

**Annual General Meeting**  
**Pollokshields Primary School Parent Council**  
**Saturday 29 October 2022**

In attendance:

Saskia Gildawie, Fozia Asmat, Rachel Smith, Sam Miller, Nathalie Ouriachi (minute taker), Heather Foster, Samina Akhtar, Mrs Julie McElhone (Head teacher) and Mrs Jennifer Anderson (deputy head teacher).

20 parents and carers attended.

- 1) Welcome by co-chair Fozia A.

Fozia explained the objectives of the parent council: work in partnership with the school, representing the views of parents and carers for the benefit of the education and welfare of the children.

- 2) Co-chair Saskia G annua report

Attached

- 3) Treasurer's report

### **Income**

#### Grants:

£400 Council PC operation grant

£790 Area partnership fund grant for gala bazaar

£900 Dandelion grant for sports and food growing

#### Fundraising:

£210 AGM/Halloween party

£500 Winter art festival

£370 Spring fling event

£1080 Gala bazaar

The Parent's council contributed £1600 to the theatre trip for the Lion King and £800 for the community club.

### **Remaining balance is £1969**

- 4) Head teacher report

Mrs McElhone is acting head teacher and has just taken her post recently to replace Ms Smith who is on maternity leave. Mrs McElhone has been very impressed by the pupils who are respectful and engaged with their learning.

The school will reopen its doors to parents and carers to show how teaching is done, with demonstration by the children.

Approached to homework are going to be reviewed so that they are consistent across the school and progressive. The school will involve the parents so that they can support their children.

The Hive and the Library will be reorganized to make best use of them. Glasgow Library staff will come to help organize the school library so that it is ordered by age and can function as a proper lending library.

The children will be following the school values.

Learning: what needs done so that I'm ready to learn

Honesty

Respect for myself, the environment and others

Resilience: learn how to identify what is wrong and ask for help on how to feel better.

The winter art festival will not happen this year but there will be a smaller scale Winter Warmer for the children (still with Santa and the reindeers!)

There will be an in-person parents' evening soon to be announced.

Parents should contact the school if they are worried about anything.

The deputy head teacher is looking after any additional learning needs for P1 to P4 children and the head teacher for P5 to P7 children.

#### 5) Acting deputy head teacher Jennifer Anderson

Mrs Anderson is acting deputy head teacher while Mrs McAnish is on maternity leave.

The school is teaching children emotional intelligence using a program called PATHS (**P**romoting **A**lternative **T**Hinking **S**trategies).

Nurture principles: The school is working with an educational psychologist to make the environment more nurturing. There are safe and quiet spaces within classrooms if the children need it. The teachers are being trained to interpret children's behaviour, understand the cause of behaviours so that they can support them better.

#### 6) Members selection

All office bearers are standing down. There are 16 places on the parents council. 4 offices:

Chair, vice-Chair, secretary and treasurer.

4 parents and carers came forward to join the parent council:

Mursal Noori, Mohammed Meraj, Saleha Fathima and Maria Omar.