



Wallacewell Primary

Parent Council

Monday 21st October 2024

Present: Laura Davidson (HT), Ross Nisbet (Chair), Caryn Smith (Vice Chair), Elizabeth Smith (Secretary) Denise White (Fundraising Coordinator), Anna Byatt (Community Development Student), Seham Nagi, Peace Ibeh, Christopher Ibeh, Alana Muir.

1. Welcome and Introductions

Ross, remotely, welcomed all to this meeting. Introductions were made. He expressed our thanks to Christopher Ibeh who set up the link for this meeting. Peace Ibeh and Alana Muir also joined us remotely.

Ross expressed our thanks to Christopher, Alana and Seham for their continued support and commitment to the PC in their various capacities. Ross also suggested that they might like to take on a more formal role on the PC. They will consider this proposal over the next few weeks and let Ross know their decision.

Laura expressed her thanks to Anna for the contributions she will make this session.

2. Chair Update

a) Halloween Discos

These will take place on Wednesday 30th October.

- 4.30 -5.30 (P1-3)
- 6.00 -7.30 (P4-7)

Denise now has had numbers confirmed and will go ahead and order what is required. She will pay for these and will be reimbursed by PC. Ross and Denise can support at both discos. Caryn and Liz will only do the second one due to other commitments.

b) Christmas Fayre

This will take place on Saturday 30th November. It will be more of a community event. Most stalls have now been sold. There will be a £1 entry cost which will include a hot/cold drink. Discussions will be held over the next few weeks regarding the positioning and the setting up of the stalls and Santa's Grotto, with the PC running the latter.

PC will again take responsibility for Letters to Santa. Parents will be informed about this w/b 25th November and returns should be made by 6th December at the latest. All children will receive a small treat from PC with their Santa letter.

3. Treasurer Update

Closing balance AGM	£539.81
Glasgow City council	£400
PC contribution to P7 hoodies	£250
Closing balance as of 21.10.24	£689.81

4. Headteacher Update

Transport – The school have been working tirelessly over the last year and a half to improve the safety of the road leading to our school. This road is a public council owned road and the school are not responsible for the managing or maintaining of this road in any way. Miss Davidson (HT) has been regularly liaising with Police Scotland and GCC's Traffic & Road Safety Team to share the schools concerns along with the concerns of the wider school community. As a result of efforts to date the school have managed to secure the following improvements to help keep our school community safe –

- 6 new 'School Keep Clear' markings - 4 on Standburn Road and 2 at the drop off zone entrance/exit
- the installation of additional signage to highlight the enforcement times of these markings
- road enforcement patrols
- the installation of additional pedestrian barriers on both sides of the school gate to prevent vehicles parking on the pavement and grass verges.

Despite this the overflow/drop off zone still poses challenges namely drivers parking on zig zag lines and leaving cars parked in the drop off bays. Drop off bays have a maximum waiting time. These road users cause an obstruction within the drop off zone which continues to pose dangers for children and other pedestrians using this space. There is no external fix for this as the road users are in fact the problem. As such we will continue to encourage families to park safely away from the school being mindful of the Highway Code. We will continue to remind road users not to park on zig zag lines as this of course is a direct disregard for the Highway Code.

We have seen a reduction in traffic at the beginning and end of the school day. This is as a result of more families applying for School Travel Assistance. If families think they may be entitled to this they should apply using the link below, that is regularly shared with our school community.

<https://www.glasgow.gov.uk/article/5505/School-Travel-Assistance>

The school will send out the School Travel Survey on behalf of the Parent Council again this year and will share response with the Parent Council in due course.

Budget Cuts – Budget Cuts continue to impact on the school and service delivery across the city. At Wallacewell Depute Heads are now class committed at points throughout the week and the HT covers NCCT through departmental assemblies. As a result, the Senior Leadership Team is less available for parents/carers who may need to wait for an appointment or for a phone call. The school will continue to update parents regarding through the usual channels. We remain committed to getting it right for our young people and delivery the best possible service to our school community.

Vision, Values & Aims - After consultation with pupils, families, staff and other stakeholders in June 2024 we have refreshed our vision, values and aims Wallacewell Primary. We have shared our refreshed vision, values and aims with families.

Our Vision: We Belong, We Learn, We Achieve – is at the heart of all our work. Our vision recognises the value we place on community, collaboration and the aspiration we have for our children, families and wider school community. At Wallacewell we are committed to empowering our young people to succeed. As part of a networked learning organisation we will work to create a happy, healthy, caring and inclusive school where everyone feels valued and respected and supported to overcome barriers and achieve their full potential.

Our Values: Our values illustrate the attributes valued by our school community.



Our Pupil Council have created posters for each of our values to explain what they mean. These can be viewed on our website.

<https://blogs.glowscotland.org.uk/gc/wallacewellprimary/our-school-2/>

Educational Experiences – As a result of budget cuts we have also had to introduce some cost to families for educational experiences, primarily our Primary 6 excursions to Pinkston Basin. We have produced an overview for educational experiences going forward which will be share with families in due course.

5. AOB

Fundraising - As Fundraising Coordinator, Denise gave an update on grants which can be applied for this session. Miss Davidson gave information on the Safeguarding policy requirement. Denise also told us about Easy Fundraising and will apply for this. There are other grants which will be applied for in 2025.

Community Development Student - Anna updated the Parent Council on her role at Wallacewell Primary. Anna is from the University of Glasgow and will be working in partnership with the school this year to support our local community to identify, understand and act on issues impacting our local community with a focus on –

- Play & Recreation
- Facilities & Amenities
- Traffic & Parking
- Identity & Belonging

Closing Remarks - Ross thanked everyone for their attendance and closed the meeting. We all felt that this remote access experience had been successfully trialled.