

ST LOUISE PARENT STAFF GROUP

Wednesday 06 Sept 2023

PRESENT

S Mooty, G Bonner, E Gill, L Gardner, L Mack, G Wynn

APOLOGIES

C Docherty, K McCann, N Cummiskey, J McGowan

AGENDA

- 1) Welcome
- 2) Apologies
- 3) Headteacher's report
- 4) Chairperson's Report
- 5) Treasurer's Report
- 6) Appointment of Office Bearers
- 7) Discussion of Key Plans/Areas of Focus – social events, fundraising, school support, SIP
- 8) AOCB

G Bonner welcomed everyone.

HEADTEACHER'S REPORT

School News

We would like to take this opportunity to welcome some new members of staff to our school. Miss Yardley in P6, Mrs Cooper in P3, Mrs Beaton, Mrs Hughes, Mrs Purdie and Mrs Jamieson who are new members of support staff.

The recent newsletter that was issued to all families can be downloaded from the school website or additional copies picked up from the school office. It included a lot of information on dates for the coming year and school events and information.

This session there will be transition work carried out with STA&STB's and P7 and information will be shared when it becomes available.

Last session we were able to provide a range of extra-curricular clubs across the year which included Football, Athletics, Netball, Multi-sports, Choir, Film and Chess and we are planning to do this again this session with many clubs already operating.

Our school will be inspected by Education Scotland staff week beginning 18th September and we appreciate our families taking the time to fill in the surveys and volunteer for the parent focus groups.

School Improvement

Our school improvement priorities for this year can be seen in our school improvement plan which can be accessed from our school website. These include:

- Take part in 'Improving Our Schools (IOS)' – to raise attainment in Writing, review school practices and enhance the use of data at class level
- Introduce a Play Based Learning Pedagogy at Early Level
- Develop a consistent use of Outdoor Learning across the school to increase pupil confidence and engagement in learning and to enhance the overall health and wellbeing of learners
- A commitment to Serving the Common Good working in partnership with local parishes

Our Standards and Quality Report is also available from the school website. If anyone would like a paper copy of either, this is available on request from the school office.

It includes a review of priorities across last year, which include highlights of:

- P3 all gained a certificate from the Young Engineering Challenge with 2 pupils highly commended and going on to the regional finals.
- St Louise Euroquiz Team finishing 4th place in their heat.
- Significant focus on attachment and nurture this session with all classes having a 'Zen Den' and inputs from Mind Marvels and Kooth to further enhance the opportunities for our young learners.
- A clear focus on our school and Gospel values and how we can show these daily.
- Continued celebration of successes with wider achievements being recognised and shared weekly.
- Several pupils representing our school at the EK Rotary Burns competition with 1 pupil going on to represent us in the national finals.
- Successful 'Participatory Budget' vote that enabled all children to visit the Glasgow Science Centre.
- School STEM Ambassador who is now supporting other schools across the authority to deliver this area in collaboration with other colleagues and CQIS staff.
- Lots of leadership opportunities continuing for our children with new initiatives being set up including 'Mini Vinnies'.
- Our school community working with 'Keep Scotland Beautiful' by taking part in a litter pick campaign.
- Successful whole school involvement in 'Beat the Street' coming 4th place overall.
- Pupils being highly commended for their artwork in the annual 'Road Safety' competition.
- Participating in the annual sports festivals with many successes including 2 pupils reaching the Track and Field finals and winning first place in their category.

Pupil Equity Funding

Many of the interventions and initiatives that the school implemented last year will now continue to be developed going forward. These include:

- Extra-curricular clubs/opportunities
- Outdoor learning
- Digital subscriptions and online learning tools
- IT equipment
- School resources for literacy and numeracy
- Active literacy phonics boards for all P1 families
- Targeted support groups using – 5-minute Box, IDL, Rapid Readers, Education City, Maths Catch Up, Sumdog, Reading Eggs, Mind Marvels and staff to support one to one and group sessions

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.

Last session we were able to develop the expressive arts area as the PSG purchased a license for the Charanga pack. Feedback from staff and pupils has been very positive and the school would like to renew the subscription when it runs out next month. The cost was £234 and we were hoping that the PSG might agree to fund this again going forward.

We are also requesting new footballs to be purchased to be used across all classes and as part of break-times.

Continue to source and look into further playground games to be used during interval and lunchtime.

Chairperson's Report

St Louise Parent and Staff Group is the Parent Council of St Louise Primary School. All St Louise Primary pupil's parents and carers are automatically members of the Parent Forum. We are here to represent all parents and 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 2022 – 2023?

- Held regular online and in house meetings that were open 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 for Charanga Music.
- We financed P5 and P7 OLOL retreats
- We financed an author visit from Lynsey Littleton
- We financed a P7 trip to Flipout and a P7 treat day which included pizza and snacks
- We organised and hosted our annual Halloween disco
- We organised and hosted our annual St Louise Feast Day Disco
- We provided the P7s with Leavers hoodies, funded by clothing bank payments
- We organised and hosted our annual Christmas fair and summer fair

What do we plan to do in 2023- 2024?

- 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.
- 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 monthly on Wednesday evenings from 7pm – 8.30pm within the school building.

TREASURER'S REPORT

BANK BALANCE AS OF LAST STATEMENT:

£3667.02 in bank.

Appointment of Office Bearers

Chair – Gillian Bonner

Treasurer – Elena Gill

Secretary – Louise Gardner

Church Representative – Kathy McCann

Key Plans / Area of Focus

The following Dates and times agreed for the year ahead:

<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Time</u>
06/09/23	AGM - In school	19:00-20:30
04/10/23	PSG meeting - In School (Hybrid)	19:00-20:30
26/10/23	Halloween Discos	(P1-4) 6-7pm (P5-7) 7.15-8.15pm
08/11/23	PSG meeting - Online	19:00-20:30
01/12/23	PSG Christmas Fair - In school	18:00-20:00
24/01/24	PSG meeting - Online	19:00-20:30
21/02/24	PSG meeting - In School (Hybrid)	19:00-20:30
13/03/24	PSG meeting - In school (Hybrid)	19:00-20:30
17/04/24	PSG meeting - In school (Hybrid)	19:00-20:30
09/05/24	St Louise Feast Day Disco	(P1-4) 6-7pm (P5-7) 7.15-8.15pm
15/05/24	PSG meeting - In school (Hybrid)	18:30-20:30
07/06/24	PSG Summer Fair	18:00-20:00
12/06/24	PSG "Soiree"	19:00-20:30

Sponsored funday or event to be organised within the school session (Oct to Dec).

Sports tops and outdoor games for the school.

Retreats and Charanga subscription.

AOCB

Consider and look into possible girls football team.

NEXT MEETING – 04/10/2023 at 7pm