



## ST ANDREW'S FCRC PARENT COUNCIL

**MINUTES OF MEETING:** 15 January 2025 at 7:00PM  
At the school

| <b>Attendance:</b>  | <b>Apologies:</b>   |
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| Kerr Willis (Chair)<br>Aziza Walker (Secretary)<br>Aisling Christie (Headteacher)<br>Rachael Quinn (Principal)<br>Maarten van der Hoeven<br>(Treasurer)<br>Lianne Donaldson | Hazel Stothard<br>Jonathon McMechan<br>Janie Jones (Early Years)<br>Coffey Lai<br>Rebekah Jones |

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| 1. Welcome  | All  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• -</li></ul>   |
| 2. Approval of Minutes  | All  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• The minutes of meeting 19.11.2024 approved</li></ul>  |
| 3. Treasurer's Report<br>3.1 Account update                                     | MvdH | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Balance £5,739</li><li>• Out expenses<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>◦ £71 Becci</li><li>◦ £50 Aziza</li><li>◦ 176.80 Kerr</li><li>◦ £100 Hazel</li></ul></li><li>• In expenses<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>◦ Edinburgh Council £532</li><li>◦ Minimum balance £2,000</li><li>◦ Playground £1,754</li><li>◦ Free balance £1,985</li><li>◦ Christmas Fair from Stripe</li></ul></li><li>• Action points<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>◦ Accounts uploaded to SOCR website</li><li>◦ The constitution to be circulated to all PC members</li></ul></li></ul>                                    |
| 3.2 Local Giving membership<br>3.2.1 17th Jan '25 renewal and new P7 fundraiser |      | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Maarten is participating in the Engadin Ski Half Marathon to raise funds for the P7's 2025/2026 away trip 9th March - <a href="https://localgiving.org/fundraising/Engadinerskihadmarathon">https://localgiving.org/fundraising/Engadinerskihadmarathon</a></li><li>• There was a vote to cancel the Local Giving membership, however with Maarten's fundraising event it justifies keeping it open.</li><li>• A year membership till the 17th January = £180</li><li>• Link shared via Classlist and Mrs Christie to add in the next school newsletter</li><li>• Raised £432 not yet received in account</li></ul> |
| 4. Church update  | AC   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Due to the prior commitments as well as taking on St John's and St Kentigern parishes it has been decided that Fr. Paul and Fr. Jamie is to be reassigned.</li></ul>  |

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|   |    | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Fr. Binu Palakapally will replace both Fr. Paul and Fr. Jamie by the end of the month.</li> <li>School staff and the PC members wish Fr. Paul and Fr. Jamie all the best and look forward to welcoming Fr. Binu.</li> </ul>  |
| 5. Head Teacher update<br>5.1 Staffing<br><br>5.2 Head Teacher report | AC | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>New PE teacher has started - Ms Fiona Brown. Working on supply, so already working on site. She will be permanent post soon</li> <li>All staff remains the same</li> <li>Thank you for the Christmas Disco and the Chocolate Bears Gifts</li> <li>All Christmas events ran well and were positive: Mass, nativity, sing-a-long, disco, parties, panto. Lots of parents/carers joined in as well</li> <li>Supported Self Assessment Visit on the 22-23 January from City of Edinburgh Council <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Cursor to the Education Scotland HMIE Inspection.</li> <li>Two-day assessment with six people attending: 3 from the central team - 1 x Quality Improvement Manager and 2 x Quality Improvement Education Officers; plus 2 other Head Teachers</li> <li>Activities include: meeting partners, parents, PSAs, pupils and teacher focus groups, meeting groups of children from P1-P4-P7, gathering evidence the school has collected, attending assembly, HT and Principal Teacher presentation, HT meetings on attainment and wellbeing as well as visiting all classes to observe learning and teaching</li> <li>Evaluations based on 'How good is our school?' - 15 quality indicators, but only focusing on six. Leadership of change: HT, staff, &amp; pupil leadership; learning, teaching and assessment; wellbeing &amp; inclusion, attainment &amp; achievement; curriculum; parent/carer engagement; safeguarding</li> </ul> </li> <li>Ongoing review of the curriculum <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Green team - Outdoor learning team supporting P5 for a block and a taster for all other classes. Loose parts training for staff in March. Continuing Visits to Drumbrae Library</li> <li>Review of literacy and numeracy progression; social subjects, science; technology and expressive arts -What could be done better?</li> <li>Wellbeing, equality and inclusion: Pupil involvement has been positive. P6 presentation on wellbeing, for example</li> </ul> </li> <li>NSPCC speak out, stay safe to be shared. Information of what to do when upset and to go to their trusted adult. Tied to Mental Health Week</li> <li>Other events: Safe Internet Day, World Book Day, Lent, See St Andrews, Parent Consultation, P3 Reconciliation, Easter, Make a Difference - Resilient Unit, Road Safety, Cycling for P5's, Outdoor Learning and Achievements at Assembly</li> </ul> |

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| <p>6. Events (KW)</p> <p>6.1 Feedback on SumUp</p> <p>6.2 Feedback on Christmas Party</p> <p>6.3 Spring/Summer Party</p> | <p>All</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The QR codes have been super helpful with the fundraising events and much easier solution to those who don't always carry cash</li> <li>With separate QR codes it's easy to see where the funds go to</li> <li>This will be a good investment for future events, especially for fundraising for future P7 away day events</li> </ul> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Special thanks to the parents and support staff for their help</li> <li>An inclusive event for all students and lovely to see parents who are not always able to come to other school events</li> <li>Sign-in/sign-out was as smooth as possible</li> <li>The communication to all the parents/carers was good. Encourage all parents/carers to be on Classlist, which in turn keeps it up-to-date</li> <li>PC aims to have alternate events. Like Christmas event one year, then Halloween event the following year</li> </ul> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Corstorphine Fair would be something that the PC would like to get into. It happens every two years, so 2026 is the next one</li> <li>A possible Easter Silent Disco in the Walled Garden?</li> <li>Easter egg hunt up Corstorphine Hill? Possibly Saturday 26th April? Kerr had plan that didn't go ahead due to the pandemic. Something to revisit</li> </ul>   |
| <p>7. Nursery update</p>   | <p>JJ</p>  | <p>The new term is already extremely busy and we have now filled all allocations of placements to capacity.</p> <p>Our learners are making expected individual progress, many in line with their developmental milestones, which is tracked through termly meetings with Keyworkers. Our curriculum design focuses upon a range of skills at Early Level that support learners through curiosity and inquiry to gain independence and build increasing resilience.</p> <p>Our current topics are loosely based around the Winter season and these are intertwined with learners responsive interests, to embed and further extend their lived stories.</p> <p>Other planned learning outcomes for this term are based around Scots language, Chinese New Year, signs of Spring and lifecycles.</p> <p>We enjoyed a very productive In-Service training Day, where our staff team worked together to consider some of the high-quality features linked to Early Learning. In small groups, we shared some robust, professional dialogue, in order to update our Curriculum Rationale. This will blend skills-based learning opportunities with contextual experiences that will enable all learners to make the best progress they can and will become our, 'Pedagogy Palette'.</p> <p>We were sad to see one of our excellent Practitioners leave us to take on a promoted role at Maybury Early Years and wish Caitlin Marshall all the very best as she moves in a new direction of her journey. Our staff team remains stable, which provides continuity for our families and is settling for our team; however, we do always strongly encourage our people to seek out new horizons if that is right for them, enabling healthy lifestyle choices.</p> <p>Our P1 Practitioners are very much part of their school teams, whilst also remaining part of Nursery staffing and often support us through covering late shifts on a Friday. This is helpful for us and enables both Saima and Maureen to stay in touch. One of the Craigmount Learning Community aims this year is to explore some of the common threads amongst the work of P1 Practitioners, as this may support some streamlining of the job roles, as this tends to vary across the city. I will</p> |

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|   |  | <p>share this work with Mrs. Christie so that we can develop this together across our Campus, where some of the strands are appropriate.</p> <p>I am delighted to be back at Fox Covert for the start of this academic year and look forward to leading and contributing to the development of learning within our Early Years.</p> <p>That concludes the Nursery Report for this evening, thank you - Janie</p>      |  |  |                                     |  |   |                                      |                                   |  |
| 8. AOB                                  |  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Jonathan's provided three laptops for the PC - Huge thank you. PC to offer laptops as loans for to any parents/carers who may need it for the term</li> <li>• Lianne and Aziza wanting to keep on top of Classlist. Aziza to ask class reps to run an eye over their classes to check it is up-to-date. Lianne happy to manage as well as communicate with David.</li> </ul> |  |  |                                     |  |   |                                      |                                   |  |
| 9. Next meeting                         | All  | <table border="1"> <tr> <td>Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> August 2024</td><td>AGM Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2024</td></tr> <tr> <td>Monday 7<sup>th</sup> October 2024</td><td>Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> November 2024</td></tr> <tr> <td>Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> January 2025</td><td>Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> March 2025</td></tr> <tr> <td>Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> May 2025</td><td></td></tr> </table>         | Wednesday 21 <sup>st</sup> August 2024 | AGM Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> September 2024 | Monday 7 <sup>th</sup> October 2024 | Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup> November 2024 | Wednesday 15 <sup>th</sup> January 2025 | Thursday 13 <sup>th</sup> March 2025 | Tuesday 20 <sup>th</sup> May 2025 |  |
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