a lovely surprise! This will be paid into G Bonner's account and she will transfer it into the PSG account.

RACE NIGHT

- G Gilligan will put together a flyer.
- We'll send the flyer out to 154 families.
- £5 per ticket. Children don't pay but need a ticket.
- PSG will send out slips for families to request the tickets needed.
- There needs to be more adults than children.
- We also need raffle donations.
- K McConnachie will compere.

P7 END OF YEAR TRIP

- The trip will be Bowling at M and D's, Lunch and Crazy Golf.
- There are 26 P7's and we will try to book it for 14 June or 21 June.
- P7 can choose the colour of hoody or do we keep it the same as last year?
- We will ask GT Designs for a quote.

SCHOOL FUNDRAISERv

- Friday 26 April
- It will be an obstacle course in gym hall.
- Children will receive a letter and sponsor sheet about this.
- M Croser will make and donate a hamper for both Race Night and Fayre.

AOCB

NEXT MEETING : Wednesday 15 May at 7pm.