

## ST LOUISE PARENT STAFF GROUP

Wednesday 20 November 2019

### PRESENT

Siobhan Mooty, Claire Docherty, Karen Johnstone, Gillian Bonner, Angela Welch, Stephanie Gilligan, Councillor John Anderson, Lisa Cameron, Joanna Allison, Elena Gill .

### APOLOGIES

J Duff and K McCann.

- 1) Welcome
- 2) Minutes of last meeting
- 3) HT's report
- 4) Treasurer's Report
- 5) Christmas Fayre
- 6) Road Safety Competition
- 7) A.O.B

G. Bonner welcomed everyone. Unfortunately our new Church Rep, Kathy McCann, could not attend the meeting due to prior arrangements.

### **MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES**

- Not matters arising.

### **HEADTEACHER'S REPORT**

#### **School News**

☒ Extracurricular clubs on offer include Multi-sports, Football, Netball, Athletics and Film and at this time of the year we have choir and acting

☒ Our film club was visited by Dr Lisa Cameron (MP) and Intu Film representatives who were very impressed with the club and as a result we were included in an Early Day Motion in the House of Commons – Well done Mrs Docherty for all your hard work

**with the club**

**☒ All pupils attended a performance in the school hall by Hopscotch to enhance our learning about resilience as part of our health and wellbeing curriculum**

**☒ Our Junior Road Safety Officers attended an open day in September and are now well equipped to lead the school this year in all things road safety**

**☒ We are registered for the First Minister's Reading Challenge and planning lots of activities across the year to support this – P6 have issued all classes with activities they can get involved with during Book Week**

**☒ P7 pupils visited the Museum Resource Centre in Kelvin grove as part of their recent studies, they were also highly commended for their active roles in spreading the message around climate control in a positive and respectful way**

**☒ Our P7s have begun their transition events with St Andrew's and St Bride's as they work towards this pivotal point in their school journey – the first Maths Challenge event this year was thoroughly enjoyed by all**

**☒ Our children took part in the annual Road Safety Competition and we are delighted to announce that one of our P4 pupils came third in their category**

**☒ Congratulations to our P7 class this year who came second place during Maths Week Scotland's Sumdog Competition**

**☒ The council ran a 'Name the Gritter' competition this term and we are delighted to share that one of our pupil's entries was chosen as an SLC overall winner**

**☒ We celebrated extra ordinary month of mission during our Little Way Week in October – thank you for your generous donations and the children spent a week thinking about how we can love and help each other**

**☒ Thank you to Michael for delivering Handball to the whole school and we look forward to working with him again over the next two terms**

**☒ Thank you to all parents and carers who supported the Travelling Books when it was**

**in the school last week – as a result of your generosity we were able to purchase over £500 worth of new books for the children to use in school**

**☒ Our infants are once again involved in the tooth brushing programme and we are working closely with our NHS partners**

**☒ Thank you to Ms McAneny (Heart Specialist) for showing our P6 and P7 children a lot of information and lifesaving advice**

**☒ What a fantastic turnout for the Parent Staff Group Halloween Disco and lots of fun was had by all**

**☒ First Find Out Friday event was a great success with lots of positive feedback**

#### **Parish Involvement**

**☒ Two of our pupils attended a beautiful Mass at Carfin Grotto to welcome the Relics of St Therese of Lisieux to the diocese**

**☒ Monsignor Millar and Fr Ivan celebrated our Opening Mass with us and this has set us up well for the coming academic session**

**☒ P4-7 visited Our Lady of Lourdes Church for 40 Hours Adoration and Mass**

**☒ Four of our P6 pupils attended a Mission Mass at Carfin Grotto in October and are now Missio Ambassadors for the school – they will lead us in our charitable work across the session**

**☒ Thank you to the Legion of Mary who have come into the school every Tuesday to lead us in a decade of the Rosary**

**☒ Monsignor Millar, Father Sean, Father Ivan and Father Charles continue to work with us regularly and have visited the school to take P4-7 for Confession**

**☒ We also had a lovely P1 Blessing to welcome all our new starts officially in to the community of St Louise**

**☒ Our whole school attended Our Lady of Lourdes Mass to celebrate in the Solemnity**

of All Saints and we thank Fr Charles Coyle for celebrating this with us

☑ The recent P7 welcome mass at StA's and StB's was a lovely way to come together as a community of faith and 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.

P1 would like to thank you for providing them with a wonderful shop stocked with lots of products to enhance their learning through play.

PSG will donate the crisps, sweets and drinks for the Christmas parties.

### **Road Safety**

School travel plan has been implemented over the last session and the following measures

continue:

☑ Advice to parents/carers is included by letter, school newsletter, website, school app and guidance.

☑ Extra parking on ramp has been successful and continues at the end of the school day.

☑ Senior car park patrollers and Junior Road safety Officers patrol in the mornings.

☑ Have sought support from transport police but due to other commitments are not always able to attend.

☑ Assemblies and curriculum include Road Safety teaching and learning.

☑ 20mph signs are now present on Murray road in both directions.

To further develop this will try again after this term to get volunteers for the walking bus. Would also

**benefit from longer Zig Zag lines directly outside the school gates. Mr Nobes will also close the gate**

**at the top of the ramp when there is no further access for cars.**

### **TREASURER'S REPORT**

- G Bonner reported that we have £3775.48 in bank. This includes funds raised from the very successful Race night and Halloween disco.
- PSG gave the school money for the Charanga subscription. (Music resource)
- PSG will contribute to Christmas Parties.
- Mrs Mooty asked for some helpers for the different Christmas Parties.

### **ACTION**

- **P1-3 Christmas Party – S. Gilligan and J. Allison to help out.**
- **P4-5 Christmas Party – J. Allison, A. Welch and S. Gilligan to help out.**
- **P6-7 Christmas Party – K. Johnstone and J. Allison to help out.**

### **ROAD SAFETY**

- Mr Nobes to close top gate when ramp is full. Cars will need to park closely together on the ramp.
- S. Gilligan asked if we can try a reward system or think of an incentive to encourage children to walk to school or park and stride?

### **ACTION**

- **Mrs Mooty will ask Mr Nobes to close top gate once ramp is full.**

### **ROAD SAFETY COMPETITION**

- A competition for all children to take part.
- Create a poster on Road Safety and the winners will have their work copied onto a banner for the car park.
- There will be 3 categories: P1-3, P4-5 and P6-7. There will be one winner from each category.
- We discussed possible prizes and we decided a scooter and safety equipment (helmet, knee pads) would be the best idea.

## **CHRISTMAS FAYRE**

- 9 stalls have confirmed.
- The charge for each stall was £15 and each stall to donate a raffle prize.
- We need to have access to the kitchen and a staff member as we will serve soup.
- Lots more stalls run by PSG.
- Face painting (Mrs Mack will provide the face paints and we'll ask Kirsty Anderson if she is able to do the face painting.
- P7 group to do nails and tattoos.
- Mr Gill to be Santa (and also at P1-3 Christmas party)
- Mr Mack to be Santa's helper.
- F. Gill on door.
- E. Gill and S. Gilligan on tombola.
- A. Welch and G. Santangeli on homebaking/kitchen.
- K Johnstone will help where needed.
- Choir will perform on the evening.
- We can have access to the hall from 1pm on Friday 29<sup>th</sup> November to set up.

## **AOCB**

- Credit Union – S. Gilligan asked when this will start up again. Mrs Mooty explained that she had a form to complete and send back to Credit Union and she will look into a start date. S. Gilligan said her mum was happy to help out running this.
- **Update on above point: Credit Union will start back on Thursday mornings after Christmas with Mrs Mack (Mrs Mack's mother in law) running it.**
- Some parents have been asking where the money we raise is spent. A notice has been put on Fb and we will put a list of everything we have contributed to on the Parents Board outside at the side of school. This list could also be sent home.
- As a group we raise money for the whole school. We cannot fundraise for individuals but we are happy to publicise individual fundraisers to raise awareness/encourage those who wish to donate/sponsor.

**NEXT MEETING :** Wednesday 22 January 2020