



Georgetown School Parent Council



Location: Georgetown Primary School



Date: 17th June



Time: 6pm

Attendees:

Susan Coates, Lorelei Lynn, Lesley MacLeod,
Laura Proudlock, Louise Moffat, Rachael
Thomson, Deborah Crosbie, Charlotte
Dickson, Jenna McCrone, Fiona Campbell,
Tracy Mills, Barry Houston, Debbie Patterson,

Apologies:

Colin Gordon, Shiree McCrone,
Vanessa Tweedie

Meeting Minutes

I. Chairperson's Opening Remarks

- Susan Coates welcomed everyone to the Annual General Meeting and thanked members for supporting the Parent Council in this extraordinary year for Georgetown Primary.
- On behalf of P.C, Susan thanked school staff for supporting the P.C this year. Particular thanks to SLT who support every event and to Mr Latimer – we couldn't run any of our events without him.
- Thank you to Jenna for organizing Morrisons bag packing event and Yopa board fundraiser.
- Lorelei thanked Fiona and Louise for doing a playground tidy up in preparation of the inspectors. May tidy up has been postponed until term 1 next session.

II. Treasurer's Report (Rachael Thomson)

- Rachael Thomson has completed spreadsheets for this session.
- Current bank balance in BofS account: £5423.23 (£283.22 more than expected, but due to banking issues, Rachael has been unable to ascertain the reason for this)
- Rachael has tried to pursue banking issues, but to no avail. Mrs MacLeod to go into the bank to try and resolve this.
- Rachael advised that Royal Bank of Scotland are used by some other Parent Councils who have found RBS easier to deal with than BofS. Members agreed they were happy to move banks if this is possible.
- Reminder of TSB bank account, which was set up specifically as a parental engagement fund, which the council adds to each year. At present, we believe it may be empty.



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III. Head Teacher Report

HMIE

- Mrs MacLeod thanked the Parent Council and wider parent body for unwavering support during the recent HMIE inspection. Parents supported with playground tidy up, completed questionnaires, and met with the inspection team. The inspectors will not be returning and a full report will be available in August.

Session 25-26

- 13 classes have been confirmed and composite classes in p5&6 are currently being organized. Information on classes will be released to parents as soon as possible. Mrs MacLeod thanked parents for their patience.
- Moving Up afternoon is on Thursday 26th June. Pupils will meet new teachers and visit their new classrooms.

School Improvement Plan 2025-26 session

- 4 School Improvement Priorities for next session:
- Empowering every learner through extended pupil leadership across all stages.
- Improved parental engagement in learning.
- Using data driven approach to raise attainment in Literacy and Numeracy.
- Improve communication across all learners in QLC.

Staffing

- Miss Penman has accrued permanency and will be included in core staffing.
- 2 newly qualified teachers, Miss D'Meza and Miss Donaldson will join next session.
- Miss Dickson will work 4 days for terms 1&2 next session. Her additional day has yet to be appointed.
- Mrs Meechan has secured a full-time permanent post in the QLC and we welcome Mrs Moylett who will cover Miss Lowry's 0.6 maternity leave.



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- Mrs Green and Mrs Little (QLC) are retiring at the end of this session. We thank them for their continued service at Georgetown over the years.

Pupil Equity Funding (PEF)

- Georgetown is allocated £25,725 of pupil equity funding. Proposal for funding to buy a learning assistant for the mainstream school. This would add 22 hours (cost of £18,920) to our supporting learner's quota to support with interventions and nurture support. Our supporting learner's core allocation is 30 hours for ELC and mainstream spread across a school of approximately 400 pupils.
- Funding will also support children in QLC with Augmentative and Alternative Communication (AAC) Aids to support and model communication and encourage pupil voice.

Inclusive Play Equipment

- Many thanks to Parent Council for their support with play equipment for the playground. Thank you to Jenna for recent Yopa and Morrisons fundraisers.
- In addition to Parent Council, the parents and staff of QLC are raising funds to support this project. Plan is to purchase equipment early next session.

IV. Other Items

Fundraising

- Successful bag packing event at Morrisons 31st May. 10 pupils and parents staying to support was extremely helpful. Members of the public commented on our friendly, polite pupils. Event raised £606.66. Jenna has already contacted the Peel Centre, Tesco re bag packing event in term 1, 2025/6 session.
- Yopa boards: 65 signups, but Yopa could only put up 46 boards due to difficulties with placement etc. Approximately £552 raised. This fundraiser has potential to be repeated.
- Tesco tokens for inclusive play equipment: Fiona has completed the form and will submit this once the banking issues are resolved.
- Tesco grant for cooking equipment – ongoing.



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- Other fundraising opportunities are being looked into: Jenna has submitted the large grant for The Ford Britain Trust Funding; Motoway grant : ongoing.
- Jenna currently organising a tombola at DGRI, Outpatients dept.
- Thank you to Fiona for her brilliant posters advertising all events and fundraisers this session.
- Mrs MacLeod asked members if they would still like to focus fundraising efforts on a trim trail, which costs approximately £25,000 or look to invest in smaller inclusive play equipment that can be added to and built up over time. Members were in agreement that smaller play equipment would benefit current cohort of pupils as we are still over £10k from the trim trail target.
- Members discussed having a visual for fundraising events so pupils, parents and wider community can see how much we are raising and the increases towards our final goal.
- Pull-up Georgetown banner for P.C fundraising events to be investigated.

PVGs

- No further updates from last meeting. PVGs are required for Parent Council members who are hosting events at school. However, if members were supporting an event overseen/organised by school, no PVGs are required. Some further clarity may be needed.

Upcoming Events

- Uniform Swap Shop (Parent Council and Global Gangs), Thursday 26th June. 1.15pm for set up; this will be run by Lorelei and Jenna. Mrs MacLeod and Mrs Proudlock to assist. Donations to school by Monday 23rd June.
- First Parent Council of the new session will take place early next term.

V. AOB



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Parent Council Going Forward

- 2025/6 session expected to be less intensive for Parent Council; 2024/5 was particularly unusual in terms of number of events and activities.
- An Action Plan will be created for the start of session. This will allow members to view the year ahead, make amendments and plan accordingly.
- Regular events (discos, playground tidy up etc) will still take place and non-intensive fundraising events such as bag packing intending to be organised. Christmas Fayre likely to be bi-annual. Christmas 2025 will likely be a pupil centred event in school (e.g. Christmas Movie evening).

Elected Member Roles

- Susan Coates and Lorelei Lynn resigned as Co-Chairs; Rachael Thomson resigned as Treasurer. Susan Coates and Rachael Thomson will leave Parent Council; Lorelei Lynn to remain on the council.
- New Office Bearer roles appointed:
- Chair: Fiona Campbell
- Vice Chair: Lorelei Lynn
- Treasurer: Laura Proudlock
- Secretary: Tracy Mills
- Susan Coates and Lorelei Lynn thanked members for their attendance.
- Susan and Rachael were thanked for their contribution to the Parent Council over the years.
- Next meeting: tbc