

## Parent Council Meeting

25<sup>th</sup> September 2026

Apologies: Carla Nixon, Emily Jennings, Daniela Kamrat- Pietraszewska

Attendees: Charisse O'Neill, Claire Logue, Jenny Clark, Edward Anderson, Jackie Brown

We were joined by a parent from the wider parent forum.

Co opened the meeting, thanking everyone for their attendance and introducing members to the new parent. Apologies were given for Carla Nixon and Emily Jennings, quorum was met

Mrs Rutherford provided a Headteacher Update:

### **Standards and Quality Report**

Information was shared by email and is based on the school roll up to the end of June. This is the information GCC say should be included in the report.

School Profile – nearly 2/3rds of school have English as an additional language.

In terms of attainment the report doesn't reflect the amount of additional support that some children require and significant periods of time that children would be out of school to visit home countries.

When considering attainment there are multiple factors that are out with the school's control in terms of learning.

Withing the Gorbals, Blackfriars is a comparator school however their school profile is different.

Mrs Rutherford is now in communication with Blackfriars to help compare and understand the common issues between schools.

Focus Tool was shared with the group and is a different way of sharing the information in the Standards and Quality Report and will be added to Showbie.

EA – suggested a comparison within the school of attainment levels and the current profile of the school using the visual Focus tool.

### **PVG Checks for Parent Councils**

Miss Rutherford raised the matter of changes in legislation in April regarding PVG checks and how this impacts Parent Councils.

Parent Volunteers who come into the school to support at the request of the school are PVG checked by school and this is paid for by school. Management are working with HR to understand this process, as it has always been done centrally for Teachers.

It appears that Office Holders need to have a PVG check, however there are some differences in what information is available through Connect and even disclosure Scotland

Training session on the 30<sup>th</sup> of September 2026, which CL is will attend and feedback to the group at the next meeting or in between if required.

### **Outdoor Area**

School continues to make plans to improve the outdoor area, unfortunately Glasgow Eco Trust who school had hoped to work with only work with in the North of the City.

Dave is working with Community Payback organisation to see what support/labour could come from them

Also working with Liz Peden on and art installation as an option

School will be working with the house team, to engage with the whole school about what they want for the outdoor space.

Memorial/Sensory Garden for Senior Dunn would be the aim.

PEF money can be used to top up the co-op funding, as long as it ties in with the original purpose of the grant.

1<sup>st</sup> step is a tidy up to really see what is available.

EA raised the question of upkeep, Miss Rutherford confirmed that this would be considered as part of the planning, and it would be a good exercise for children to be responsible for the upkeep.

### **PC Agenda Points:**

#### **Family Fun Night Debrief**

After a slow start ticket sales were successful with 130 places being sold. Overall, £1200 was raised on the night after costs.

The dynamic was different this year, which may have contributed to slightly less funds being raised.

Feedback from the wider parent forum prior to the event was that some were reluctant to raise funds just for the P1s.

Considerations if the event were to be held again:

- it may be better to hold it in June to allow new parents to get to know the school, and lets the PC prepare for what funds can be spent on in the next session.
- There were some discrepancies, for the positive in the monies that were counted on the night. For any future events only 2 designated people should count all the money – one

to count and one to check. Monies should be counted at the end of the night not throughout the night.

- School offered a money counting machine which can be used to speed up counting.
- Ideas of interacting with families and each other. Ice Breakers
- Eventbrite, could be explored again for ticket sales, and the use of the square app worked really well and could be introduced for other events so that parents can pay by card.

### **Uniform Bank/Recycling**

Uniform is all sorted at the Co-Op and rail was replenished, which has been taken.

Members of the PC are keen to have a table set out in the playground on a regular basis for parents to take uniform.

PC to tweet it out about the access arrangements and dates.

PC to make a poster for the gates

**VOTE: Pay for laundrette for cleaning of the current stock – Passed**

Table last Friday of the month 2.45 – 3.15

Parents Night in November will be the first opportunity for this to be held, and then monthly indoors/playground after that.

**EA: Will organise the cleaning of the clothes**

**IKEA Bag for storage – Voted on £30 spend**

### **Protesting Safer Streets**

Following the last meeting EA researched a protest to raise awareness of the safer streets – no go area in front of school. If we wanted to protest on the road then we must give the council 28 day's notice to close the road.

Can protest on the side of the street – with banners without notifying the council this would be a peaceful protest and school suggested it's a good opportunity for the Junior Road Safety Officers – Road Safety Team to get involved.

School have

- 3 Days of action are planned with Road Safety team and JRSO

**CO – Contact Road Safety Team about what can be done**

**CO – Contact Police**

**CL: check for New Gorbals emails**

**EJ – Emily re media**

Parent Council will support a protest –

6<sup>th</sup> November for Protesting in the am 8.30 – 8.55 am

### **Music Broth**

Music Broth are difficult to engage with, and the PC would like to explore alternatives so that children can experience music in school.

School is working with Giving it Laldie – Guitar Lessons P5/6/7

School is looking for Guitars for use in school

### **P7 PE Days – Question from a P7 Parent asking why P7s are only getting on session a week with the other used for RE.**

Miss Johnstone confirmed that there was an administration error on timetables which has now been resolved, and they will get 2 hours PE.

Question of space is still limited within school so a combination of outdoors, gym, hall and classroom PE is being used.

### **Halloween / Christmas Arrangements**

Halloween – Friday Dress Up

Class Parties

Disco – Thursday the 30<sup>th</sup> October for Halloween and the PC would pay for the DJ again and run the tuck shop. With recent changes to the PVG scheme this would need to be put on hold until an answer is provided at the PVG Training.

Alternative would be to have a Christmas Disco.

### **Homework – Question from a parent, jotters seem to be getting marked but for her 3 children when they put homework on Showbie it is not getting marked**

School will need to discuss this with teachers to get their feedback on how things are working.

Mrs Rutherford/Miss Johnstone will feedback at the next meeting.

### **Assemblies – Questions from a parent – why assemblies are so long, could the format be changed to make them more engaging for children.**

The format has just been changed – Assemblies have either a curricular or liturgical link

2 assemblies per week on a Monday and Friday

On a Monday split by years 1-3 and 4-7 – 30 mins

Fridays are about sharing success across the whole school and are slightly longer (1 hour)

Assemblies are interactive and as we go through the year children groups participate.

They are also used to cover the non-contact time for teachers.

### **Petty Cash**

EA asked if teachers could have access to petty cash or can the PC provide petty cash to each class for resources as there was an instance recently of a teacher using their own money to buy resources.

School confirmed that there is no requirement for teachers to use their own money unless this is their choice, any receipts for class-based activities/resources are submitted and refunded.

### **Outdoor Equipment**

School requested support to purchased new outdoor equipment for the children as most has been lost or broken over time.

PC voted and agreed to spend £250 on items and school will provide a list.

### **Fundraising**

The Family Fun night was a success however the PC talked about alternative ways to raise money for school.

An Automated Donation System such as just giving was discussed as many parents would like the convenience of this.

JC/JB to investigate

### **Cleanliness of the playground**

A parent had raised the issue of litter in the playground and asked if there is anything that can be done to improve the area for children playing.

School explained that the Janitor works tirelessly to keep the playground and school clean and Children also actively tidy the spaces with daily litter picks.

Some of the areas are a wind tunnel and it doesn't matter how much they are cleaned the litter

### **Date of Next Meeting**

6<sup>th</sup> of November