

# MINUTES

## DPS Parent Council

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24/11/14 18:00-20:00 | *Meeting called to order by* Amy Cheskin

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### In Attendance

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Parents: Amy Cheskin (Chair), Ulrika Matthews (Secretary), Laura Dargie, Jerome Boue, Usma Byrne, Beth Bradley, Lucy MacIntyre, Jim Haley, Emily Cutts, and Eva Baille.

School representatives: Annemarie Connolly (Head Teacher) and Julie McGrinder (Depute Head Teacher)

### Apologies

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Hugh Matthews, Kate Verrall, Annelies McMillan, Angela McNairn, Lienne Brown and Karen Criggie.

### Approval of Minutes

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Minute was originally sent out on the 3rd November. It was re-sent on 20<sup>th</sup> & again 24<sup>th</sup> November. Annemarie Connolly and Julie McGrinder did not receive this communication as the school had server problems.

#### **Action:**

- Annemarie Connolly to read through previous minute and forward corrections/amendments to the PC office bearers for approval.

### Request for Any Other Business

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The below items were requested to be put under AOB:

Books

Outdoor Activity – kids exposed to elements in adverse conditions

Maryhill Food Bank activity

How to stop dog fouling

Feedback from the Involve all parents meeting held by STPC and Bemis

After school care.

### Election of Dunard Parent Council Office Bearers

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Amy Cheskin nominated Kate Verrall as treasurer. Kate Verrall is experienced as a treasurer and, among other places, has held that post for The Garscube Playrooms.

#### **Outcome:**

- Kate Verrall was voted in as treasurer for Dunard Parent Council.

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## School Fete/Fayre – Fast fundraisers

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The meeting welcomed Karen Lennon from the Fast fundraisers to discuss the preparation for the school's Christmas Fete (appendix 1). The discussion covered issues such as the covering of stalls, canvassing the neighbouring shops for donations and banners.

### **Actions:**

- **Annemarie & Tracey** to confirm which parents and which staff are with what stalls and let the wider PC know if they need more support.
- **Annemarie** to provide posters for the Christmas Fete publicity (currently waiting for reply from publicity group)
- **Karen L** to e-mail Emily/Eva/Lucy/Tracy with Dunard letter for donations from shops.
- **Emily**(MH Road top)/**Eva** (QM Drive)/**Lucy** (GWR)/**Tracy** (MH Road bottom) to approach shops on streets designated for donations for School Fete.
- **Jim** to talk to afterschool team about getting communication to parents re: School fete during afterschool hours.
- **Emily/Karen L** to confirm to Annemarie whether they will need a school let on Thursday 4th December 4-6pm to pre-sort toys and books for the stalls on the 5th. Also let the wider PC know if they need support in doing this (i.e. more manpower / babysitting etc)

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## Action points from previous meeting

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The meeting had a brief report back on the action points issued at the previous meeting (see updated Dunard Action log for progress on individual items). Highlights were:

Due to the urgency of discussing the Christmas Fayre matters of the AGM, Facebook & BEMIS were postponed for full discussion at the next meeting in January. The Parent Council are considering whether to dedicate an entire meeting to discussion about BEMIS and outreach to the wider Parent Forum.

The Parent Council unanimously agreed to fund the Parent noticeboard. The Parent Council have agreed the price of £510 for this, any variation would need to be re-agreed.

Emily & Annemarie proposed that the PVG check Emily requires for her volunteer work in the school was funded by the Parent Council. The cost £40-60. This was agreed.

In addition to smoking, the Parent Council discussed the affect of car fumes from cars idling outside the school gates.

### **Actions:**

- Cones to be moved further back in P1-3 playground and **Julie** to have greater presence at school pick up.
- **Emily** to sort out with Tommy and Annemarie about getting the parent noticeboard in place. Please keep PC up-to-date with progress.
- **All** PC members to consider how what signage we would like the noticeboard to have in respect of it being provided to the school by the parent council/parent forum.

- **Julie** to work with the pupil groups to create posters about leaving cars idling or smoking so that the children in the playground can breathe fresh air.
- **Lucy/Amy** to consider writing to Cordia about their policy on people smoking in uniform.
- **Emily** to find out the cost of getting PVG checked for her. Report back to PC office bearers.

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### Items raised by DPC and parent forum

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#### **Walking children to activities**

Parents had raised concerns about their children walking to Kelvingrove Museum and questioned why a bus hadn't been used. Essentially the issue is budgetary – there are not enough funds to cover the use of buses and the school would have to forfeit attending activities like these should the additional hire cost of a bus be included. Annemarie informed the PC about the policies for buses allocated to the school (which is included here for information):

The school has funding to provide 7 buses a year (across all age groups). These are reserved for trips where the walk would take longer than 1/2 hour. Where the children walk to an activity they have no further PE for the week i.e. the walk to and from the activity acts as the PE for the week. Walking to activities is also considered educational. The children learn about road safety and how to behave in public etc.

#### **Website**

A discussion was held about possible improvements to the website. This will be discussed further in January.

#### **Action:**

- **Annemarie** to ask staff (in January) about whether they would agree to having their photos on the website

#### **Recruiting new people to the Parent Council**

An ongoing discussion is being held within the Parent Council on how to improve communication and encourage more carers to become active within the Parent Council. One point being raised was for us in the Parent Council to have our photos taken so that they can be published on the web etc., in order to raise the profile of the Parent Council.

Annemarie welcomed the Parent Council to attend and have a stall at any assemblies and other activities at the school. She suggested that having the Parent Council make teas and coffees at these events would provide a valuable opportunity for the Parent Council to have face-to-face contact with the wider parent forum.

#### **Action:**

- Amy/Ulrika/Kate (PC Office bearers) to submit photos to Jerome for putting on the website.

### **Parent Skills Log for future fundraising/other activities**

The meeting discussed the possibility for setting up a Parent Skills Log through canvassing what skills carers have that they might offer to the school.

#### **Action:**

- All to write down what skills they have / other parents have / wider friends/family have that they would be potentially willing to donate to the school for the further benefit the children's education.

### **Mural on school wall**

The meeting discussed the plans for the mural that is to be painted on the school grounds. The Parent Council raised the point that some parents have come forward to offer their services in painting the mural. Annemarie advised that the children will be designing the mural and a professional artist had already agreed to paint it. Timescale for the mural would most likely be in Spring 2015.

There was a suggestion that it would be prudent to provide the artist with a monetary donation for their time (at a lower rate than they would charge as standard). The general response of the Parent Council was that they would be uncomfortable doing this (given the amount of other volunteers who would be willing to put forward their time), but that a token gift./gesture in gratitude would be more appropriate. The cost for the mural will be the paints needed. Members of the Parent Council also suggested approaching local / big business to see if they could get any "free" paint once what paints were needed was known.

### **Glow**

There was not enough time to cover this topic and it was agreed this would be discussed at the next meeting.

### **SPTC Training Sessions**

The meeting discussed the possibility of creating a log of what training sessions current members of the Parent Council have to get a better understanding of what training is needed.

#### **Action:**

- All to let the chair know what SPTC training events they have attended during their time on the PC, and any potential areas of interest (training wise) they would be interested in attending. If the answer is none - that is still a valid answer.

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**After School Care**

Jim gave the meeting an update on the issue of an increase in after school care.

### **ICT suit**

Annmarie gave the meeting an update on the cost and development of a ICT suit. She advised the meeting that a good starting point would be to acquire a smartboard, computer and projector. The cost for this would be £2800.

### **Action:**

- Annemarie to confirm costings
- Amy to research into possible alternative sources of funding for this (not Awards for All)

### **Maryhill Food Bank activity**

Confirmed the date for this would be 5<sup>th</sup> December

### **Dog fouling**

A local resident has complained direct to the council about dog fouling and the council

### **Books**

There was not enough time to cover this topic and it was agreed this would be discussed at the next meeting.

### **Outdoor Activity – kids exposed to elements in adverse conditions**

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### **Next Meeting**

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The next meeting to be agreed on e-mail. The third week in January seemed most likely.

Meeting adjourned at 20:00.