

ST LOUISE PARENT STAFF GROUP

Wednesday 29 September 2021

AGM

PRESENT

Siobhan Mooty, Karen Johnstone, Gillian Bonner, Jacqueline Duff, Mrs Ferguson, C Docherty and L Clarke.

APOLOGIES

S.Gilligan and E Gill.

AGENDA

- 1) Welcome
- 2) Chair's report
- 3) Treasurer's Report
- 4) HT's Report
- 5) Election of Office Bearers
- 6) Fundraising
- 7) A.O.B
- 8) Date for next meeting

G. Bonner welcomed everyone.

CHAIR'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 2020 – 2021?

- Held regular online meetings that were opened to all members of the school community.
- Continued communicating regularly with parents/carers through social media
- We have provided St Louise Primary with funds throughout the school year including payments for online subscriptions, Christmas crafts, a virtual Santa visit, P7 hoodies and materials for landscaping the playground.
- We financed a P7 treat, which included a disco dome, pizza and snacks
- We also funded a visit from an ice cream van which provided ice cream and snacks for the whole school community

What do we plan to do in 2021- 2022?

- 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 where possible, restrictions will likely prevent this.
- 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

Our meetings are inclusive, all parents are welcome to join us at any 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, however, shall be online for the foreseeable future.

Many thanks for your continuing support.

Gillian Bonner

Chairperson, The Parent & Staff Group at St Louise Primary School

TREASURER'S REPORT

Jacqueline Duff reported:

OUTGOINGS:

Charanga Music Subscription - £234
Christmas Crafts and Virtual Santa - £101.33
P7 Hoodies - £447
Outdoor Area Materials - £100
Gift for Mrs Cassidy - £90
P7 Treats (disco dome, pizza and juice) - £235
Ice Cream Van for whole school - £277.10

CLOTHING BANK INCOME:

£918.60

BANK BALANCE AS OF LAST STATEMENT DATED 13/08/21:

£3401.55

HEADTEACHER'S REPORT

School News

It has been lovely to have all children return to school for this session and we are hopeful that we will have a less disruptive year with schools remaining open.

Some restrictions continue to be in place and we continue to follow the guidance provided from SLC.

The recent newsletter that was issued to all families can be downloaded from the school website or paper copies requested from the school office. It includes information on the current guidance for St Louise Primary and signposts to where to find information on the school website.

Some school experiences will still be done virtually but we are gradually being able to re-introduce more and more events within the school.

Our after school clubs are being organised with plans to have football, netball and athletics and we currently have film, multi-sports and chess already in progress.

Our school will again take part in the First Minister's Reading Challenge and passports will be used in school to record the variety of reading activities taking place.

Our weekly assemblies are virtual but we hope to return to the school hall in the near future.

Our school are also signed up to the 'It's Good to Grow' Morrison's Campaign and would ask anyone who shops there to donate their vouchers to our school.

We will continue to use our school website, school app and Twitter feed to communicate all school matters and to share our learning and achievements.

School Improvement

Every session we write a school improvement plan. This helps us to continue to move forward in a structured and focused way. The key outcome is to ensure we are providing the best possible learning experiences and opportunities for our children. Our school improvement plan can be downloaded from our school website along with the standards and quality report, which reflects on the previous session's priorities.

This session we are focusing on the following:

Strategic Priorities

1. Continuity of Learning – developing our curriculum rationale and position statements to ensure the continued recovery of core curriculum areas
2. Promote the positive health and wellbeing of children and young people, parents/carers and staff
3. Planning for equity – developing effective strategies to ensure improvements in attainment and achievement for young people who face challenges or barriers to learning
4. Developing in Faith – celebrating and worshipping

We will continue to work with all establishments in the St Andrew's and St Bride's Learning Community on transition, health and wellbeing and the sharing of good practice. We have also signed up for Pope Francis' Laudato Si Schools Programme and will do activities with our learning community to support this.

If anyone would like a paper copy of either, this is available on request from the school office.

Parish Involvement

- We welcome Fr Frank Dougan to Our Lady of Lourdes Parish and look forward to working with him and Fr Ivan across the session
- We have started our school year with a lovely Mass and P1 Blessing and thank both priests for celebrating with us
- Sacramental dates have been set and are included in our school newsletter

Pupil Equity Funding

We continue to use a range of resources to support learners in our school who are affected by poverty and who have barriers to learning.

This session we will focus on the following areas to support this further:

- Literacy and Numeracy programmes and resources
- Additional Staffing
- Targeted Supported Study Sessions
- Outdoor Learning Resources
- Cost of the School Day Review
- Home Learning Resources and Programs
- IT Hardware

Participatory budget is where 5% of our PEF funding is spent on items that have been voted on by the school community. Miss Clarke will give a presentation on this.

ELECTION OF OFFICE BEARERS

- All current members of Office stood down.
- Mrs Mooty then asked for volunteers for each position.

CHAIR: GILLIAN BONNER

TREASURER; JACQUELINE DUFF

SECRETARY: KAREN JOHNSTONE

LETS MANAGER: GILLIAN BONNER

COMMUNICATION FACILITATOR: CLAIRE DOCHERTY

CHURCH REP: KATHY MCCANN

FUNDRAISING/HALLOWEEN DISCO

- GB asked if we can plan for a Halloween disco in the hope it will be allowed to go ahead.
- Possible date Thursday 28 October
- Outdoor Classroom could be decorated with fairy lights.

AOCB

- Staggered finishing times – some parents have asked if all children can start to come out at 2.55pm
- Mrs Mooty will check with SLC and hopefully this can happen after October week. P1 will come out just before 2.55pm with the rest of the school dismissed at 2.55pm.
- P7 Residential – SLC Guidelines stated that residential trips were not to be booked at the moment. Mrs Mooty will ask for an update on this and let parents know as soon as she knows.

Next meeting: Wednesday 3 November 2021 (Hopefully, this will take place in school)