



ST ANDREW'S FCRC PARENT COUNCIL

MINUTES OF MEETING: 13 January 2026 at 7:00PM
Held at the school

Attendance:

Aisling Christie (Head teacher)
Aziza Walker (Chair)
Rebekah Jones (Vice-Chair)
Hazel Stothard
Lianne Donaldson
Bashman Mohammed
Animesh Tiwari

Apologies:

Rachel Quinn (Principal)
Fr. Binu (Adviser/Church Liaison)
Katy Street (Secretary)
Maarten van der Hoeven (Treasurer)
Kerr Willis

1. Approval of Minutes	All	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Minutes of meeting 25/11/2025 approved
2. Treasurer's Report	AW	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Maarten not present, so no update of the current balances - Aziza to update what she knowsAccounts still with Eddy to review.Awaiting Edinburgh Council funding to arrive. Once it has arrived account holder to be passed from Kerr to AzizaChristmas donations<ul style="list-style-type: none">Cost = £76.56 (Expensed to Aziza)Donations collected via Stripe (£89.00)Difference = £12.44 to Mary's MealsCeilidhKids<ul style="list-style-type: none">Raised via Stripe £220Expenses to Church HallThank you to Scotmid Rannoch Rd for donations and all who helped on the dayCorstorphine Fair<ul style="list-style-type: none">Aziza paid deposit of £30 (Aziza to be reimbursed in due course)SumUP collections<ul style="list-style-type: none">SumUp totals have not been historically part of the treasurer report. Discussed with Maarten to include this. Aziza has sent SumUp summary sheets to Maarten to review.
3. Church Update	AC	<ul style="list-style-type: none">No new church updatesSchool enjoyed participating in Christmas activities both in school and each class attending one Mass during AdventFr. Binu expected in school to meet with Mrs Christie 15/01 to discuss upcoming plans for the term including -

		<p>weekly class visits to continue, preparation for Holy Communion and Confirmation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Preparation for Lent and Holy Week as we will be in school Mrs Christie to confirm Fr. Binu is receiving PC updates
4. Head Teacher Update a. Staffing b. Report	AC	<p>A - No changes to current staffing, Mrs Christie now starting to work with ECC to determine staffing numbers for the '26/27 session. Any changes to contracts to be submitted by staff for consideration now for next academic year.</p> <p>B - Thank you to PC for supporting the costs for Panto held in Assembly Hall. Dates for December '26 now being considered, Mrs Christie to discuss with Fox Covert holding event on same day with further updates to follow.</p> <p>Class Christmas parties held in the final week of term, all children involved in planning. Decided no prizes this time and all children were provided with snacks and drinks.</p> <p>Positive feedback from P1/2 Nativity, held in Assembly Hall this year and was well attended. PC provided teas and coffees for families, thank you.</p> <p>Thank you to Aziza for providing teas and coffees during Singalong, Thurs 18th Dec. Also well attended, lots of positive feedback, Fr. Binu attended.</p> <p>Updates to the school website currently on-going with Mrs Quinn taking the lead from school staff. Confirm with Johnathan if he is able to continue to support from the PC group?</p> <p>Updates regarding clothing to school handbook and website as no longer allowed to be seen to advertise a particular company and to consider cost of the school day. Discussed surplus uniform and how this could be shared with parents discreetly to avoid any stigma attached. Options include: rail in playground during whole-school events, PC events etc.</p> <p>January In-Service for staff</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reviewing School Improvement Plan (SIP) and 4 key priorities <p>1: Values, Visions and Aims refresh</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Parent/Carer questionnaire had 57 responses back - Mrs Christie & Mrs Quinn visited every class to get pupil feedback, now collating evidence - Staff session in school to discuss possibility of refresh e.g. will values stay the same, consideration that language is not accessible for all, how to make this more inclusive and reflective of changing school demographic - Sweep-up survey for further opinions welcomed - Update expected by Easter

		<p>2: Learning & Teaching</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Focus on curricular frameworks and what an “excellent” lesson looks like - CLPL in school with staff to identify examples of good practice - Discussions ongoing with Pupil Council, next steps is to liaise and share with families - Keen to get input from families about how to share learning techniques e.g. in Reading, do parents/carers know what it means to blend? Some initial suggestions across group included videos modelling techniques and teaching points across teams, include information and updates during Learnalong sessions. <p>3: Wellbeing, Inclusion & Equality</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - P5 trialing “Circle of Support” - Lot of discussion across school to identify pupils’ trusted adult, a safe person to speak to. - Continuing with Building Resilience, sharing assembly for this term’s focus Friday 16th - Wide range of pupil voice groups across school including Equalities and Rights Respecting Schools. <p>4: Curriculum</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Leadership of learning opportunities for all classes across school (P1 RE, P2 Literacy, P3 Rights, P4 Eco, P5 Wellbeing, P6 Numeracy and P7 all-encompassing). Positive feedback from pupils and staff already, opportunities for senior pupils to teach younger learners. - Outdoor Learning - Exploring and building partnerships with the wider community. Connections locally already established including Scotmid Co-Op on Rannoch Road, Drumbray Library, Bike Station, Green Team and Outdoor Learning. Continue to explore other opportunities for joined-up working e.g. RE visits to Central Mosque. -
5. PC Topics	All	<p>St Andrews RC & Fox Covert Primary Schools Summer Fair - date confirmed as Saturday 30th May with timings TBC. Aziza and Rebekah meeting with Kirsty and Brooke, Chair and Vice Chair of Fox Covert PC, Tuesday 20th January. More information to follow with a “Save the Date” being sent to families in coming weeks via Classlist.</p> <p>Corstorphine Fair - Aziza has booked a “pitch” for the event, Saturday 6th June. Aziza and Rebekah taking the lead with a view to current P6’s using this as their first fundraising event for P7 camp in December ‘26. More information to follow, agreed to pay a fee for our pitch.</p>

		<p>St Kentigern's Easter Fair - no confirmed date yet, all agreed to run a Bake Sale again. More information to follow.</p> <p>P6 fundraising for P7 camp ideas underway with Rebekah, Hazel and Kerr to take the lead. Sharing a bus with Fox Covert P7's which will split total and keep costs down for families. Bag Packing at Tesco Hermiston Gait booked for 5th and 6th September, more information to follow.</p>						
6. AOB		<p>P7 Camp fundraising well under way and going well - currently raised £577 equaling to £33 taken off total amount per child. Most recent money was raised from Singalong and Carol Singing at Tesco in December. Class is currently planning further fundraising opportunities which include Bake Sale, Toy Sale and "Grow £5" Virgin enterprise project.</p> <p>Diary date to be aware of - Online Safety Awareness evening for families to attend. Wednesday 14th January, WHEC. Information on Classlist as location updated.</p> <p>Playground Funding - discussed need to allocate funding as money is incurring additional fees in bank account. Aziza to discuss with Fox Covert PC and will follow-up at next meeting then discuss what items could be purchased. Possibly discuss this with classes across both schools to create a "wish list" of sorts?</p>						
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