

## **Parent Council Meeting Minutes**

**AY25/26 - Meeting 4**

**Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> March 2026**

**6:30pm – 7:30pm**

**Online**

### **Agenda**

1. Welcome
2. Previous minutes & actions
3. Headteacher update
4. Chair update
5. Finance update
6. Fundraising update
7. Social media update
8. Other

### **Minutes**

**Present:** Tommy Hynes (TH), Helen Clark (HC), Charlotte Craig (CC), Danielle Turner (DT), Holly Robertson (HR), Marta Biderman (MB), Sarasota Mrazova (SM), Helen White (HW), Demi Smith (DS).

**Apologies noted from:** Kerry-Ann Wallace (KAW), Lorna McInnes (LM), Chris Howat (CH), Fei Low (FL), Stephen Thomas (ST).

**Chair:** DT

**Notes:** DS

1. The chair welcomed all to the PC meeting.
2. Previous minutes & actions confirmed.
3. Headteacher Update

- *Staff:* TH confirmed a few changes made for the final term. Mrs Bennett was successful in being appointed new Principal Teacher & will officially begin post on Monday 20th April. This created a vacancy for a new member of teaching staff which is yet to be backfilled. Newsletter coming out this Friday will go over this as well as pastoral care changes for classes with hopes of keeping structure similar for next year as classes should remain more or less the same. Current probation teachers for P4/5 & P2 will begin full time after Easter break along with Miss Stewart who will become P1 teacher full time with Mrs Fisher providing extra support for children who need it. Recent interviews for Health & Wellbeing worker were successful & Fiona Kennedy hoping to start after the Easter break to support children with medical needs.
- *Parents Feedback:* Parents feedback survey proved successful at last Parents Evening with much higher uptake than usual. Overall feedback was very positive with a few points to work on. One being Anti-bullying policies to be made more clear & another being the work of the PC to be shared more widely. TH will check minutes are still being shared on the website.

**ACTION: DT/DS will also share on Facebook page.**

- *Local community projects:* Riverbank asked to be part of design process & name choice for new park being built behind Dalmarnock train station along with Sacred Heart & Dalmarnock Primary. Workshops coming up over the next few weeks for children to take part in activities then whole school will vote for park name which will be put forward & a winner will be chosen out of the local schools. Riverside Walkway development is also underway & school has been asked to provide artwork/designs to go on concrete & stones. The design team will be in school next week for workshops.
- *Sports Day:* Trialling different approach this year as traditional sports day proving tricky to manage with increasing school roll & having to stagger classes throughout the day. Also proved difficult for parents to come along with children in multiple classes & ASN children can struggle to cope with this. Junior Leadership Team decided a Fun Day based around sports would be preferred & date in diary for this is currently 28th May. "Kids Fit" group have been booked for the day as they run a Commonwealth Programme & school would like this to be overall theme for the event with Glasgow due to host the games again. Celtic Foundation are also providing coaches for the day & school has reached out to local Tesco & McDonald's in the hopes that they may be able to provide fruit, water, etc. Feedback will be collected afterwards from both children & parents to then decide if this is something that could replace traditional sports day each year.
- *Easter Bonnet Parade:* Due to take place next week (Tuesday 31st March from 2pm-3pm) if anyone is able to come along to help judge.

**ACTION: Any PC members available to go along please email TH.**

- *Easter Eggs:* Proving increasingly difficult to source as now 383 required to ensure one is provided for each child. PC agreed to help cover costs. HR & HI can source between them from Lidl who currently have small eggs on offer for 99p each.

**ACTION: HR/HI will update with how many each are able to get & HC will try to source the rest if required. HC will also check exactly how any allergy alternatives are required & update.**

- *School Photographer:* Current company is the most widely used across the city but understand press article showing exclusion of ASN children was concerning. However, having looked into this more closely, it was found that this was decided by a single photographer on the day along with the school staff & not by the company itself. This occurred in Aberdeen & a different team of photographers operate in Glasgow. TH however is happy to use alternative photographer if majority agree this would be better. As long as company is experienced with schools & dealing with children especially those who may have additional support needs.

**ACTION: PC will investigate & put it to parents to vote on this & what they would prefer in regards to company, costs, etc.**

- *Twitter/X*: Riverbank, along with many other schools no longer using due to increasingly negative newsfeeds on platform. Currently looking at different options to share with families & provide updates. Will put out to vote to decide what will be used for next session.
- *P7 Leavers*: TH speaking to them this week to organise fun day & plans to start fundraising. Original P1's from Riverbanks first year opening so hoping to make it special for them.

**ACTION: If anyone has any ideas please share with TH.**

#### 4. Chair Update

- *Fun Run*: DT previously shared info on this but given that Sports Day will now be a Fun Day all agreed this could be pushed back to another time, possibly final week before Summer holidays.

#### 5. Finance Update

- £2482.36 currently in PC Fund minus deposits from Easter Bunny raffle currently being filled. Raffle will bring in £100 which can be used towards cost of Easter eggs.

#### 6. Fundraising Update

- *Easter Bunny Raffle*: Currently running on FB page. DT aware people may be struggling after Christmas period & hesitant to put out too many raffles. All agreed to do one at end of each term to fundraise along with discos which brings in majority of funds.

#### 7. Social Media Update

- *Parking*: Parking complaints at drop off point. Mr Kenny currently working with JLT to design posters & reinforce safety rules. TH also adding reminder to newsletter as becoming increasingly dangerous.

#### 8. Other

- *Cultural Celebration Day*: Split into two parts this year as Ramadan fell at same time & wanted to be inclusive of all families so they could enjoy food tasting event after Eid. Taking place this Friday at 3:15pm & HC extended invite to PC again for anyone who wishes to come along.
- *School extension*: HW asked for clarification on this as rumours being circulated that this may be a possibility. TH confirmed no plans currently in place but will keep everyone updated if anything like this is looking likely. There are currently talks taking place at GCC headquarters regarding sustainability plan moving forward but they have yet to share anything.
- *Discos*: Spring disco organised for next week. Plenty of helpers in place for lower school but struggling for upper school. TH confirmed himself & Mrs Whyte will be there to support & HC kindly offered to come along too. SM may also be able to help & will confirm asap.

**ACTION: DT will put out another reminder on FB page for anyone available to help.**

- *Next PC meeting*: Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> May 2026 at 6:30pm (AGM) in school.

**END OF MEETING**