

2024/2025 Parent Council AGM

29th of May 2025

Claire Logue welcomed everyone to the meeting and thanked those who were in attendance:

- Clarie Logue (Chair)
- Jackie Lowe
- Charise O'Neill (Secretary & Treasurer)
- Daniella Kamrat- Pietraszewska
- Aynsleigh Ponsonby
- Edward Anderson
- Brenda McGinley
- Carla Nixon

Representing School:

- Miss Martin
- Miss Johnston
- Miss McLaughlin
- Miss McFadden
- Miss Kerr

Parent Forum Attendees:

- Siddu Muragundi

Apologies were received prior to the meeting for:

- Jenny Clark
- Emily Reid

Chairpersons Report

Claire Logue shared the chairpersons report which gives an overview of all the activities that the Parent Council have undertaken during the academic session 2024/2025.

The report was shared with the PC members prior to the meeting. The group found it a useful reminder of what we have contributed through the year.

An addition to the report is the P1 what's app community. This was set up by the parent council for the P1s starting in August 2024 – it has had some initial success for parents getting to know each other in each class and share information, and big announcements are still shared on the community there isn't regular communication on the forum between parents.

It was decided that the community would be shut down as the children move into P2 and potentially different classes, and the school did not feel a need for it for the 2025 P1.

A copy of the annual report can be found on the school website.

Another point of discussion from the report was the **Co-op funding** – this was secured in 2023 and still needs to be spent. There have been some ideas on what it can be used for inline with the application for the grant (raised planters for plants/veg to be grown for cooking classes)

Focus for 25/26 session with a subgroup being set up to work with school on the best way to get this project off the group and spend the funds to the benefit of the school.

Treasurer Report

Accounts have been detailed in the chairperson's report. They have been audited and verified as accurate by an independent person unrelated to any members of the Parent Council.

There have been two underpayments to PC members to reimburse them for spending - £15.59 to Claire Logue – based on receipts and what was paid out of the bank and 0.42p to Jenny Clark on the same basis.

This will be rectified before the end of June.

Money has been accrued for Music Broth as they have not invoiced for the last session and the co-op money has also been circled from the balance on the accounts.

Payments will need to be made for the final tuck shop of the year and the payment of the school ties.

Bank of Scotland has changed the make up of accounts and we are now designated as a community account. This means that we are being charged a monthly admin fee for having the account and then there are additional fees when we do over the counter transactions such as paying in money.

Alternative would be to change banks or to look at charity status for change of bank accounts.

CO will investigate becoming a charity or alternative bank accounts.

Role Bearers

As it was the AGM, and both the chair and secretary have done their 2-year tenure there was a discussion on re-election of role bearers.

No one wanted to take on any of the roles, however Aynsleigh Ponsonby volunteered to help with the secretary role.

There was a discussion about sharing information on the roles and any upcoming training. CO will share this via WhatsApp or email.

Claire Logue was re elected as chair and Charisse O'Neill was re elected as secretary and treasurer.

Areas of Focus 2025/2026 Session.

The group discussed how we can increase **Parental Engagement / Communication** not only with the Parent Council but the school as a whole as generally there are very low numbers who turn up at workshops and events.

It was agreed that school would discuss upcoming events with the PC and they could suggest the best ways to get this information out and tailor it to the event:

- Feedback on Events and how to communicate – methods and times etc
- The PC feedback to school that not everyone is getting the text messages through groupcall – School will investigate this.

Other areas of focus for the PC next session will be:

Road Safety – Continue communication with parents about not using the road outside the school during designated time. Continue comms with Road Safety and Police to have more presence to deter drivers.

School Lunches/Healthy Snacks – Members of the PC would like to work with school on promoting healthy eating and improve the experience and offering of school dinners.

MUGA / Ash pitch – The MUGA and Ash Pitch are in a terrible state of repair. From previous discussions the Ash pitch renovation is a lost cause but the PC would like to focus on improving the MUGA. There has been no provision made by GCC on the upkeep of this facility so the PC would like to start a long term project to fundraise for it to be resurfaced.

- Options discussed for a – go fund me page to allow families and local business to contribute and for families to make regular donations
- The group discussed contacting local businesses to quote for the works for a target amount
- The PC also discussed contacting businesses to access social responsibility funds to complete the work.

Basketball hoops – school have professional grade basket ball hoops that need installed on school premises. The PC committed to asking for local businesses with the correct skills and insurances to complete the works.

Funding 2 big experiences or part funding experiences of Santa Visit for the P1 children and a theatre trip for the P7 children.

School Discos for the children to experience with their friends.

Fundraising

The PC would like to continue with their fundraising efforts in the next session.

It was agreed that we would run one big event and then some smaller ones.

Big Event – Family Fun Night -

12th September - Family Fun Night

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- Ticket sales will cover the DJ and Face Painter Costs
- Tombola is the biggest fundraised – school have committed to running the tombola with a letter from the PC being sent early June explaining
- Cake/Baked Goods Stall ran by EA to raise funds
- Soft Bar/Tuck Shop/Sweetie Table to raise funds
- Bingo with Hamper Prizes
- Aynsleigh will contribute drinks
- New Gorbals to be contacted to see if they can support in any way

Other Ideas to raise funds

- SM suggested the 3k on the green – the last Friday of the Month there is a 3k around the green with an entry fee, the group then donates money to local organisations. SD will speak to them about school kids participating and receiving a donation. School will then organise the participation.
- Fun Run for school – SM would like to organise a fun run for kids and their families to enter with all proceeds going to the PC
- Plant Sale – EA to organise this again in 2025/26
- Bingo Night
- Movie Night – Tickets/Popcorn/Hotdogs etc.
- Tuck shops Monthly and at Discos

This ended the AGM and we moved onto the normal Parent Council Meeting with:

Headteacher Update

Miss Martin provided an update to the Parent Council of important matters.

- Gemma Rutherford – St Brendan's in Yoker will take over as acting Head Teacher for the 2025/26 session. Parents will receive a letter next week to share this information. She will visit the school on the 20th of June and meet the children, and the Parent Council.
- Mr Dunn is absent, and his absence will continue for some time.
- SLW Miss Parveen is recovering but her absence will continue.
- Miss Kerr is acting principal teacher whilst Miss Garrett is on maternity leave
- 2.9 Teachers will be funded by PEF.
- 17 classes next year – plus inclusion base – Miss McEnenney will be responsible for the inclusion base.
- 5 members of staff are now able to drive the mini bus, and this is getting used more and more to enable children to experience a wide range of opportunities and events.
- Blairvadoch 18-22nd of August for the new P7s
- Rights Respecting Group going for Gold award with support from Miss McLaughlin
- Mass will be reinstated next session with regular visits to church for the whole school.

The Parent Council asked whether Confession could be heard in school. Miss Martin/Miss Johnston will discuss this with Father Donal.

There was only one agenda point raised for this meeting:

Release of siblings from the side gate. CO raised the question of why this has been stopped and why there was no communication to parents.

Miss Johnston explained that it was stopped as the older children were barging out of the side gate which was unfair to the younger children. There should have been communication to parents beforehand, and this has been taken on board.

The PC expresses concern that P3 even P4 may be too young to be released from the front gate and expected to walk round to find their parents as parents cannot be in 2 places at the same time.

School will discuss a way forward for next session and communicate that to parents.

Meeting Dates:

The PC discussed setting meeting dates for the full year, to communicate this to parents and allow for the lets to be booked in advance as there are some changes within GCC letting.

The next meeting is likely to be in September, but this will need to be confirmed with the new headteacher.