



<p><b>Glasgow Parent Council Forum</b></p> <p><b>Annual General Meeting</b></p> <p><b>Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> October 2010</b></p>	
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<p><b><u>Welcome and Introduction</u></b></p> <p>Janie C Munro (JCM), Chair of the Glasgow Parent Council Forum, opened the meeting by offering thanks to all present for attending.</p> <p>JCM explained that the first half of the meeting would be for the annual report, changes to the constitution, committee formation and appointment of a new chairperson. This would be followed by General Business.</p> <p>JCM read out the Annual report from the Committee and noted that Baillie McFadden, GCC's new Education Convener would be sixth Education Convener in the four years of the GPCF.</p>	
<p>There were no <b><u>New Resolutions, Changes to the Constitution and Standing Orders</u></b></p> <p><b><u>Committee Formation</u></b></p> <p>JCM told the meeting that she was standing down as Chair of GPCF as her youngest son has now left school. She also noted that Gary Johnston had resigned from the Committee as he has left the country.</p> <p>Kate Cunningham (KC) has been acting as Interim Chair since JCM stood down in June. KC was then confirmed as Chair.</p> <p>Existing members will remain on the Committee as follows: Nancy Loftus (Cardonald Primary and Rosshall Academy), Joanna Murphy (St Bride's Primary and Holyrood Secondary), Anne McTaggart (Blairdardie Primary), Mandy Running (Lourdes Secondary), Ahmed Owusu (St Constantine's Primary), Emma McIntosh (Westercommon Nursery and Ruchill Primary) Richard Porter (Barmulloch Primary and Springburn Academy) and Bruce Whyte (Kings Park Primary).</p> <p>New members were: Mike Connolly (St Thomas Aquinas) and Suzanne Millar (Notre Dame Primary)</p> <p>JCM thanked all of the above for their willingness to be involved and confirmed that they are now committee members.</p> <p>Those present then offered their sincere thanks to Janie for her outstanding contribution to education in Glasgow.</p>	

Maureen McKenna (MMK), Glasgow City Council's Director of Education then took the floor to address the issues raised.

### **Triple P Parenting**

The floor raised questions about the future of the project as their phone line was not being answered. MMK responded that due to the disappointingly low turnout to the school based seminars the decision on the future strategy would be made shortly. Kathryn Farrow (KF) said that she would be willing to run a seminar for a school which could guarantee a turnout of at least 12 parents.

### **Tuck Shops**

MMK asked the floor the nature of the concerns about the introduction of school tuck shops. Responses included: lack of parental consultation; the contradiction between parents guidelines for snacks and lunch boxes and the items on sale; lack of ingredients on packaging.

MMK responded to say that this was not an issue on which she felt it was necessary to consult with parents as all the items on sale came under the nutrition legislation. She said there were concerns that tuck items were being sold alongside lunches which contravenes the policy and that she would investigate the lack of ingredients on packaging.

The floor raised concerns that often only sandwiches were available instead of hot option. MMK would like examples of this so that Cordia can investigate.

It was agreed to ask Cordia to address a future GPCF meeting.

MMK expressed concern that the implementation of the 50p charge for the breakfast club had seen a drop in take up. She told the meeting she may consult on starting the service earlier and increasing the charge to support working parents. She told the meeting that in some schools they have set it up as a Friendship Club in areas where multiple ethnic groups exist (and possibly deprivation too) to promote friendship, the 50p charge has been removed as a grant has been obtained

### **EAL Provision**

MMK confirmed that the Primary Language Unit has now closed. This is because it took only 100 children out of the 500 children Glasgow takes into its schools who require this support. Children from P1-P3 go straight into class but those in P4 to P7 who require ESL support. The Unit teachers have been deployed into the peripatetic team which is allocated according to need. However the number of children requiring ESL support is increasing while the number of teachers remains the same and is also vulnerable to cuts.

### **Policy on Supply Teachers**

MMK explained that she would very much like not to employ retired teachers to provide supply but that the Equalities Act makes such a policy impossible. It is also the case that newly qualified teachers rarely want one or two days teaching and prefer to hold out for longer contracts

### **School Libraries**

Concerns about the closure of school libraries had been raised and MMK explained that limited scope for professional development coupled with the fact as support staff, school librarians were eligible for the early retirement package which some took. This led to discussions with Glasgow Life on providing a service to schools based on need.

Every secondary will retain its library but very few will have a full time librarian. This is felt to be the best delivery model based on roll and need.

All  
KC

<p><b>Presentation</b>  'Tomorrow's Council – Changing the Way We Work'  please see attached points from presentation</p> <p>MMK closed by saying that cuts of £35 million will require a great deal of change, none of which will be easy.</p>	
<p><b>National Parent Forum of Scotland (NPFS)</b>  Joanna Murphy (JM) introduced herself as the Glasgow representative for the NPFS. JM started by informing the meeting that she is on a panel of individuals who respond to the evening Times on relevant new stories (predominantly around cuts currently).</p> <p>She reminded the meeting that the HMIE consultation is proposing to send all information to parents electronically. JM urged everyone to respond. The consultation can be found at <a href="http://www.hmie.gov.uk/generic/School+Inspection+Framework+Review">http://www.hmie.gov.uk/generic/School+Inspection+Framework+Review</a></p> <p>The NPFS Conference is on 30<sup>th</sup> October in Bishopbriggs and is focussed on Curriculum for Excellence. Cabinet Secretary for Education, Mike Russell is the keynote speaker. Anyone wanting to attend should go to the NPFS web-site as places are limited.</p> <p>JM asked if it was possible to create special, partly generic emails addresses for each parent council which can be accessed externally and which do not reply on individual's email addresses.</p> <p>New Scottish Government website : <a href="http://www.engageforeducation.org">www.engageforeducation.org</a></p>	KF
<p><b>Scottish Parent Teacher Council (SPTC)</b>  KC introduced herself as Chair of SPTC and reminded everyone that the SPTC Conference and AGM take place on 6<sup>th</sup> November in Dundee. The conference centres around child protection and the new PVG legislation.</p> <p>KF told the meeting that the next set of SPTC training sessions will focus on the same issue. Details will be circulated soon.</p>	KF
<p><b>Next meeting</b>  GPCF Forum Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> February at 7pm. Venue to be confirmed</p>	

Slide 2 - Independant Budget review financial assumptions

Scottish Government's budget will be cut by £3.7 billion or 12.5% over the next spending review period until 2014 to 2015  
Reductions will be largest in 2011 to 2012, £1.7 billion in real terms  
Budgets may not return to the 2009 to 2010 level until 2025 to 2026  
If Health spending is held constant, the non health element will reduce by 20.2% 2014 to 2015

Slide 9 - Savings targets for two years 2011 to 2013

Spending gap - June 2010

£115million (m)

Less full year effects

£14m

Less workforce planning

£11m

£25m

net savings targets over two years

£90m

(7%)

Chief Executive's Office and Corporate Services

£6.1m

Development and Regeneration Services

£1.1m

Education Services

£35.2m

Financial Services

£1.2m

Land and Environmental Services

£8.0m

Social work services

£31.0m

ALEOs

£7.7m

### Slide 11 - Financial Challenges

Education Services Target - next two years: £35m (8%)

Set against cumulative savings of £47m over last 5 years

Continue with service reform and efficiency programme but..

-what do we do less of?

-What do we stop doing?

### Slide 16 - Achievements

Reducing Exclusions - down by half since 2004/2005

Improving attendance in secondary schools

Improvements in the proportion of children at primary and early secondary achieving national assessment early

Improved attainment in SQA exams

Improvements in outcomes from HMIE inspections

### Slide 23 - Priorities

Raising attainment and achievement - closing the gap

Curriculum for Excellence

Early Childhood and Extended Services

ASL policy - inclusion , includes review of ASL

Integrated working

Finance and Resource Management