

**Minutes of the St. Peter's RC Primary
Parent Council Annual General Meeting (AGM)**

29 May 2024

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| <p>Attendance: Twenty-two (22) People were in attendance: <i>Stanley Anyadioha</i> <i>Jasmina Ostatek</i> <i>Sara Garmsiri</i> <i>Lena Papadakou</i> <i>Liam Sturrock (Head Teacher)</i> <i>Parent of Inioluwa Oligbinde</i> <i>Parent of Hansel Korankye-Boateng</i> <i>Parent of Bilal Oladipupo</i> <i>Roxi Stone</i> <i>Parent of Alexandra Ezea</i> <i>Parent of David Nnanna</i> <i>Ezea Sunday</i> <i>Parent of Francis Nwaopara</i> <i>Parent of Ismaeel Bolomope</i> <i>Owen Dabo Etela</i> <i>Parent of Rinmak Dakun</i> <i>Parent of Stephen Udum</i> <i>Parent of Ugochukwu Duru</i> <i>Xinxin Wu</i> <i>Parent of Antoni Popiolkiewicz</i> <i>Nnanyelugo Ezennia</i> <i>Ogunsina Titilayo</i></p> | |
| <p>1. Welcome The Chairperson, Lena Papadakou (LP) welcomed every parent to meeting and introduced all the office bearers: Lena Papadakou – Chairperson Jasmina Ostatek (JO)- Treasurer Sara Garmsiri- Secretary Stanley Anyadioha-Secretary</p> | 18:06Hrs |
| <p>2. Adoption of previous minutes Minutes of last meeting held on 11 October 2023 were approved since no parent made any observation.</p> | |
| <p>3. Financial Update: The Treasurer, JO gave the current financial status as: Main Parent Council Account: £476.29 Donations Scheme Account: £576.53 Accounts total: £1052.82</p> | |

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| <p>Used/new clothes collection: £120 Pokemon/games event: £71 Event total: £191</p> <p>New Total= £1243.82</p> | |
| <p>4. School Improvement Plan: Due to connectivity issues, Maria Thies, estates programme manager from the council could not join the meeting. Patricia Nnanna wanted to know the dynamics involved in the school relocation to Riverbank School building.</p> <p>In his response, the Headteacher, Mr Liam Sturrock (LS) advised that the school relocation was the outcome of the survey carried out in October 2023. During the improvement works some demolition will take place so a temporary relocation will be necessary. The current Riverbank school has 20 classrooms which can accommodate all current St Peter's classes and will also offer a sensory room and lots of grass and outdoors space which will all be available only to the pupils of St Peter's – will not be shared with another school. It is estimated that the staff and pupils will resume at Riverbank School building at the start of Spring 2025 and are expected to be there until Summer 2026 (estimated), when the pupils will be relocated back to St Peter's.</p> <p>A question was asked about after-school plans and LS will take that forward. At the moment this is not a provision that can be offered.</p> <p>At the completion of St Peter's, the building is capable of accommodating about 434 pupils as against the 217 current capacity. The plan is to improve outdoor spaces, have a pitch and a community garden. As well as a new gym hall and a new dining hall. There will also be two classes for each level, therefore will accommodate at least 14 classes.</p> <p>Further information about the school relocation/improvement shall be communicated as progress is made.</p> | <p>Liam Sturrock</p> |
| <p>5. Headteacher's Update: The Headteacher, LS gave the following update about the school: The school has one Pupil Support Assistant (PSA) on long term absence but has Mrs Urvi Shah covering for this absence at present.</p> <p>The council is working on staffing for next session. Once this has been completed, allocation of classes and teachers will commence, and parents shall receive letters towards the end of the term to inform them of their child's new class/teacher.</p> <p>The P7 residential trip took place from 22nd – 24th May 2024. 28 pupils went with Mrs Bain, Mr McFadden and Mrs McKinlay to Tomintoul. The funding received by the school has helped reduce the cost to parents.</p> <p>A donation of £2000 from Brodies LLP has supported the school in organising trips to allow pupils to learn more about the heritage and culture</p> | |

of Aberdeen and the surrounding areas. All classes have had/will have a trip this term.

We continue to carry out some parental engagement and involvement activities such as open classroom events. We have had support from the Family Learning Team for engaging with our new P1 parents again this year. Some parental engagement opportunities in the future include open classroom events on Thursday, 30th May at 2.30pm, and Sports Day at Aberdeen Sports Village on Friday 7th June at 9.30am and a whole school Olympics-themed show on Thursday 27th June at 1.45pm (free ticket link will be going out to parents shortly). All parents/carers are welcome to attend the Sports Day event and free sports kits may be supplied to those who need them.

Parent survey carried out at parent's night saw a very good response rate from 92 families as follows:

Survey highlights:

- 100% of parents saying they agree or strongly agree that their child likes being at the school and that their child feels safe here.
- 100% of parents saying they agree or strongly agree that they are comfortable in approaching the school and that their views are valued.
- 100% of parents saying they agree or strongly agree that the school is well led.
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- 96% of parents happy with communications from the school, including about their child's progress.

Comment

-Almost 7% of parents were unsure about or not happy with our approaches to pupil voice / leadership and transitions in school.

Response

We will continue to communicate with parents to explain our processes here.

Comment

Parents would like to see more diversity of teaching staff to reflect the diversity of the school.

Response

Recruitment processes are focused on inclusion and equality, including at local authority level, and they would welcome any candidates.

Comment

Lack of grass/the stones and concrete ground outside.

Response

We are looking forward to changes here through the school renovation / redesign programme. During our period where we will move to Riverbank School building, we are also greatly looking forward to having more grass space for children to play on.

Comment

A small number of parents continue to ask for paper books at home for children in the lower classes.

Response

When we moved to the new Read Write Inc programme, we purchased access to online books due to lack of funding to buy extra copies to go home. Teachers share links to set books for lower-stage pupils via Google classroom, and the nice thing about the online version is that there are quizzes linked to each book to support with comprehension and further boost engagement and motivation. The school will continue going for e-access to learning materials.

Our monthly Sway newsletters are still used as a means of communicating with parents and providing updates, especially dates for diaries.

We have had queries from some parents regarding the recent announcement of a general election. We have been used as a polling station in the past, and information will be shared with parents as soon as it is received if we will be a polling station again, for this election. The school would be closed to pupils on Thursday 4th July if we are to be used as a polling station.

This year, we had 21 P3 pupils go forward for the Sacrament of Reconciliation ("First Confession") while 18 P4 pupils received the Sacrament of the Holy Eucharist ("First Holy Communion"). Next week, 20 P7 pupils will be undertaking the Sacrament of Confirmation.

A grant of £6,500 from the Balgowan No 2 Trust has supported the religious nature of our school and is to cover this school year.

P7 residential / end of school activity, to take place in Term 4. We have proposed another trip to Tomintoul, which has become our school's traditional residential location.

P7 pupils will experience a 3-day / 2-night residential experience, with the St Michael's centre being used as the venue.

Support for all classes to take part in religious, cultural and faith-based trips, visits and experiences. This includes transportation to attend Masses at our school's parish church, as well as organising visits and retreats to other religious sites. Our proposal here would include costs associated with these types of trips / visits, including entry fees, food and resources.

Support for Religious Education in school, including through the purchase of learning resources / materials, staff training and organising events linked to key liturgical celebrations.

Our parent council still require a church representative. LS has been in touch with Father Gabor again at St Peter's church to reshare our plea for support here. To date we have not had any willing volunteers. Should any

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| <p>parents know of parishioners who would be willing to support in this role, they can contact LS directly at school. A non-parent would be preferred for objectivity purposes.</p> <p>LS extended his thanks to the Parent Council for organising the recent Pokémon & gaming event. We know from feedback from children involved that they really enjoyed this special event.</p> <p>We would like to remind parents that Aberdeen City Council has extended the deadline for the submission of views on the provision of Catholic Education in Aberdeen City until June 7th 2024. They have a feasibility study at present which involves RC schools. Parents can take this opportunity to make their views known on the future of our Roman Catholic Education in the city and the consideration of a Roman Catholic Secondary in the city. You can do this by going to the Aberdeen City Council website`s Consultation Hub and click on Denominational Primary Schools Feasibility Study. You can use the comments box to make your views known on the future of both Primary and Secondary Catholic Education in Aberdeen.</p> <p>We have received notification that Seaton Out of School Club will cease to operate from Friday 5th July due to low registrations. The letter states that the decision is final. Alternative childcare may be sourced by contacting providers within the hub:</p> <p>https://www.aberdeencity.gov.uk/services/education-and-childcare/childcare-family-information-services</p> <p>We had a nice suggestion from a parent of a potential summer parent council event of a car boot sale. We could look into the possibility of this being within school grounds (opening up for a period of time to use the spaces up the side of the building and the back of the building for this).</p> | |
| <p>6. AOB and Close</p> <p>The Chairperson, LP stated the Parent council commitment to continue to plan for events and called on parents who have event ideas to come forward with proposals.</p> <p>Feedback forms will be sent to parents who were present for the Pokémon event soon.</p> <p>LP thanked parents for making it to the meeting.</p> <p>Meeting was adjourned by LP.</p> | <p>Parents</p> <p>18:56Hrs</p> |