



Wallacewell Primary

Parent Council

Monday 19th February 2024

1. **Welcome & Check In –**

In attendance: Laura Davidson (HT), Ross Nisbet (VC), Caryn Smith (Secretary), Elizabeth Smith (Minute Secretary), Valentina Vagka (Treasurer) Christina Cannon (Councillor)

Apologies: Jean Miller (Head of Service)

2. **Update from Christina Cannon** - Christina Cannon did not attend until 7 pm. With reference to our request for any updates, made at our meeting on 13th November, she indicated that there was very little to report. No real progress on our main concerns had been made although discussions were ongoing.

There followed a discussion on Section 75 budget. The involvement of Barmulloch Community Development Company was also discussed. Christina has asked to be present at our next meeting and she hopes to have some further information at that point.

3. **Previous Minutes** - Previous minutes were approved.

4. HT Update -

Trips - We continue to hear about parental queries regarding educational trips and experiences. Well planned trips can provide fantastic learning experiences for our young people but similar and sometimes better experiences can be provided in school at no or limited cost. Educational trips can be very expensive, particularly the cost of buses. We are restricted to the use of only GCC approved coach companies. We must also be mindful of the 'Cost of the School Day' and the impact of the cost of living on families.

This year we have managed to plan for trips at no cost to families with the exception of our residential for Primary 7. So far this year every class has experienced a trip to the theatre to see the panto. We have had a busy start to term 3 with our Science Centre Trips and Zoolab visits for Primary 1-3 pupils. A number of classes have also taken part in local walks and some children have represented our school at the City Chambers. We are all looking forward to our departmental trips to Blair Drummond this summer.

Carparking – As we continue to review the health and safety of our school car park we have worked closely with the Health and Safety Team at Glasgow City Council. We recently issued parents/carers with a letter outlining our safeguarding procedures. Parent/carers are not permitted to enter the main school car park during the school day. This has always been the procedure at Wallacewell Primary. In addition to this safety measure our car park gates are closed and will now be locked at key transition times – 8.50am to 9.10am and 2.50pm to

3.10pm. Vehicles are not permitted to move within the car park between these times.

School Values – We are refreshing our school values in term 4 and plan to consult with parents/carers throughout April and at our Parents' Evenings about the values that mean the most to them. Pupils and staff will then select the top 4 or 5 values that resonate with them. These will become our new school values.

Anti-Racism - We are committed to promoting a positive and diverse culture in which all staff, young people and our wider school community are valued and supported. This year we are focusing on improving our approaches to anti-racism and celebrating our wonderfully diverse school community. We are looking to gather the views of some of our parents/carers who identified as Black, Asian and Minority Ethnic (BAME). We are planning on hosting a parent/carer focus group meeting on Tuesday the 19th of March 2024 at 9.15am. We are also looking forward to hosting our first ever Diversity Day on Friday the 23rd of February with our Learning Community. We also plan to engage with Councillor Graham Campbell.

PEF Spending – As we reach the end of the financial year (April 2023-March 2024) we start to plan for the new Pupil Equity funding we will be allocated by the Scottish Government in the new financial year (April 2024-March 2025). Our allocation for financial year 2023-24 was £95,550. We will be consulting with families in March about their views to help us shape our future planning.

Funding from PC – Thank you to the Parent Council for contributing to the Primary 7 Leavers hoodies for 2023-24. The cost per head for PC is £5, which equates to £270 in total. We

have also purchased the Cream Eggs for each child which will be paid for jointly by the school and PC. Cost to PC = £80. PC to arrange a cheque for the school (£350).

5. **New Chair/Office Bearers** – Due to a vacancy on the Parent Council for the role of Chairperson, Ross Nisbet agreed to take on this role and was duly elected. Caryn Smith has also agreed to step into the role of Vice Chairperson. Thank you to Ross and Caryn.

6. **AOCB** - There was some further discussion on the role of the PC within the school. It was agreed that it would be wonderful if some parents/carers could be encouraged to lend a hand in the future. No official duties would be required to be undertaken. New ideas would be most welcome in order to support the work of the school and our pupils.

PC will look at ways of highlighting the work that they do maybe through newsletters etc. and introducing themselves to the parents/carers of Wallacewell Primary School.

It we also suggested that part of the next PC meeting on 18th March could be given over to a drop-in session for parents and carers.

7. **Date of next meeting** –

6pm 18th March 2024 at Wallacewell Primary

