

**Chair: Andy Fairchild  
Vice Chair: Angela Hughes**



**Secretary: Avril Storrie  
Treasurer: Karen Black**

**Parent Council**

**AGENDA - Monday 30th August 2021  
ZOOM @ 6.30 PM**

- 1. WELCOME, INTRODUCTIONS & APOLOGIES**
- 2. MINUTES & ACTIONS FROM PREVIOUS MEETING**
- 3. UPDATE FROM MRS McFARLANE**
- 4. ROAD SAFETY UPDATE**
  - a. Re-launch/update travel plan
  - b. Grant Application
- 5. TREASURER REPORT UPDATE**
- 6. FUNDRAISING UPDATE**
- 7. ITEMS RAISED THROUGH PARENT COUNCIL FROM PARENTS**
  - a. Masks at the gate
  - b. Uniform Supplier issue.
  - c. Query over supervision during playtime and asking what equipment is available in the playground.
- 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

30/08/2021 @ 6.30 PM on ZOOM

**Present** - Alison McFarlane, Shona Fisher, Andy Fairchild(Chair), Angela Hughes (vice chair), Karen Black (treasurer), Chris Blair (minutes), Gemma Boggs, Rev. Dave Slater, Charlotte McKinstry, Deborah Bruce, Leigh Townsley,

**Apologies** : Avril Storrie (secretary), Sheila Darkins, Fummi Sanusi

## 1. WELCOME INTRODUCTIONS & APOLOGIES

Meeting chaired by Andy Fairchild

## 2. MINUTES & ACTIONS FROM PREVIOUS MEETING

Outstanding. However, a new school year and unlikely that there were previous actions to be carried forward.

## 3. UPDATE FROM MRS MCFARLANE

- Calm start to the school term. P1 settling in well.

No news on new school. No major update from Charles McCabe

- However, Parent Council working group have been invited to a meeting with NLC to discuss new school on Tuesday 7th Sept at 18.30

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Several new staff started:

P6 – Mrs Degnan, P3/4- Mr Naismith, P3 – Miss Morbey, P2b – Miss McEwan

Modern Apprentice, Miss Quinn will be in the playground and will be training to be a classroom assistant. She will be shadowing Miss McLaughlin & Mrs McCallum

*Building back better* teacher working across the cluster. Currently allocated to Gartcosh on a Monday

Lunches are all within the Dining Hall. As children no longer need to bubble, lunches are happening quicker.

P5-7 have to wait until P1-4 return to class before they can head out to play due to playground size

Unable to do indoor PE at the moment, however Chryston High have been in touch regarding a working arrangement with seniors coming to the school to assist with PE.

Glow – all emails have been updated for safety and security  
Mrs Simpson is working with the school again on technology

Homework survey for P4-7 – 50/50 divide regarding homework. Some want homework and others don't. School are keen to work with these classes to get a suitable balance.

Covid-19 restrictions in place. Seperate entrances for children, enhanced handwashing, etc  
Some restrictions have eased, however the school are to avoid big gatherings, which means no assemblies.

School role is currently 237

Meet the teacher event. Sadly cannot take place within the school. However, a newsletter will be sent to parents with information.

#### **4. ROAD SAFETY UPDATE**

Grant application submitted to help assist a fundraiser to allow purchase of parking buddies

Angela working with the school to help relaunch JRSO (Junior Road Safety Officers) scheme.

An increase of traffic and speed around the schools has been noted.

Discussion relating to if NLC still has a road safety officer.

PC to work with the school to update the current *Park & stride* map and information

#### **5. TREASURER REPORT UPDATE**

£255 raised from doughnut sales in June. An easy to organise fundraiser and one to remember for future.

£2383.07 in bank

£150 float

School to have a conversation regarding any additional equipment needed (football goals etc) and let the PC know.

#### **6. FUNDRAISING**

Currently planning the following events:

16<sup>th</sup> Sept - Bingo Night

28<sup>th</sup> Oct - Halloween Disco

20<sup>th</sup> Nov - Road Safety Event

PC to send out a survey to parents to get a general feeling regarding events.

Query relating to any guidance / restrictions from NLC for Parent Council Events, Andy to look into.

Still looking towards external funding from various sources for a Trim Trail.

Discussion relating to a Winter Fayre and potentially hosting in the school playground using gazebos for cover.

## **7. ITEMS RAISED THROUGH THE PARENT COUNCIL**

### Masks at the gate.

Some parents having issues over mask wearing, however this guidance comes from NLC. This slightly differs from Government guidelines, however the school are following the guidance coming from the education department

### Supervision

Increase of 12.5 staffing hours plus an additional modern apprentice

Due to school capacities the playground is split into sections.

Playtime 1:

P1-2, 'dining hall side'

P3-4, main playground

Playtime 2:

P5-7 – go between both areas

As the playground is small, strain is placed on the support staff resources. But also added pressures assisting with lunches.

### Uniform Supplier

Previously discussed. However, several parents have brought up issues relating to cost, quality, and poor customer service with Baru.

School have no written contract. However, school are happy for parents to use a variety of different suppliers.

Discussion relating to school issuing a standard sized logo to allow parents to have embroidery completed wherever they would like.

School to issue a call out to our parents regarding uniform suppliers and to let PC know regarding their experiences. PC to collate information.

## **8. A.O.B**

Conversation relating to the school using the church hall for bigger events like assemblies and the annual nativity. Although the current NLC guidelines don't allow for this to happen quite yet, Rev Slater has suggested that the school add some provisional dates to the diary due to an increase of hall lets.

Sophie Li-Barker has moved out of the area and has unfortunately given up her place within Parent Council, we wish Sophie & family all the best. There is now 1 opening within the Parent Council.

A suggestion was raised to issue a list of PC meetings for this school year.

Next meeting will be our AGM. If all PC members could have a think about if they would like to be re-elected.

A reminder for all PC members to send their headshot and short sentence to Chris to allow for a 'faces behind the PC' section within our next newsletter

## **9. REVIEW OF AGREED ACTIONS**

Andy to create a list of meeting dates for this school year.

Andy to send out a letter to see if anyone wishes to join the parent council.

## **10. Date of Next Meeting**

4<sup>th</sup> October 2021 – AGM at 6:30pm. Location TBC