



Shawlands Academy Family School Partnership

Chair's Report

2024/2025

The report covers the period from November 2024 until October 2025.

At the last AGM, the FSP recruited members Seona Devine and Teresa Piacentini, Vice Chair Andy Mulholland, Secretary Alison Hunter and Chair, Izzie Eriksen. Later in the year, there were two resignations, Ivonne and Teresa. We would like to thank them for their contributions. The FSP will continue to recruit new parents and carers onto the group to support the engagement with the school. Izzie and Stephanie are stepping down from their office bearing roles.

The FSP has focused on parent engagement by attending school run events and collecting emails via P7/S1 transition and parent teacher evenings and encouraging parents to get involved with the FSP.

In December, to utilise FSP funds accrued over several years, the FSP provided an opportunity for staff at the school to apply for equipment to support activities to engage pupils. One application was submitted and successfully received funds to buy footballs. It has been agreed that this will be available for teachers again this year.

In February, the FSP organised a quiz which was held in a local bowling club and was well attended. Raffle tickets and ticket sales raised over £550, which has been banked. The FSP is looking to invest in something which all pupils will enjoy.

The FSP has also played a role in recruiting a Deputy Head, and on the evidence panel for the UN Rights Respecting Silver Award. Both of which were great opportunities to be involved in the school.

The FSP also shared a parent survey, completed by 193 parents/carers. Insights from the survey have been shared with the school and been useful in shaping the School Improvement Plan for 2025/26. The plan provides opportunities for parents and carers to participate in focus groups on key topics including attendance, digital learning/culture and on wider school community related issues.

Most recently, a couple of parents have applied for funds from the Glasgow City Council LEZ fund to create more green space in the playground. The FSP would like to note the appreciation of this parent contribution.

The FSP continue to work closely with the school, and have 6 meetings for the full year, dates of which are set and include; Mon 27th Oct - online, Wed 10th Dec - in person, Mon 4th Feb - online, Wed 23rd Mar - in person and Mon 11th May - online. Please note these are split between in person and digital for greater inclusion.

The FSP explored how best to communicate with parents. We concluded that communications via the school are the most effective to reach everyone. Plans for websites and other social media were too much to manage with the voluntary time that parents/carers had to contribute. The FSP X account was closed down in May 2025.

The year ahead will continue to build on the parental engagement topics within the SIP and we look forward to contributing towards school life for all.

Finally, the FSP would like to show their appreciation of all members of the Shawlands Academy Community for the education, care, support and the many opportunities the school provides for the pupils.

Many thanks to the FSP members for all their time and expertise.

The Chair.