



Cardonald Primary Parent Council

PC Meeting Minutes – Tuesday 5th September 2023

Attendees	<p>Vice-Chairperson – Ronnie Jamieson Treasurer – Sharon Corr Secretary – Lesley Healy</p> <p>Co-Vice Chairperson – Karen Gallagher</p> <p>PC Members - Heather Murchie, Susan Rafferty</p> <p>Parent Forum - Kim Jamieson, Marie Laughlan</p> <p>Staff – Mrs Waddell – DHT, Mrs King – PT, Mrs Strang PT</p>
Apologies	<p>PC Chair – Lyndsey Seeley</p> <p>PC Members – Jen Stewart, Gordon Forbes, Jennifer Sutherland</p> <p>Staff – Mr Coogan</p> <p>Guest – Sarah-Jane McGeown, Active Schools Coordinator</p>

Item Discussed	Action Required / Outcome	Action By	Completed Date
Welcomes & Apologies	The meeting was opened by the Vice-Chair and apologies read out that were received. A warm welcome was given to parents/carers who attended.		

Previous Minutes			
Previous minutes from the meeting on 6th June 2023 were discussed.	All items raised from previous minutes are on the agenda for this meeting	LH	
Approval of Previous Minutes	Approved by –Ronnie Jamieson, Seconded by – Sharon Corr		

Guest Speaker			
Active Schools Coordinator	Sarah- Jane was unable to attend but hopes to attend a future meeting to discuss working with the parent council and fundraising opportunities		

Head Teachers Report			
	The headteacher report was delivered by Mrs Waddell in Mr Coogan's absence and a copy is attached to the end of the minutes		
	Mrs Waddell also requested for volunteers for paired reading. This can be at any time during the school day the parent is available. This has previously been added to the Parent Council social media but this can be added again. Karen Gallagher has volunteered for this and will liaise with school directly.	JSt	

Treasurers Report			
June 2023 Opening Balance - £3767.08 Closing Balance - £3770.56	Deposits - £181 from Bonus Ball Withdrawals - £174 for Bonus Ball and Lets	SC	
July 2023 Opening Balance - £3770.56 Closing Balance - £4256.66	Deposits - £555 from Bonus Ball and GCC Withdrawals – £125 for Bonus Ball		
August 2023 Opening Balance - £4256.66 Closing Balance - £4375.47	Deposits - £224.91 from Bonus Ball and Easy Fundraising Withdrawals - £50 for Bonus Ball		
Audit	The finalised audit will be available at October meeting due to having to change auditors		
Bonus Ball	There are a few free numbers for the bonus ball so this will be added to social media to encourage new players	JSt	
Healthy Heart Fund	There is currently £2106.23 in the Healthy Heart Fund		

Secretary's Enquires / Emails			
Let/Arrangements for Next Meeting	It was voted to continue having the meetings in Rosshall Academy and Ronnie Jamieson will book these in advance for the following dates; 3 rd Oct, 7 th Nov, 5 th Dec, 6 th Feb, 5 th Mar, 7 th May, 4 th Jun	RJ	
Any Further Emails	Emails from Glasgow City Parents Group, anything relevant has already been added to social media. Email from Mrs Waddell regarding previous minutes as Storybook Dan is no longer booking schools due to other commitments		
	Further discussion following Storybook Dan no longer being available and previous minutes about a possible Book Fair. Mrs King did have the log in details for Scholastic and will look for these and give them to the Parent Council. Jennifer Sutherland had previously spoken to the Usborne Rep about a book fair. The school would prefer a book fair to be at Parent Night as the children are already given books during book week. Parents Night is arranged for Thu 9 th and Tue 14 th November and Thu 16 th and Tue 21 st May. If the Scholastic credentials can be recovered the Parent Council can try to arrange a Book Fair for November or May and possibly have the Usborne Rep for the parents' night not covered by Scholastic	Mrs King	

After School Care Provision			
	Pollok After School Care have had a let agreed by Glasgow City Council to use the school for an aftercare service. They are currently waiting on their Care Commission accreditation.		

	In the meantime, they will walk children back to their current base at St Conval's Church Hall, Pollok, or get the bus from Mossspark Drive if the weather is poor.		
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Defibrillator			
	Ronnie has emailed to arrange the battery/service of the defibrillator		

Fundraising			
Sponsored Walk/Run 19th September	Mrs Strang asked if wished for this to be an any different format, skip etc. We felt that this was best to be kept as a walk/run		
	It was decided that the sponsor money will go towards the Kindness Kafe. Mrs Strang will provide a 'blurb' regarding the Kafe which we can share with parents on social media	Mrs Strang	
	Sharon will provide the sponsor forms to the school	SC	
	Lesley will contact the community champion at Morrisons, Tesco and Asda to ask for fruit donations, without citrus fruit due to allergies	LH	
Water Bottles	It was asked whether the donation of water bottles will be a requirement each year. It was felt it may need to be.	SC	
	It was voted to supply the 40 water bottles to the school. Sharon will pick these up and deliver them to the school.		
	We may discuss at a later date whether to add these to standing items if needed year on year		
Kitchen	Mrs Waddell had confirmed this is not something they would be looking into any further as would need a classroom with plumbing available.		

<p style="text-align: center;">Kindness Cafe</p>	<p>This was an initiative by P5, now P6, to provide an area for children to go to for their mental health and wellbeing, if have no one to play with in the playground or need some quiet time. The children presented this to Scottish Enterprise at the City Chambers to great success. They will be looking for soft furnishings, magazines and decor for this to make it feel unlike a classroom. May also look at wall transfers for here.</p> <p>As above, funds raised from the sponsored walk will be for the Kindness Kafe. We may also look at grants for furnishings etc. but will need to know what is required.</p>		
	<p>Other general fundraising was discussed including Tesco funding currently being for Active schools, outdoor play and sports. Also discussed possible trivia nights for parents or events with the children in the local community.</p>		

Any Other Competent Business:			
<p style="text-align: center;">RAAC Concrete</p>	<p>Due to the media reports or RAAC Concrete being used in schools in England causing them to close, we asked whether the school has been assessed for this.</p> <p>The school haven't heard anything from the council regarding this but will check with their QIO tomorrow and with the janitor and share any details with the parent council.</p>	<p>Mrs King/Mrs Waddell</p>	
<p style="text-align: center;">Strikes</p>	<p>It was asked if the strikes on 13th and 14th of September are going ahead. Mrs Waddell is still unsure and they often do not know if these are definitely going ahead until the day before the strike. Mrs Waddell will let parents know as soon as possible.</p>		
<p style="text-align: center;">Fireworks/Fires</p>	<p>A concern was raised over the recent community social media posts about children throwing fireworks at people and the fire at Angus Oval. Mrs Waddell reassured that there has never been any occurrence of this during the school day.</p>		
<p style="text-align: center;">School Meals</p>	<p>A question was asked about a recent message from the school about Roast Beef being unavailable and children could have chicken burgers instead, however chicken burgers were unable</p>		

	<p>to be chosen. Mrs Waddell said to choose the roast beef in this instance.</p> <p>There was also a query about children with allergens being unable to choose their meals on ParentPay. Mrs Waddell confirmed this was because only the kitchen staff had the full list of allergens available in the meals.</p>		
<p>Homework</p>	<p>There was a discussion about why homework was no longer being marked. Mrs King advised due to the new phonics scheme being used at the school, the worksheets for P1-P3 would be best being kept at home.</p> <p>Mrs King has advised that homework is optional revision at home and is done to complement what is taught at school. Staff understand that children and parents have busy lives outside of school and may struggle to complete homework in the timeframes asked for, but also that parents and children may enjoy the family learning time together that homework brings. This means that families can choose what works best for them and will also have a reference point back to what has been covered in class.</p> <p>It was also suggested the Parent Council Social Media pages could have links to additional home learning such as the Glasgow Hub or Scottish Book Trust for a reference guide for parents who wish to undertake additional home learning.</p>		

<p>Next Parent Council Meeting</p>	<p>Tuesday 3rd October at 7pm - Rosshall Academy</p>
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HT Parent Council Report

Report for 5th September 2023



Sport Scotland Gold School Sport Award

We are thrilled to have received our Gold Award from Sports Scotland. Huge well done to Mrs Strang. We should be receiving a flag and hope to install a flag pole outside the school to display this.

Football

Mrs King and Mr Elder held football trials today for P6 and P7 to choose the new school football team. The team will participate in monthly competitions at Nethercraigs.

There will be an after-school football club for P4 and P5 this term.

Gymnastic Auditions

Mrs Strang will be holding gymnastic auditions this week for anyone interested in being part of gymnastic after school club.

Curriculum PE

Rangers Coaches will be delivering a programme of health and fitness to P2, P3, P5 and P6. We also have football coaches delivering lessons to P4 and P4/3 this term.

Fruit trees

Some of our fruit trees are 3 years ahead of schedule – apples, pears and plums have been harvested by pupils visiting the fruit trees with their classes.

P7 residential

Next week some of our P7s will be off to Ardentenny for their residential trip with Mr Elder, Mr Coogan, Mrs Norris and Mrs Mathieson.

Those remaining in school will take part in trips and activities with Mrs King and Mrs Strang.

Vandalism and Fire

Our RagBag container was set on fire and all the contents ruined. We are awaiting collection of this. We are continuing to work with Councillors who are supporting our school and cluster schools in the need for CCTV.

Pupil Voice

We will be recruiting pupils to join our various pupil groups including Literacy Leaders, Mathletes, Sports Leaders, Pupil Council, Rights Respecting School, JRSO, Credit Union.

Credit Union

We will begin the process of recruiting and training Credit Union volunteers from our P7 year group, with a view to beginning collections after September weekend.

Young Peoples Forum

3 pupils represented Young Peoples Forum attending the City Chambers on Monday 5th September. This links to our work on children's rights in school. We already have our bronze Rights Respecting School Award and are aiming for our silver award this year.

Junior Road Safety Officers

2 pupils represented the school last week at a JRSO event at the City Chambers. Mrs Malik will be working with this year's JRSOs.

Whole School Open Afternoon

Wednesday 20th September will be our whole school open afternoon. More information on the organisation of this will go out to parents this week.

Curriculum

We have introduced a new phonics programme in P1 – 4 called No Nonsense Phonics. Mrs King and Mrs Waddell have spoken to the creator of the scheme and visiting schools to see this in action. Mrs King continues to be our Literacy Leader of Learning and is supporting staff implementing this new scheme. Literacy remains on our School Improvement Plan and Mrs King will continue to support targeted year groups.

Mrs Strang continues to be our Numeracy leader of learning and will be supporting staff to embed the Glasgow Count methodology and Framework that we have been working with now for 5 years.

Scottish Maths Week

This will take place 26th – 29th September. Mrs Strang and the Mathletes will organise this week and further details will go out to parents. The theme this year is Maths in Motion, therefore technology and sport will be the context for learning. We will also be learning about the cost of living through workshops delivered by Social Enterprise Scotland and as in previous years will finish the week with Dress for Work Day.

Quality Improvement Officer

Having worked with Kathryn Farrow for many years she is no longer our link QIO at Cardonald. This school session we welcomed our new QIO Sharon McGeever who worked with staff at INSET on the first on 3 sessions focusing on assessment and moderation. She will be visiting the school for a walk round tomorrow.

Family Learning

Family Learning and engagement continues to be an important part of our school improvement plan and we welcome any ideas to help us to do this.

In term 2 and 3 Mrs Strang will deliver play along maths sessions for children in P2 and P3.

Mrs King will be delivering phonological awareness sessions with P1 parents.

We will again this session invite parents from P2 and P3 to promote read, write, count bags.

Following the positive feedback from parents who joined the parent and child yoga sessions we hope to run more parent and child events linked to sport and wellbeing.

Paired Reading

Paired reading has started again. We would welcome any more volunteers for this.

Learning Hub

This is set up with Senior Pupils from Rosshall. The leaflet will be shared with parents this week. This is ran by Volunteer Tutors Organisation and they hope to start this on Thursday 28th September.