

Parent Council Meeting

28th August 2025

Present PC:	Charisse O'Neill (Standin Chair), Emily Reid, Carla Nixon, Daniella Kamrat- Pietraszewska, Jenny Clark, Edward Anderson,
School:	Gemma Rutherford (Headteacher), Caroline Lynch, Kelly Johnston, Anne McFadden, Jack McLaughlin.
Parent Forum:	Sissi Anderson (Parent Forum)
Apologies:	Claire Logue (Chair), Jackie Brown

Co opened the meeting thanking everyone for their attendance and introducing Gemma Rutherford as new Head Teacher.

Proposed a focus on family fun night discussions with any agenda points not discussed being moved to the next meeting, with everyone in agreement.

Co updated the group with apologies from JB and CL, and that AP has left the parent council leaving 8 active members.

Headteacher Update

Glasgow City Council Education Service Team - Physical education, physical activity and school sport (**PEPASS**) provides learners with a platform from which they can build physical competences, improve aspects of fitness, and develop personal and interpersonal skills and attributes. It enables learners to develop the concepts and skills necessary for participation in a wide range of physical activity, sport, dance and outdoor learning, and enhances their physical wellbeing in preparation for leading a fulfilling, active and healthy lifestyle.

Worked with school over the last session providing lunch and afterschool clubs across most year groups with 60% of children participating in a club.

Afterschool clubs don't have as much take up as lunchtime clubs and this is something that school will review this session.

Tennis lessons is also an option for this year, and school are reviewing sponsorship and also in discussions with Basketball Scotland to work with the children.

Feedback/Actions on agenda point

The parent council feedback that information on all clubs should be shared with Parents for discussion at home to both encourage children to sign up but also to discuss availability with children, particularly for the after- school clubs.

They also shared views on the communication on whether children have been selected for the clubs with the tennis offering last year used as an example. Whilst it was clear it was on a first

come first served basis, there were families that completed the form straight after school but didn't get a place, but there was no communication either way.

JC offered to support with yoga sessions in school.

PEF Funding

Since joining Mrs Rutherford has been working with HR and Finance to determine where staffing is funded from and hoping that some roles may be funded centrally and not from the PEF Monies. If this is the case then there may be some monies left from PEF that can be redirected to school improvement works.

Mrs Rutherford is looking at Outdoor space which is in short supply once avenue to explore is the – Janitors House. There is some groundwork arranged in the coming weeks and she will discuss how the house is going to be utilized with GCC.

School would like to create a Sensory Garden to benefit all the children at St Franics with a mixture of raised planters etc – they are exploring support through Glasgow eco trust who work with corporate volunteers for the labour element of works and asked to PC whether the monies from the CO-op fund can be utilized.

Mrs Rutherford explained that if there is monies left there may be potential scope to look another access gate given the amount of congestion at the main gate, and the size of the side gate.

There was a discussion on ways to reduce the congestion at the main gate, and ways in which parents could be asked to create more space by standing back.

There was a suggestion from the PC about using the car park gate as an exit for older primaries, as no staff cars would be moving at this time of day.

The matter of congestion lead to a discussion around the safer street's initiative. Once again both school and parent council members discussed their disappointment that the safer streets zone is not being adhered to by the local community but specifically by parents.

One parent counted 14 cars in 10 minutes the other morning coming through the road.

Actions on Safer Streets Discussions

Discussion about safer streets

- Road Safety Officers will be starting to work on educating within the school
- School to consider removing posters from fences to allow parents to stand along the street rather than right at the gate.
- PC will be tweeting people driving through and copying in road safety/council etc
- PC will contact road safety and councillors and policy
- ER to take up publicising the issue with local media.
- School to post Messages on Showbie and See saw about the road
- EA to discuss options with council about protesting/stopping cars from using the road at the designated time.

Treasurer Update

Accounts were closed and reviewed for the AGM in June, and there have been a couple of transactions in July.

	A	B	C	D
1				
2		BALANCE BROUGHT FORWARD	£3,392.30	30th June 2025
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4			INCOME	EXPENDITURE
5	15.07.25	Service Charge		£ 4.25
6	18.07.25	Glasgow City Council Income	£ 400.00	
7	14.08.25	Easy Fundraising	£ 242.88	
8	15.08.25	Service Charge		£ 4.25
9	21.08.25	Border Embroiderie - P7 Ties		£ 441.00
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3			£4,035.18	£ 449.50
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5		BALANCE	£3,585.68	
6		Less Co op fund	-£1,776.13	
7		PC Monies	£1,809.55	
8				240 circled for Music Broth
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Family Fun Night

There has been a disappointing start to ticket sales this year in comparison to the last 2 years with less than 20 people attending to date.

Changed the ticket price to £4.00 per person and no family ticket, with twitter being used to publicise the event.

Based on numbers of tickets a decision will be made next Wednesday (3rd Sept) 100 people at least need to have bought if not then the event will be cancelled, although face painter and DJ costs will need to be covered.

Tombola

ER will help source more prizes and set everything up

School to continue to source items for the tombola and CO to tweet out reminders to families.

Run on the night by the staff from school.

Raffle

We have had 2 very generous donates from families with children at school who have businesses of £100 vouchers which will be used as part of a separate raffle.

This will be £5.00 per ticket

Food/Soft Bar

EA/SA will bake and donate bronuts and cupcakes for sale on the night – price to be confirmed

PC will stock a soft bar with ice lollies for sale

Gorbals Housing will donate food to be sold on the night. Hotdogs and Nachos, with a request to change this to slushies, margarita pizza and hot dogs. All food/slushies to be sold for £2.00

Set up and Decorations

Members of the PC available at 9.30am to set up the room – CO, ER, DK, CN, JC with members of staff from school. Pass Keepers will also help.

PC to purchase tablecloths etc, along with Balloons with JC/CO doing the balloon arches/garlands.

School will purchase 10 sets of 3 table balloons.

Party Prizes for the DJ – **ER to source prizes**

Uniform Drop Off Table/Exchange

EA raised the point, in addition to a parent contacting the PC through their email. The idea is to have a table at certain times through the year in the playground etc, for parents to come and pick up preloved uniform.

School is very supportive of this idea, however there is no room in school to store the items.

There is a cage of uniform still stored at the co-op and while the rail there is broken with no plans to replace it, the co-op is a good location for a uniform bank.

The PC discussed options and agreed to have it on parents' night – gives time to source/get the cages from co-op.

Daniella to source a rack for the co-op

ER and EA do an inventory of what is stored at the co-op and organised supplies for the Parents Night or earlier if possible. They will work with school to communicate the event.

JC suggested that at Induction Days having bundles of a uniform ready for new families to collect by age.

Due to time, the final agenda point of Activities that require PC support, time or financial was carried over to the next meeting.

Next Meeting date of the 25th of September agreed.