



# Wallacewell Primary

## Parent Council

### Monday 18<sup>th</sup> March 2024

1. **In attendance:** Laura Davidson (HT), Ross Nisbet (Chair), Elizabeth Smith (Minute Secretary), Christina Cannon (Councillor), Alana Muir (Parent), Debbie Stewart (Parent)  
**Apologies** – Caryn Smith (Vice Chair), Valentina Vagka (Treasurer)
2. **Welcome** - Ross welcomed all and thanked the two new parent members who attended.
3. **Update from Christina Cannon** - Christina Cannon attended this meeting to give an update on matters discussed at our last meeting, namely in relation to the capacity of the school and the plans for extension and the plans to resurface the school pitch. There has been very little progress. She reported that the Section 75 money was now in the black and GCC were looking at what these funds had/could be spent on. The amount of Section 75 money available was not given. Three main updates were given -
  - The railway station, which some Section 75 money was used for, was now complete.
  - A community hub/sports facility has been discussed but may not be feasible due to lack of sufficient funds.
  - An extension to Wallacewell Primary School and other options to tackle the capacity are being explored. The

resurfacing of the pitch with Section 75 money is also being considered.

Christina indicated that options would be discussed at the next corporate meeting, hopefully at the beginning of April, but no definite date had been set as yet. She felt that the Parent Council should be given the opportunity to engage in these discussions and outlined that she will be highlighting this at the next meeting. Christina advised that the school would naturally be consulted as part of this process.

Christina advised that in relation to BCDC, there has been no engagement or involvement with Glasgow City Council with BCDC. She advised that it would appear they have taken forward plans themselves without engagement or consultation with Glasgow City Council. Ross shared that he has a planned meeting with BCDC on the 20th March at 11am. Ross will update Parent Council at our next meeting in relation to the outcome of this meeting with BDCD.

Ross advised that Parent Council will also contact Jean Miller (Head of Service) again in relation to updates, as there has been no response from her since she last attended our meeting on 13th November 2023. A request will be made for the council engage in further discussion with regard to the school capacity extension and the pitch. Ross will contact the Council, via Christina Cannon, week commencing 22nd April if neither the school nor Parent Council has received a further update by that date.

4. **Head Teacher Update** - Miss Davidson shared information with the Parent Council in relation to the devastating budget cuts in GCC education and the potential impact that may have on our school community.

Planned budget cuts will amount to a total of **£32,569,500** in education in Glasgow over the next 3 years.

	2024-2025	2025-2026	2026-2027
Reduction in Primary DSM	46,000	44,000	44,000
Early learning and childcare efficiencies	0	0	3,000,000
Increase in school meal charges	43,000	27,000	0
Review of support services	0	213,000	133,000
Technician's Support Services	0	0	250,000
MCR Pathways	591,000	370,000	0
Education Service Reform*	6,741,000	9,045,000	12,022,500
	<b>£7,421,000</b>	<b>£9,699,000</b>	<b>£15,449,500</b>

This will impact schools in a number of ways including -

- Reduced teacher numbers - 172 teachers in Year 1, leading to more than 450 overall
  - From Year 3, start reducing school leadership teams
5. **Parent Council Discussion at Budget Cuts** - The Parent Council are already aware of the significant impact the budget cuts will have on the children of Glasgow and more specifically our children at Wallacewell Primary. This may result in a significant reduction in or removal of a number of things including -
- GDSS (Dyslexia) Support
  - Literacy and Numeracy Targeted Interventions

- Pupil Leadership Groups
- After-school Clubs
- Additional Support Needs Support
- Attendance Support
- Residential Trips
- Playground Supervision
- Learning showcases

The Parent Council acknowledge that naturally the budget cuts will result in reduced attainment and children not get the support that they need or are entitled too.

6. **Budget Cut Action** – The Parent Council have written a letter on behalf of the parent/carers body at Wallacewell Primary to send to Councillors, MSPs, and Executive Officers outlining our concerns about the catastrophic impact the budget cuts will have on our children.

The Parent Council has also drafted a letter for individual parents/carers who are Glasgow residents, to also email to Councillors, MSPs, and Executive Officers. The more people that raise their concerns the better. A copy of this letter is attached to these minutes as are a copy of the email addresses to send on your concerns. We would encourage all families to email a copy of this letter to Councillors and MSPs.

The Parent Council plan to link up with other Parent Councils across the city to discuss next steps and options for joint action to raise concerns. We would also like the voices of our children to be heard because they are the ones who will be impacted most. We would like to encourage families to get in touch with

us directly if your child/children would like to share their views or if you have any ideas and suggestions going forward.

Parent Council Email - [wallacewellparentcouncil@glow.sch.uk](mailto:wallacewellparentcouncil@glow.sch.uk)

The Parent Council would also like to encourage ALL parents/carers to attend the Public Meeting planned for **Thursday the 18th April 2024 at 7pm at Wallacewell Primary**, to discuss the issues relation to education provision that currently impact on the residents and children of Robroyston. These issues impact on all school aged pupils in the local area and will continue to in the future if action is not taken. The focus of the meeting will be as follows -

- The negative impact of the recently announced education budget cuts on all children in the area
- The capacity of the local primary and impact any increasing numbers will have on the service delivery and future enrolments
- The lack of transport to get pupils safely to the feeder high school— Smithycroft Secondary School

Representatives from Glasgow City Council and Local Builders have been invited. Various media outlets have also been invited to the meeting, BUT we need you and your views. Children are also welcome at this meeting. This is your opportunity to share your concerns. A copy of the invite to this meeting is attached to these minutes. *Please note this meeting has not been organised by the school or school staff.*

7. AOCB – Recruitment for and visibility of the Parent Council were discussed. The Parent Council are keen to recruit new members

and want to share with families that being part of the Parent Council is a rewarding role that can help to make a real difference at Wallacewell Primary. We want to capitalise on the skills and talents of parents/carers at Wallacewell.

This year we have made some significant headway in terms of the big issues facing the school community and we want to keep this momentum going. With the announcement of the budget cuts, now is the time for parents/carers to join to help us fight for what our children deserve.

The Parent Council will share their successes at their last meeting in June.

8. **Date of next meeting** – 20th May at 6pm. As always everyone is welcome. Childcare is kindly provided by school staff.



# **ATTENTION PARENTS/ CARERS** **PUBLIC MEETING**

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## **YOUR VOICE MATTERS**

**When:**      **Thursday the 18th of April 2024 at 7pm**

**Where:**     **Wallacewell Primary School**

**CHILDREN ARE WELCOME AT THIS MEETING**

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