

Garrowhill Primary School Parent Council Meeting

31 January 2023 6.30p.m. – 8 p.m.

Present: Gayle Clarkson (Headteacher)
Angela Patrick (Chair/Secretary)
Gillian McLellan (Vice Chair/Treasurer)
Gemma McPike
Stewart McCosh
Jade Gilmour
Lyndsey Johnstone
Tracy Byrne (Teaching Staff Representative)
Lorna Chatham (Depute head)
Kevin Lalley (Councillor)

Apologies: Lee Bennie
Chanelle Montague

Minutes Angela Patrick

1 Welcome

a) Apologies

Apologies were noted.

Review Previous Minutes

2 The previous minutes from 15 November 2022 were reviewed but no actions outstanding.

Action	Who

3 HEAD TEACHERS REPORT

School Roll and Staffing

School Roll is currently: 446

We have a new member of clerical staff, Frances Hopkirk. She will work on a Monday and Tuesday. Mrs Linda Clark has reduced her hours and will work Wednesday to Friday.

We have 4 student teachers with us working in P2h, P4f, P5m and P5b.

Budget

School fund – around £1500 available. We have spent funds on upgrading the senior open area, development of the school grounds and the infant open area. We have also purchased new novels for the senior department and a lot of buses for various trips and visits.

We have a need for fundraising this term.

School Improvement Plan

All areas are progressing well.

HWB: Wellbeing, Inclusion, Equalities and Equity

All staff have completed the first LGBT module with TIE group and next module is planned for February in-service day.

The GRI Pupil Equalities and Inclusion Group continues to meet regularly this term we have a focus upon race. This is about recognising how unique and special we all are regardless of gender, race, religion, etc. Tree in hall – We all belong here. Their key driver is about Respect. We have continued to update the library to include books focussing on race, identity, disabilities and LGB. It is important that our children see themselves in our school – windows and mirrors.

As part of this work, as a staff we looked at the Relationships, Sexual Health and Parenthood curriculum. We have adapted this programme for Garrowhill and all lessons will be taught after the holiday weekend.

Learning Provision: Literacy & English and Numeracy & Mathematics

Tracy Byrne continues to attend Literacy for All training through the Glasgow Improvement Challenge. Staff are currently assessing a third piece of writing, the outcome of this will inform teacher planning. SMT are also currently carrying out Quality Assurance visits to classrooms focussing on literacy. Tracy has also provided staff training input, demonstration lessons and shadowing opportunities.

CfE: DYW and Curriculum Building

All classes are using the Meta-skills for Developing the Young Workforce. P5-7 classes are completing MWOW lessons. This is supporting children in thinking about employability skills. This should be something that is embedded across the curriculum as we are working to ensure our children are ready for the world of work.

Primary 7 and Mrs Chatham are also planning for a Careers Fair to take place on 24th March.

Crossing Patrol

Request from parent regarding a crossing patrol on junction of Bannercross and Barrachnie. Parent has contacted Councillor Kevin Lalley. Alan Barclay, Road Safety Assistant for NRS – has informed us that the area is being assessed by engineers. Looking unlikely as pedestrian

crossing is 80 metres away.

Term 3

Scottish Opera, Super 7s and various class trips.

Parents’ Evening on 15th March.

Red Nose Day on 17th March. Decision will be made at House Meetings on Friday although parliament have already suggested a ‘Wear Red’ day with a bucket collection at the gates.

Fundraising

Pupil Parliament suggestion for something linked to World Book Day. Plan to complete a Book Week sponsor. We will also carry out daily DEAR/reflection time and planned activities on 2nd March.

One winner per class.

Non-Uniform Day 10th February. Donation.

ACCOUNT BALANCE

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£1630.30 in Virgin account which we will transfer over to the new BoS account. New account balance is £2152.74 which gives us a healthy total of £3783.04.

Christmas raffle raised £2100, this should become an annual event but need to start asking for donations early. There is the possibility of buying pre printed raffle tickets at a cost of approximately £70.

School have ordered book marks and the P7 ties and mugs which we are happy to fund. Linda to send over invoices.

We will also pay for P1 bags, Gillian has sourced alternatives, but Linda has already ordered these.

Agreed to hold spring discos on Thursday 18th May, P1-3 5.30-6.30pm and P4-7 7-8.30pm. Angela to arrange let via Linda and need to source DJ.

ACTION	OWNER
Balance from Virgin account to be transferred over to Bos	Gillian
Arrange let and DJ for discos	AP-let DJ-Kevin or request to parents

5 AOB

Councillor Kevin Lalley made appearance at meeting and discussed parking issues around school. He will arrange to visit at peak time to monitor the volume of traffic and support us

with ongoing issues.

Gardens still needing some work done, Stewart has volunteered to sand down and treat the story telling chairs, Mr Halewood to contact Stewart to arrange.

6 DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

Wednesday 3 May 2023