



Sandaig Primary School Parent Council

29/5/24 - Chairs Report

The Parent Council is a group of parents who represent the parent forum's views and work in partnership with school staff and the local authority to achieve the best for all pupils. Having a Parent Council allows the collective view of parents to be represented on matters such as the quality and standards of education at the school and other matters of interest. We meet on the last Wednesday of each month, with the exception of December and June.

During April 23-March 24 the Parent Council was grateful for the support of the staff at Sandaig Primary and their representatives Mrs S Clark (HT), Mrs J Moore (DHT) and Ms M McLean. We continue to work in partnership with the school the best we can.

Previous AGM and Appointment of Office Bearers

At the last AGM on 29/03/2023 the following office bearers were elected:

Chair – Fiona Beggs

Vice-Chair – Vacant

Secretary – Stacey Reid (resigned mid-year due to other commitments)

Treasurer – Peter Stewart

Signatories for the PC account remain as Fiona Beggs (Chair), Caroline Baxter (Parent Council member) and Peter Stewart (Treasurer)

Summary of issues that the Parent Council was consulted on, informed of and participated in during 2023/2024 session

- Parking and road safety – Car Free Zone
- P1 Induction
- P7 Leavers events
- Christmas gift stall for children to buy keyrings for their parents/carers
- Easter egg distribution

Sandaig Parent Council Initiatives

Sandaig PC continues its membership with Connect who provide support, information and training to Parent Councils. We are also members of the Glasgow City Parents Group which represents Glasgow City Council nursery/school Parent Councils & parents/carers and is supported by GCC Education Services. GCPG also link with Glasgow Education, Skills & Early Years Committee.

This year parent council members have attended several training and information sessions, all of which have been valuable; increasing our overall knowledge base and allowing our parent council to

develop and grow.

These sessions are open to all PC members and information on them is sent out to all PC members when it becomes available. This information can also be found on the Connect website and the GCPG Facebook & Twitter pages.

Achievements from the PCs work this year have been:

- Successful application for grant funding from Area Partnership Budget of £1000 for stylus pens and bus trip for P6&7
- Contributing to the welcome pack for P1 parents and pupils
- Purchasing an Easter gift for all children in Sandaig from the PC
- Financial Help for Families Starting School booklet
- Distributing a school leaflet for parents about uniform and prices
- Purchasing 2023 graduation tassels and cards as a gift for P7 leavers
- Providing a stall at the Christmas Fayre to allow children to purchase a gift for a chosen adult for a nominal amount of money
- PC survey being sent to Parent Forum
- Starting the ongoing work of PVG checking PC members to allow greater involvement in school. This is ongoing work.

Traffic Project

One of the PC's biggest achievements this year has been the work around school traffic issues. We decided at the start of the academic year (Aug 2023) that this would be one of our main focuses over the year. This included a survey going out to all families regarding the traffic restrictions on Burnmouth Road, whether they stick to these restrictions, and giving an opportunity to communicate any other concerns they have about the traffic around the school building. We received 32 responses to this questionnaire. 30/32 reported that they felt there was a traffic issue around the school. The main issues being where cars were parking, cars driving through the no traffic zone and the speed of cars.

We also carried out a road traffic survey with some of our pupils. Thanks to Miss McLean and some of our parents for helping us with this. Children counted the cars driving along and parking on Burnmouth Road and Sandaig Road from 8.50-9.15 and 2.50-3.15. We used this data as part of our presentation at a meeting we organised in November to discuss issues with traffic. Daniel Beggs and Liam McManus presented the findings at the meeting. We invited local police, local councillors and staff from other local education establishments. We were delighted so many people attended the meeting; the following is a list of attendees:

Fiona Beggs – PC Chair
Lynn McManus – PC member
Daniel Beggs – P7 pupil
Liam McManus – P7 Pupil

Ryan Nobel – GCC
Ruth Matheson – PC member
Annette Christie – Councillor
Declan Blench – Councillor
Keiran Turner - Councillor
Carrina Brewer – Barlanark Out of school care
Beata Zebrowska – PC member
PC Alasdair Robertson - Police
PC Stefan Davison – Police
Marie McAlliser – Sandaig Nursery HT
Mari McLean – Sandaig teacher
Caroline Baxtor – PC member
Elizabeth O’lleke & Lesely O’Llear Our Lady of Peace Parent Council
Stacy Reid – PC member
Susan Clark – Sandaig HT
Julie Moore - Sandaig DHT
Sharon Boyd – PC member

As well as presenting our road traffic data and parents’ views we presented ideas for change. Special thanks to Ruth Mathieson for all the work and research that went into this. After the meeting further discussion with GCC representatives, including Ryan Nobel, continued.

We were successful in having pavement railings installed outside the school entrance on Sandaig Road, and updated street signage in various locations around the school. Due to new 20 miles per hour speed restrictions and no pavement parking laws which will be coming into effect soon the council did not take up our other suggestions.

This was a big project for the Parent Council, and I am pleased that we have had a successful outcome. Parking along both roads is still a concern during pick up at 3pm, with several drivers still ignoring the car free zone which is in place. Further campaigning with the school and parents may need to take place next term to encourage parents to not drive along these roads during drop-off and pick-up times.

Education Funding Cut

In March 2024 we became aware of Glasgow City Council’s proposed budget cuts which mean that Sandaig will lose 1.2 teaching staff. PC have emailed all parents twice about these cuts and encouraged parents to contact the local councillors and sign the petition against the cuts. PC has also emailed all local councillors, MPs and MSPs expressing our concerns. We will continue to do all we can to campaign against these cuts and protect our children’s education.

Fundraising

This year we raised £202.10 from the Christmas fayre stall. Thank you to Chantella for organising this. This money went towards paying a small amount for the P6/7 bus trip and some stylus pens for the school.

Meetings & Administration

All of our meetings are held in Barlanark Community Centre. Dates for meetings for the 2023/24 session were as follows:

: 30.08.2023
: 27.09.2023

: 25.10.2023
: 29.11.2023 – Special traffic meeting
: No December meeting
: 31.01.2024
: 28.02.2024 - Cancelled
: 27.03.2024
: 24.04.2024
: 29.05.2025 - AGM
: No June meeting

Thank you to all who have participated in all the above work. Although we are a small group we have managed to achieve a lot in the last year. We are always keen to welcome any new members of the Parent Council. Should you be interested in joining us please contact us at sandaigprimarypc@gmail.com

I look forward to continuing this work in the year ahead to make Sandaig Primary School the best primary school in Glasgow!

Fiona Beggs
PC Chair.