



# Georgetown School Parent Council



Location: Georgetown PS



Date: 17<sup>th</sup> Jan 24



Time: 6.30pm

## Attendees:

Carly Anderson, Tracey Boyd, Rachael Thomson, Laura MacKenzie, Chris Latimer, Laura Proudlock, Rachael Dickson, Jenna McCrone, Colin Gordon, Tracy Mills, Deborah Crosbie, Louise Moffat, Charlotte Dickson, Lorelei Lynn

## Apologies:

Morgan McQueen, Barry Houston, Shiree McCrone, Gail Burns, Vanessa Tweedie, Susan Coates, Susan Knox, Molly Todd, Fiona Campbell, Debbie Paterson

## Meeting Minutes

### I. Chairperson's Opening Remarks

Carly welcomed everyone to the first meeting of the year. She recapped the successful Christmas Fayre which raised £1648.91

The agenda for the meeting was discussed.

### II. Treasurer's Report

In Morgan's absence, Carly reported the Bank of Scotland account had £3855 however £500 needed to come off for the school Panto deficit.

The amount currently in the TSB account is unknown as we hadn't had a statement recently. This will hopefully be reported next meeting.

### III. Head Teacher Report

Whole School Self Evaluation Questionnaire - Mr Latimer showed this on the board.

Bi-Annual – whole school self-questionnaire for parents seeking feedback, views and opinions of progress across our school.

This will be sent as an electronic form with a completion date – show exemplar to PC

This is not anonymous!

Non-teaching staff will also be surveyed as will P4-P7 pupils. Teachers have already been given a survey.

### Social Media

Communication with parents now wakelet has ceased was discussed. Xpressions app is not ideal however D&G council struggling to advise on what else can be used.

The school Facebook page was used prior to Class Dojo and could be used more again however this is not for sharing learning/updating parents.



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Class Dojo was not coming back and the school had even asked if they could ask parents to sign a waiver re their personal details being stored within their system (out with EU) – the answer to this was no.

Lockerbie have begun using 'My School' app – School will look into this

Teams was suggested and discussed however similar to Glow emails etc. this was an issue due to using and sharing children's passwords with parents – GDPR.

Some class's trialling Purple Mash for sharing information via the blogging section – this system is 'clunky' and not overly user friendly. Again, this is child's username and password to login.

The council had suggested use of Parent Portal however this is mainly for office use and not for teachers to communicate with parents.

Dojo was discussed – this worked well for school and had 100% sign up for all parents within school. The notifications were the main benefit.

Due to the demise of Dojo, extra reports were shared in December. This was discussed and a Parents evening will follow in May with a 'learning conversation' document afterwards. Mr Latimer asked for feedback after this if it works well or not.

QLC are trialling a closed Facebook group to share information with parents – unsure how this would work as not everyone is on Facebook. Risk Assessments will be created for this also.

## Requests for Reading books and costs to parents

Over the last few years, especially since Covid our supply of class readers depleted to the point where we have insufficient copies of some books.

A request has gone out to return any readers that may be sitting at home but we request PC support to replenish our list of titles and ask for your views on 'charging' parents for books that are not returned in future. This may encourage a more prompt return of readers – Discussion took place.

Cost of £654 to Parent Council to replenish 'Big Cat Reader' scheme.

£150 to top up class novels – PC to purchase these as can be found cheaper online.

World Book Day was discussed to do some fundraising to buy books for school.

Maximising Pupil Attendance flow chart - Mr Latimer showed this on the board.



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This was discussed and he asked if we would like to see this before it is sent out to the wider parent body. It was agreed to send this out to Parent Council members to review and share any feedback. PC asked if the attendance percentage meanings could be added to the toolkit to give Parents a better idea of what this means. Laura M to share this on Parent Council group chat.

New school vision logo - Mr Latimer showed this on the board.

Designed by Emilia Astley in P7, copies made to be displayed around school.

## Hydrotherapy Pool

4 years this hasn't been up and running. Mr Latimer stated he is giving them until the end of January to fix this before he requests 'Parent Power'/Parental Support in letter form to complain about the impact this is having on the Learning Centre children.

## Community Gardening Day

The school would like Parent Council to organize a community engagement event (like the previous litter pick) but this time a school gardening event to tidy up the school grounds. This was agreed and will be organized at a later date, in the warmer weather.

## IV. Spring Disco Date

Date and times discussed

*Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> April*

Nursery to be invited N5-P2 - 6pm-6.45pm

P3-P7 - 7pm-8pm

Bring your own water bottle to be filled.

Entry price -£2 per child

Helper list to be posted on Parent Council group chat



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## V. Schools 50<sup>th</sup> Birthday Celebrations

This was discussed in detail – The date found on old newsletters for the schools ‘official birthday’ was 5<sup>th</sup> September 1974.

Ideas discussed – Concert/Show – through the decades, ‘50’ drone picture to be taken outside using the children, Themed lunch, 70s themed day, create a time capsule to add to the original one currently in desk at school office.

This to be discussed at next meeting. School will put out a Microsoft form asking for ideas/suggestions.

## VI. AGM

Date for AGM – Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> May at 6.30pm.

## VII. School Uniform

Rachael T is in process of looking into new uniform suppliers – looking at price to parents and requesting samples. Laura M to email her school badge.

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Action Items	Owner(s)	Deadline	Status
Poster for Disco	Laura M	Before Easter hols	
School Lets for disco	Laura M	Before Easter hols	
Books for school	Laura, Tracey	ASAP	
School badge email to Rachael T	Laura M	ASAP	
Form for 50 <sup>th</sup> celebrations	Laura M	Before next meeting	

Date of Next Meeting:  
**Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> May 24**  
**6.30pm**