

Chair: Andy Fairchild



Secretary: Avril Storrie
Treasurer: Karen Black

**AGENDA – Monday 29th March 2021
ZOOM @ 6.30 PM**

1. WELCOME, INTRODUCTIONS & APOLOGIES
2. MINUTES & ACTIONS FROM PREVIOUS MEETING
3. UPDATE FROM MRS McFARLANE
4. ROAD SAFETY UPDATE
5. TREASURER REPORT UPDATE
6. FUNDRAISING UPDATE
 - a. Feedback from fundraising meeting on 15th March 2021
7. ITEMS RAISED THROUGH PARENT COUNCIL FROM PARENTS
 - a. PC using twitter as a platform
 - b. Morning/Playground arrangements
 - c. Thermoplastic playground markings
 - d. School no parking zone (with plastic kids!)
8. A.O.B
9. REVIEW OF AGREED ACTIONS AND OWNERS
10. Date of next meeting:

MINUTES OF MEETING OF GARTCOSH PRIMARY SCHOOL PARENT COUNCIL

15/02/2021 @ 6.30 PM on ZOOM

Present - Mrs McFarlane, Mrs Fisher, Andy Fairchild, Karen Black (treasurer), Avril Storrie (secretary), Dave Slater, Angela Hughes (vice chair), Gemma Boggs, Charlotte McKinstry, Chris Blair, Sophie Barker, Allie Lothian

Apologies : Sheila Darkins

1. WELCOME INTRODUCTIONS & APOLOGIES

Meeting chaired by Andy Fairchild

2. MINUTES & ACTIONS FROM PREVIOUS MEETING

Agreed.

3. UPDATE FROM MRS MCFARLANE

- **New school**
 - No update
 - Negotiations ongoing
 - Any updates on this will be shared as and when appropriate.

- **Current accommodation**
 - Asked for a hut but unfortunately no room
 - Asked for access to community hall – not granted
 - Extensive discussion around making more space in school for storage but no solutions found as yet
 - Discussion around how to accommodate professionals coming into school as no space to offer them

- **School Numbers/Staffing**
 - 246 pupils for August 2021
 - Discussion re composite classes
 - The number of children in school can be accommodated however the school is struggling with breakout space
 - New school has understandably been delayed so we are just trying to make use of what we can at this time.
 - Increase in numbers is making it harder to make classes work – Mrs McFarlane has highlighted this as a problem and will discuss with Education Manager
 - If numbers increase to 250 we will get a deputy head teacher
 - 24 P7's leaving and 40 P1's coming in

- Next year p4-7 classes will all have 30 or more children
- We will have access to 2 cluster support teachers (Wellbeing hub)
- **Playground**
 - Got 4 new toys
 - Rotation between classes to ensure all children benefit from new toys
 - Break times confirmed P1-3 10.15-10.30, P4-7 10.35-10.50
 - Thank you to parents who helped with new sheds
- **Children Socialising outwith school**
 - Increasing number of children's parties now that rules are easing slightly and school staff asking if parents can be mindful of this as the school are working very hard to keep children in their bubbles to reduce risk but this will only work if everyone is doing this.

4. ROAD SAFETY UPDATE

- Need to nominate someone to take a lead with this role now that Elaine Black is no longer a member of GPC. Although, there is no one to actually liaise with just now as this department does not exist.
- Discussion around use of plastic mannequins that have been used in other schools
- We need to think of a way to move forward with road safety using JRSO'S in P6&7 and this can be added to the rolling agenda
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5. TREASURER REPORT UPDATE

Karen Black advised that our current balance is £2248.33 (£150 float)

- Xmas cards raised total of £271.70
- A smart board has been purchased for the school using PC funds
- Easter fundraiser is coming up soon
- Vicky has set up Ipay for this

6. FUNDRAISING

- We acknowledged the difficulty of fundraising in COVID-19 and agreed that as a committee we will need to be as creative as possible. A separate fundraising meeting was held on 15th March 2021 @18.30pm on Zoom to share ideas.
- Marathon in May idea was brought up at meeting
- Separate fundraising committee may need to be identified as fundraising will require much more creative thinking given the current restrictions.

7. ITEMS RAISED THROUGH THE PARENT COUNCIL

- We discussed having a specific GPC Twitter as a platform alongside the school twitter page. Recognition that people are moving away from Facebook and more likely to use Twitter re school information,

- Mrs Fisher & Mrs Simpson are revamping the school website – it would be helpful to have a ‘parent council’ section included in this – Chris Blair has offered to be the PC liaison person for this project
- Morning playground arrangements – p1 children can come in from 8.40 and teachers/janitor will be present in the school at this time. P1-3 to come straight into school where they can be supervised rather than playing outside. P4-7 can come in 8.45 or earlier if weather bad. Mrs McFarlane reassured us that teachers are getting weekly updates re covid restrictions and how to plan accordingly in school. If P1-3 require support in mornings as they should approach Mrs McCallum
- Discussion around having this information on school website
- Discussion re appropriateness of inviting Derek Brown to a meeting (separate meeting at their convenience) with us to discuss current difficulties we are facing with accommodation difficulties. Gemma will draft letter and send to Andy
- Easter Trail – Friday to Monday - PC members working hard to design this and set up throughout community

8. A.O.B

None

9. REVIEW OF AGREED ACTIONS

10. Date of Next Meeting

10/05/2021 18.30pm ZOOM.