**Minutes of Parent & Carers Group Meeting held on 3rd Sep 2024**

**7pm - School Learning Lounge**

**Chaired by Olivia Hanley**

**Present**

Paul Meehan- Head Teacher

Nikki McCormick - Deputy HT

Lauren Hannah - Deputy HT

Olivia Hanley - Chair

Nick Bradbury - Treasurer

Kirsty Peacock - Clerk

Elisa Alvarez -Curto - PGC

Ruth McIntosh - PGC

Patricia de Vries - PGC

Oona Tanner - PGC

Claire - Parent

Oxana - Parent

Kalpna - Parent

Monika Smekot - Parent

Phil Nailor - Parent

Rebecca Goldie - Parent

Kaya Elridge - Parent

**Apologies**

Nancy Lombard - PCG

David Glen - Parent

**1. Welcome and Introductions**

Olivia opened the meeting by welcoming all and invited us all to make short introductions for new attendees.

**2. Head Teacher’s Update**

**Confirmed Staffing in place for 24/25**

| Stage & Classes | 23/24 class | Room | Staff |
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| P1s | New | 7 | Mr Jonny Smith |
| P1a | New | 9 | Miss Emily Bright  Louise Hunter MAT Leave |
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| P2a | New | 4 | Humira Naeem  Hazel Dalgleish MAT Leave |
| P3/2m | New | 3 | Miss Rachel McDermott/Mrs Sunah Ahmed |
| P3m | New | 10 | Mrs Vicky MacDonald |
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| P4/3c | New | 14 | Ms Angie Cole |
| P4a | New | 15 | Ms Deborah Mechan and Mrs Kathleen Gray |
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| P5m | P4a | 17 | Mrs Eileen McCall |
| P5h | P4b | 16 | Miss Sarah Harrison |
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| P6m | P5a | 18 | Mr Gordon MacLean/Mrs Marion Gormley |
| P6k | P5c | 19 | Kirsty Kriba |
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| P7l | P6m | 12 | Miss Chloe Letham |
| P7a | P6c | 11 | Mrs Sandra Wright /Mrs Nicola Camerada |
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| RCCT/Cover |  |  | Miss Bethany Alarcon-Johnston |
| RCCT/Cover |  |  | Mrs Marion Gormley |

**Support for Learning Workers**

* Full complement of SfLWs currently in place.
* Mrs Susan Cannon will be moving on to a new clerical in a Glasgow school.
  + Recruitment process has started with paperwork submitted to workforce planning.
  + Unfortunately, this is likely to be a long-term vacancy due to the timescales for recruitment.

**Clerical Staff**

* Full-time Clerical Assistant, Hayley Doherty.
* Part-time Clerical Assistant, Laura Frew (Thurs-Fri).
* Part-time Clerical Assistant, Jenny Wheeler (Mon-Tues).

**Leadership Team**

* Sarah Harrison – Acting PT (Hazel Dalgleish MAT Leave cover)
* Lauren Hannah – Acting DHT (Stephen Nicol secondment backfill)
* Nikki McCormick – DHT
* Paul Meehan - HT

**Roll Update 24/25**

* 333 pupils in 13 classes.
* Spaces at most stages.
  + *P2, P3, P4 cohorts very tight for space*

**Class Assemblies – Celebration of Learning**

* Continued approach next session with 9.05 open doors and 9.30am start but with a return to Tuesdays.
* Dates to be shared with parents soon to give as much notice as possible. This will hopefully be with parents by this Friday 6th September.

**ICT Development 24/26 Term 1**

* P6 and P7 continue with 1 to 1 iPads
* This week GCC have confirmed 1 to 1 iPads for P5 - these have now been set up and distributed in class.
* Groupcall message sent out to P5 families re permissions and requirements regarding chargers etc; these are to be responded to asap.
* P5 iPads will go home over the next few weeks after further iPad training to develop confidence and expectations.
* P1-4 Shared iPads in classes (8 approx. per class, numbers based on class size).
* Seesaw codes shared with parents last week for P1-4 (P5-7 should still be logged in on home, further codes can be issued if required).

**Parent Portal/Parent Pay**

* Issues being resolved at present.
* Clerical Team to support parents.

**PE/Outdoor Learning**

* Gym days confirmed with parents on Friday 23/08/24.
* Also shared through Seesaw.
* 2 hours of PE each week, both indoor and outdoor.
* Outdoor Learning encouraged as appropriate.

**Fundraising Events/PTC**

* Pre-loved Uniform continues to be promoted and supported by PCG/Parent volunteers.

**Twitter Accounts**

@LangsideHT – will be HT account, monitored by HT

@LangsidePri – school account will continue to be regularly monitored

@LangsidePTC – PTC account – PCG rebranding tbc?

* Ruth confirmed she will look after resourcing for the assemblies again this year and asked everyone for help with recruiting volunteers and sourcing supplies. **Action - PCG**
* Kirsty asked if there was a lot of uniform to be sorted. Mr Meehan confirmed there is. Call out for helpers to sort uniform. We also need more storage. **Action - PCG**

**3. School Budgets Cuts**

* Olivia advised there is no current action at a Langside Primary level, but the Glasgow City Parents Group continues to campaign against the cuts and has launched a crowdfunder to present a legal challenge to the process. Unions are balloting staff. Updates can be found on their facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/glasgowcityparentsgroup/?locale=en_GB>
* Agreed to share the Langside Parents Against Budget Cuts whatsapp group and the Crowdfunder link with all new parents - **Action - PCG**
* Agreed to keep this agenda point for future meetings.

**4. Treasurer Update - Nick Bradbury**

* Signatory handover - this is in progress but not straightforward
* Nick asked if the card machine have come to the school - Nikki shall enquire - Action Nikki
* Nick is continuing to work with Stuart Strachan on handover

**Fund update carried over from last meeting on 18/6/24**

| Events Account | £5809 | Some payments coming off for sundries |
| --- | --- | --- |
| PTC Account | £1678 |  |
| Total | £7487 |  |

**5. Fundraising Group**

[Fundraising tracker](https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/10VtK6-_MUw6m6l0KjIzmYgMnuU6q8q8qgMFvDdYAxgQ/edit?gid=0#gid=0)

**Fundraising Priorities**

Discussed funding priorities identified in June 2024:

* Funding for the buses for the Christmas cinema trip - Kirsty is working on some applications for this with Mr Meehan. PCG have identified some funds in the above funding tracker and will share.
* Development of a community room where the school uniform and larder are for family engagement, ESOL, and support organisations to meet with families. Nikki and Lauren have developed some initial proposals around this and will share with PCG. Agreed this was a priority and potentially achievable through smaller community grants etc.

Other ideas/ priorities discussed:

* PCG requested that the school provide additional priorities for this financial year, and in particular projections for the Contingency Fund which supports some pupils to attend trips.
* Nikki highlighted the need for a school washing machine for cooking, outdoor and cleaning soft furnishings. PGC shall look at funding opportunities for this and assist if possible.
* Proposal from parent which was discussed in June regarding the potential for Astroturf, and protective netting etc for school playground (the High). The scale of funding required was discussed and the likely difficulty in securing this level of funding through school-level fundraising, or existing known routes. Suggestion that corporate routes may prove more fruitful. Also discussed if other lower cost surfacing could be considered. Question raised as to whether protected environment of surrounds would be a barrier with regards to planning - unknown if this has been explored as yet. Discussion around the need for engagement with pupils and teaching staff given it would be a significant development.

Agreement that PCG and school are happy to support with relevant information needed for parent to continue to explore the idea further. Should feasible funding options be found, will support with pupil, staff and wider school engagement at this stage.

**Actions**

* Speak with Kim to share info on what worked with fundraising - action Kirsty
* Create a flyer to let parents know how to set up Easy Fundraising - action Kirsty and Olivia
* Miss Hannah will share previous funding application for National Lottery for community space - action Kirsty
* Kirsty - does the school access the Glasgow Care Foundation - they help with individual pupils or for us to set up our own well being fund. The school does not currently access this - action Kirsty
* Phil discussed third party who specialise in playgrounds - will share the info - action Phil
* Olivia - how much support is needed for the residential trips - Miss Hannah will come back to us
* Shout out for outdoor clothes for the sustainable room - PCG
* Shout out for Halloween costumes for the sustainable room - PCG

**6**. **Monsters Ball - 29 October 2024**

* Kidnetick has been booked for Tuesday 29th October

P1/2 - 3:15 - 4pm

P3/4/5 - 4:15 - 5:15pm

P6/7 - 5:30 to 6:30pm

* Kirsty, Kaya, Oona, Kalpna and Nick volunteered to be in the organising group
* We discussed if this should be a fund raiser or an event for the children. Agreed it was an event for the children.
* Nikki requested the Monsters Chill has a tuck shop too
* Discussed tuck shop in light of feedback from last year’s event when some children could not take part. Agreed we would devise a scheme where all attendees have Monster Tuck Vouchers to spend on the night

**7. Communications**

**Updates to websites/socials**

* Calum Grant has volunteered to look after PCG Socials in the short term

**Communications lead/ sub group**

* Monika volunteered to help with the website
* Kirsty shall set up and whatsapp group and include Calum to make intros with Trish and Monika

**8. Training requirements for PCG members**

Olivia and Kirsty shared updates from [Connect](https://connect.scot/) sessions - Connect supports Scottish Local Authorities and independent Parent Carer Groups access resources. Langside PGC has membership through GCC. We can all set up [accounts](https://connect.scot/login), attend webinars and access resources. All members encourage to do this and make use of the resources and training opprtunities.

**9. AOB**

**Next date: 8 Oct 2024 at 7pm via zoom!**