



Chair: Louise Mackie

Secretary: Melanie Devine-Vernon

Treasurer: Pauline McGillivray / Joanne Gilfillan

St Mary's Parent Council Minutes - 16th January 2024

Attendees

Gillian McLaughlin (Head Teacher)
Sandra Watson
Joanne Gilfillan
Louise Bent

Margaret Laird
Melanie Devine-Vernon
Kirsty Wilson
Andy Carmichael (Councillor)
Lesley McDonald (Councillor)

Apologise

Angela Donnelly
Stephanie Farrel

Louise Mackie
Sarah Henderson
Pauline McGillivray

Head Teachers Update

- School Roll – 85
- Staffing - Mrs Jamieson has moved temporarily to St. John's, Blackwood.
- Primary 7 Hoodies ordered – school will cover this cost.
- Tartan option – cost £24.99 pinafore / £22 skirt. Consultation with wider Parent Forum now needed.
- SLC Unpaid work to carry out development of Reading Area. Shed has been ordered using Grant funds and those donated by Parent Council.
- School absence figures –

5 pupils between 80-84%	6% Overall
34 pupils between 85 – 95%	40% Overall
- South Lanarkshire has committed to all pupils receiving workshop by June 2024. NSPCC created. Two assemblies – P1-3 and P4-7. *Speak out. Stay safe.* is a programme for children aged 5-11 which aims to help children understand abuse in all its forms and to recognise the signs of abuse.
- Sport Day - potential date will be Friday 21st June at Larkhall Academy.

Councillor Update

- McDonald's - planning application was submitted by McDonald's and it was refused by South Lanarkshire Council. Application was then withdrawn by McDonalds. It was suggested McDonalds will reapply for planning permission.
- Everest Inn – is opening soon and a discount will be offered for a short period of time.

- M74 Junction - the work on the junction has started. Cameras will be installed at the traffic lights to discourage drivers from dropping their litter.
- Budgets - £96million to be saved. Primary schools will not be affected. High schools transport boundaries will be affected if it is passed. Consultation has been sent out. A public meeting will be held in Holy Cross High School on Tuesday 30th January. Places must be booked.
- South Lanarkshire Council are not implementing the car parked on pavement policy.
- Councillors will buy the ties for the P.7 leavers.

Parent Council Update

Upcoming Events

- **Valentines Disco** - Thursday 8th February - tickets will be priced £2.50 per child or £4 for a family ticket.
- **Family Bingo Night** - Friday 22nd March at 6.30pm, Raploch Bowling Club, More details to follow.
- **Ladies Night** - To Be Confirmed
- **Summer Disco** - Thursday 20th June - free disco
 - P.1 to P.3 - Including the new P.1's - 6.15 to 7.30pm
 - P.4 to P.7 - 7.45pm to 9pm

Recruiting New Parent Council Members - The Parent Council will organise a tea/coffee stall during the P.1 transition event (date to follow). They will advertise the Parent Council and encourage new members to join.

Treasurer Report - The current Balance is £1420.97 after the payments to the school (detailed on the last minutes). This includes funds raised of £148 at the Christmas Raffle.

Buses For The Summer Trip - The Head Teacher asked the Parent Council to fund the buses for the school summer trip.

Safety Concerns - Melanie continues the correspondence with South Lanarkshire Council regarding the safety of our school community on the junction of McNeill Street and Raploch Road.

Communication – A new email address has been set up so that Parents/Carers can email any suggestions to the Parent Council. Please email - StMarysPC.Larkhall@gmail.com

Next Meeting - 12th March 2024, 6.30pm

Parent Council Meetings 2024

- 7th May 2024
- 11th June 2024