

## Minutes of Meeting: ST LOUISE PARENT STAFF GROUP

Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> January 2024

### PRESENT

M Harris, S Mooty, G Bonner, L Mack, C Gallacher, N Udochukwu, C Docherty  
L Clarke

### APOLOGIES

L Gardner, N Cummiskey, J McGowan, E Harris

### AGENDA

- 1) Welcome
- 2) Apologies
- 3) Headteacher's report
- 4) Treasurer's Report
- 5) Evaluation of Christmas Fayre/ Initial planning of Summer Fayre
- 6) School Fleeces
- 7) Purchase of New Candy floss machine.
- 8) Lego club
- 9) AOCB

G Bonner welcomed everyone.

We began with a Welcome prayer led by Marianne.

**Treasurer Report** was read by Gillian on behalf of Elena: We have £5791.00 in the bank, a healthy amount which would allow us to invest in more rides etc for Summer Fayre.

It was also agreed that the sum of £540 would be spent on buying Athletic T shirts and Fleeces, however £540 was agreed to purchase 20 Fleeces and 30 T shirts, but all agreed that we should buy same amount of each, so it might be a little more for 30 fleeces and 30 t shirts.

All agreed to purchase another Candy floss machine too at around £300.

**Review of Christmas Fayre:** It was stated that kitchen window was very congested as everyone redeemed their tea and biscuit vouchers, so all agreed that a separate area would be allocated next time. Claire G inspired by her upcoming Disney trip, suggested a map could be drawn to show stall and prices of activities available at the fayre. Claire D said P7s could draw these and attend to the separate tea/ juice stand.

Meeting Santa will have a fee allocated on the day.

**Initial planning for Summer Fayre:** Date change, it was agreed to change date to **14<sup>th</sup> June** as 7<sup>th</sup> is too busy for the PSG members and 31<sup>st</sup> May is P7 high school induction day.

**Lego club:** see details in HT Report

## **HEADTEACHER'S REPORT**

### **School News**

- Our Multisport classes continue with P4 last term and will now move down through P3, P2 and P1.
- Our extra-curricular clubs of football, athletics, netball, dance and film continue this term and many children will take part in the associated festivals.
- Active schools continue to provide a range of opportunities for our pupils which have included volleyball, cricket and basketball.
- Our P3, P4 and P7 pupils continue their preparations for this year's sacraments. Please keep them and their families in your prayers.
- There was a great turn out at our first 'Find out Friday' session and we thank all families for joining us. We look forward to our next session Thursday 8th February.
- The children enjoyed all the Christmas festivities towards the end of last term which included the panto, Christmas lunch, class parties, joint working with Heathery Knowe and fundraising for the parent council.
- A huge well done to everyone in the school for the fabulous nativity and Christmas school shows that everyone enjoyed coming along to.
- Our P6 and P7 children will have the opportunity this term to take part in SLC's Kids Kitchen programme and parents/carers will be invited to come along to the final session on 2nd February.
- Some of our ex-pupils will be running a P4 Lego club starting on the 7th February and we look forward to supporting them with this.
- Our P4-P6 children will receive an input from Young Enterprise Scotland (YES) looking at various themes around enterprise.
- We have just finished our P1 enrolment process and are awaiting final figures to be confirmed in relation to catchment and placing requests. At the moment we have 19 catchment P1 children registered but this number can change between now and August.
- Thank you to everyone who supported our Christmas Fair and the fundraising efforts that continue to benefit all children in our school.

### **Parish Involvement**

- Thank you to Fr Dougan and Fr Romanus for leading us in a number of church celebrations and events. Our P3 and P4 children attended an enrolment mass on Sunday 21st January in preparation for their sacraments.
- The P7 welcome mass in St Andrew's and St Bride's was a lovely occasion to start the journey of transitioning from primary to secondary.
- We are delighted that Fr Dougan has been chosen to become Bishop of Galloway but are sad to see him go as he has been a fabulous support to our school and community. We wish him well and know that he will be a wonderful Bishop.

### **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.

For the year ahead we are requesting:

- New footballs
- Outdoor play equipment
- New training tops and t-shirts (as discussed above)

**ACOB:** Some discussion around Play, Lorraine and Linzi attended an OPAL play event in Heathery Knowe and were inspired by the resources used. Gillian has some experience of play as her school Halfmerke has been using these outdoor items for some time. She suggested getting Tyres from Spannerama, growing bamboo tunnels and sourcing old bikes, scooter and skateboards.

This is something St Louise will begin to look at with initial thoughts on storage sheds etc.

**NEXT MEETING – 21<sup>st</sup> Feb 2024**