

Garrowhill Primary School Parent Council Meeting

30th January 2024

6.30pm – 7.45pm

Present: Gayle Clarkson (Headteacher)
Laura Beastall (Depute Head)
Mark Dobson (Chair)
Lyndsey Johnston (Vice Chair)
Gillian McLellan (Secretary/Treasurer)
Jade Gilmour
Laura Martin
Gemma McPike
Chanelle Monteague
Kara Reid

Apologies: Tracy Byrne (Teaching Staff Representative)
Lorna Chatham (Depute Head)
Lindsay Connelly
Emma Forrest
Roxanne Hendry
Laura McCosh
Stewart McCosh
Christopher McLellan
Nicola McGrath
Laura Stewart
Nicole Workman

Minutes: Gillian McLellan

Agenda

1. Welcome and apologies.
2. Review and approval of Previous Meeting minutes and action update
3. Head Teachers Report
4. Account Balance and Finance Report
5. Events Fundraising
6. AOCB
7. Actions to be taken before next meeting
8. Date and time of next meeting

1. Welcome and apologies.

Mark opened the meeting as Chair with the agenda.
Apologies – Apologies were noted as above.

2. Review Previous Minutes and action update.

The previous minutes from 7th November 2023 were reviewed but no actions outstanding.

Actions to be completed by next meeting	To be actioned by
Send out minutes and GDPR forms	Gillian McLellan
Organise prizes for raffle	Gillian McLellan
Book let for next meeting	Gillian McLellan

The minutes were approved.

GDPR forms were emailed out and 6 were returned. If anyone wishes to be on the group email list, they can email garrowhillpc@gmail.com and a form will be issued. These can be returned by email with either a digital or typed signature. These will be kept electronically rather than in paper form. Only contacted details provided via the form can be used and all other contacts will be deleted.

3. Head Teachers Report

School Roll and Staffing

School Roll is currently: 453

Lorna Chatham was successful at interview for the substantive DHT post. We are delighted to have her permanently in the team. Mrs Kelly will be absent for an extended period, from the end of February. We have a supply teacher who will fill this vacancy. She will be in school before Mrs Kelly stops to ensure a smooth transition.

Staffing meetings with HR will begin in January. This is where we plan staffing for 2024-2025 session. We believe we will have a least one full time vacancy to be filled. Miss McEwan will also be returning in August 2024.

School Improvement Plan

- Achievement & Progress: Improve attainment in Literacy.

Tracy Byrne is leading developments in this area. We have been focussing on developing approaches to talking and listening. This is an on-going piece of work and staff have completed CPD training in this area. Our next steps are to develop our grammar programme, literacy programme and establish a pilot group looking at talking and listening.

- Engagement, Participation & Inclusion: Embed inclusive practices in every classroom, ensuring all children are engaged, self-motivated and responsible learners who can apply their skills across the contexts for learning both within and out with the classroom.

This has involved extensive development of our approaches to Play Pedagogy, led by Laura Beastall. We have also further developed our Equalities Policy and the GRI Group (Garrowhill Respects Individuality) have been leading work in this area. They recently led activities related to Anti-Bullying Week and Deaf Awareness. They have plans in place for International Women's Day and BSL Week.

We are continuing to develop knowledge of Rights Respecting Schools – led by the pupil committees in school. The Pupil reps for the Glasgow Pupil Forum meet regularly with other schools in the City Chambers and share learning.

Interdisciplinary Learning continues to be an area of priority for us. We are planning to complete a whole school IDL 'BIG Question' in Term 4.

Totnosh lessons are continuing in the school this term.

- Wellbeing and Learning: Transform our curriculum to ensure effective learning and teaching, improving pedagogy, nurture and relationships to broaden and deepen learner experiences.

We have completed the first draft of our new curriculum rationale – completed with all stakeholders.

Staff have begun work on the Questioning area of Glasgow's Pedagogy and this will continue throughout the remainder of the session.

Skills for Life

Bannerman Dance Leaders are working with P3/2 and P4/3 this term on their 'Determined to Dance' programme.

Bannerman pupils will also be working with P6&7 children on their STEM challenge.

P4 classes are working with Glasgow School of Art on an art based digital project – Tall Tales.

P5 classes – Running their small business in order to - Make £5 Grow – this term. They are also working with Scottish opera to put on a performance of 'Vikings! The Quest for the Dragon's Treasure.'

New classes are visiting Baillieston Library this term

Lunchtime and Afterschool Clubs

- Basketball
- Football
- Girls' Football
- STEM
- Comic Book
- Home Learning
- Newspaper
- Sports Leader led clubs and activities

Social Media

We have a lot of concerns around children using Social Media safely. A number of reports from families and residents about behaviour in the park and posts on Tik-Tok. Police are coming to speak to P6 and 7 pupils.

Fundraising

- Pupil Led – Guess the Bunny's Birthday!
- Non-Uniform Day – before February Break – Friday 9th February 2024.
- Spring Fling disco – April.

Parents' Evening – March 13th.

Parking – staff are on the receiving end of behaviours which are out with our control.

BUDGET REPORT – PARENT COUNCIL MEETING 30TH JANUARY, 2024 (Prepared by Linda Clark)

School Funds are very low. January statement is showing we only have around **£500** available to spend.

School fund was used to pay for school panto. M & M Productions, Jack & the Beanstalk, £1,225.

School fund used to pay for hire of bouncy castle for sponsored event £432.76.

Sponsored event took place on 15th Sept – we collected £7,053.76 (not via parent pay)

Fundraising for Others – collection was not via Parent Pay

- MacMillan Big Coffee Morning - £937.08
- Children in Need £622.76
- Marie Curie £533.04.
- School fund donated £50 to Save the Children Christmas Jumper Day.
- Choir singing at St. Enoch for Ronald McDonald House. Bus hire was £195
- Donation to Mure Memorial Church £100.

Parent Council Donations - No donations yet

Winning House Treats

- BUTE HOUSE - 11th December, 2023 - Trip to Showcase Cinema to see **Wish**. Entry was £390 bus hire was £203.
- Innoflate – the cost is £527 however we still need to find the money to pay for bus hire. Update - We have used PEPASS money to pay for the bus £205
- **We would like to purchase leavers hoodies from Logoxpres. Quality is good and they can supply our preferred colour (burgundy with gold inside the hood).**

4. Account Balance

Currently we have £5,504.87

Total Income so far, this financial year – £3,395.05

- Glasgow City Council Grant – £400
- Easy Fundraising – £84.05
- Pre-Loved Uniform – £34.00
- 12 days of Christmas Raffle – £2,877

Total Expenditure so far, this financial year – £27.06

- Let fee for September parent council meeting – £5.70
- Let fee for November parent council meeting – £5.70
- Let fee for January parent council meeting – £15.66

5. Events Fundraising

12 days of Christmas Raffle Feedback

- Raised £2,877
- Total of 84 prizes were donated and given out. There were 2,877 tickets in the draw, if on average each child bought 8 then there was a 1 in 3 chance of winning a prize.

- Feedback from school representatives was that everyone who won a prize was delighted with what they had won and the children enjoyed being part of the draw process.
- Members of the parent council noted that some parents had raised concerns about the range of prizes going out were inconsistent in value. The chair confirmed that there was always a main prize followed by a range of smaller value prizes each day and was the same format as the raffle from 2022 however if there was an appetite for changing this then that could be explored.
- The Chair stated that any views on how the format of the raffle may be improved could be emailed to the chair from any parents so their views can be noted and taken into consideration for future raffles.
- The chair also suggested that we ask for wider feedback to determine if parents would prefer more donations being bundled together resulting in less prizes of a higher value and less tickets being drawn or keep the format of mainly individual donations going out as one prize, giving more prizes and more chances of winning something but of lesser value.
- Members also agreed it would be better if more members could be involved in the making up of the daily prizes. It was noted that this would need to be done the Wednesday before the start of the raffle as donations and prizes are still being gathered in up until the Friday. This would also incur a further let charge to the parent council.

6. **AOCB**

- Fundraising for 2024 crazy hair day on Wednesday 1st May and dress down day on Friday 14th June with a £1 donation suggested for each event to help keep funds healthy.
- The school will do the spring fling disco. Parent helpers will be required to help.
- Parent Council will pay for all P7 leavers events: disco dome, pizza, ties, mugs, ice cream van, bookmarks, etc.
- Parent Council will pay for new entrants' book bags, gym bags and ties.
- Gillian McLellan will set up pre-loved uniform for parents evening along with help from Chanelle Monteague on Monday 11th March at 6.30pm.
- The Parent Council will look at spending some of the money raised on improving the shrubbery area. We will look at starting our next meeting in this area to see what is needed.

7. **Actions to be taken before next meeting.**

Actions to be completed by next meeting	To be actioned by
Send out minutes	Gillian McLellan
Order gym bags and book bags	Gillian McLellan
Book let for next meeting	Gillian McLellan

8. **Date and time of next meeting**

- Tuesday 21st May 2024 at 6.30pm – Gillian McLellan to book and pay for let as before. Meeting will start out in the shrubbery area to determine what the Parent Council could buy to improve this area.