

ST LOUISE PARENT STAFF GROUP

Wednesday 12 October 2022

PRESENT

Siobhan Mooty, Karen Johnstone, Gillian Bonner, S. Gilligan, L Gardner and E Gill.

APOLOGIES

C. Docherty, L. Mac, N. Cummiskey and C. Gemmell.

AGENDA

- 1) Welcome
- 2) Apologies
- 3) Any matters arising from previous minutes
- 4) Headteacher's report
- 5) Treasurer's Report
- 6) Halloween Disco
- 7) Christmas Fayre/Stall holders
- 8) A.O.B
- 9) Date for next meeting

G. Bonner welcomed everyone.

MATTERS ARISING

No matters arising from previous minutes.

HEADTEACHER'S REPORT

School News

- We have started to re-engage our extracurricular clubs and attendance at SLC sports events
- P7 are embarking on a set of lessons around the Green Stewardship programme and will support the rest of our school community with our climate and eco work
- P4-7 have had handball sessions with Michael from South Lanarkshire Leisure and always enjoy taking part in these activities
- P1 and P2 have had their toothbrushing programme set up and are now engaging in regular toothbrushing

- P5 continue their Youth Music Initiative lessons which will end in January
- What an amazing turn out to our school's 50th Anniversary Open Evening where families past and present were able to take a trip down memory lane and we loved hearing and seeing everyone's experiences
- All parents/carers have received their child's interim report and snapshot jotter and are invited along to the open evening to meet the teacher and see the learning environment
- We have been supported by the St Andrew's and St Bride's sports leaders in our efforts to 'Beat the Street'
- P7 led the whole school in a porridge day to educate us all about Mary's Meals and the children in our world who survive on one bowl of porridge a day – thank you to all families for their valuable contributions with supporting us to make the porridge as well as their financial contributions
- This week we are celebrating 'Hospice Care Week' and on Friday will dress in something blue to raise funds for Kilbryde Hospice as well as having a fun day to continue our celebrations of our 50th birthday
- Mrs Docherty and 4 P7 Green Stewards attended the recent South Lanarkshire Climate Conference where they were very impressed with the variety of activities that were on display and the amount of information they will now share with us in school to make our world and school greener

Parish News

Parish involvement has included:

- We had a lovely Opening Mass celebrated in Our Lady of Lourdes Church and attended by many of our community – thank you to Fr Dougan for celebrating this important milestone in our school year
- Thank you to Fr Dougan and Fr Romanus for taking our P4-7 pupils through their confessions this term
- We were delighted to have Archbishop Nolan and other clergy from the diocese with us to celebrate our 50th Anniversary Mass in Our Lady of Lourdes church with so many of our school and local community in attendance
- Mrs Mack (RE Coordinator) and 3 children represented our school at the Reception of the Relics of St Bernadette in Carfin
- Mrs Mack (RE Coordinator) and our new 3 P6 Missio Ambassadors attended a lovely commissioning ceremony in St Francis Xavier church and will now lead us in our charitable work this session
- Fr Dougan celebrated our P1 Blessing with our children and families and we are so thankful for the messages he shared with us and for continuing to support us in our faith journey

PSG / Any Other Information

- We have organised P5 and P7 retreats for this session and thank our parent council for offering to fund these – we estimate that they will cost around £200 - £250 and will be invoiced after each session
- South Lanarkshire Council have put out a request for 2 elected representatives for the education resources committee – the deadline for any nominations is 4pm on the 24th October

- The Devolved School Management Scheme is a document and guidance around consultation and engagement with stakeholders on key school issues including budgeting and finance – the school will make this available on the school website and will continue to share with the Parent Council information on school funding and how it supports the young people in our school
- Our participatory budget voting has concluded and the winning idea chosen was the visits to the Science Centre – the school are now preparing for this and will send all classes between now and the end of March.

TREASURER'S REPORT

BANK BALANCE AS OF LAST STATEMENT:

£2142.78

J. Duff will transfer all books to E. Gill

£135 of merchandise was sold on the Open Evening.

HALLOWEEN DISCO

- Instead of charging children for the disco, we will ask for donations (food items) to make hampers for the fayre or for the tombola stall.
- Children will bring their own bottle of water and will be given a packet of crisps and a chocolate lolly (Lidl)
- P1-3: 6pm – 7pm P4-7: 715pm – 815pm

Action: E Gill will buy lollies, sweets and crisps.

CHRISTMAS FAYRE

- 5 stalls secured. These are: Pocket Money Stall, Fairy Houses, Mo's Bows, Lisa Doyle, Shabby Chic and the PSG will also run a stall.
- On the evening, nachos and cheese sauce, hot dogs, doughnuts and hot chocolate will be available.
- Children to sing carols in the dining hall.
- Star Prize - £50 restaurant voucher, Ring door bell or Echo Dot.

ACTION: S Gilligan will look into the best way for people to pay PSG online for 50/50 etc...

AOCB

- School photos – P1 and Family photos have already been taken. P7 and Class photos will be taken later in the year.
- The price of the photos was also discussed as it can be very expensive for families with more than 1 child in school.

NEXT MEETING: 9/11/22 AT 7PM IN ST LOUISE P.S