



# GLASSFORD PRIMARY SCHOOL PARENT COUNCIL

## **Minutes of the Parent Council Meeting held on Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> April 2018 at 7.00pm**

**Members present:** Christine Hall (Secretary/ Chair)  
Anne Anderson  
Janet Ballantyne  
Gordon Innes  
Lee Rogers

**In attendance:** Audrey Donnelly (Head Teacher)  
Lesley Steven (Teaching Staff)  
Lucy Williamson  
Gary Troughton  
Angela Foster

**Secretary:** Christine Hall

### **1. Welcome**

Christine welcomed everyone to meeting.

### **2. Apologies**

Apologies were received from Dawn Hamilton, Councillor Isobel Dorman and Pamela Buchanan.

### **3. Minutes of the Previous Meeting**

Janet Ballantyne proposed, and Anne Anderson seconded the Minutes from the previous meeting.

### **4. Business Arising and Action from Previous Minutes**

The website is progressing – this will be discussed later  
Lorraine to chase up school photo and class photos from photographers  
Playground games – Audrey will advise what is required to be purchased when she knows.

### **5. Chairpersons Report**

Christine was overall satisfied how Parent Council business was being carried out and supported but concerned about how we increase engagement with the wider parent forum. Attendances at meetings have been reduced this year and it's the same few people organising and helping at events. Christine felt a personal approach to parents might encourage them to be part of the Parent Council. As Bill Stewart has now retired, we also have a space on the parent Council for another co-opted person, ideally someone from the village. The next meeting is the AGM – the Committee was asked for suggestions about who could possibly be approached.

## **6. Fundraising Update**

- Awaiting the details of last rag bag bin collection after it was emptied this week.
- Another street collection will be arranged for 14/6/18
- A cheque was received from Easy Fundraising of £19.06 – this was up till Dec 17 although the sum now collected is around £40 which will be handed over in the next payment run.
- School Disco/ party – Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> May 7-8.30. Book School Hall from 6.30-9. Format would be a games night – inside if weather poor and outside in MUGA if weather fine. Tuck shop with crisps, kwenchy cups and snack size sweets on sale. Same entry as last year (£2)

## **7. Head Teacher's Report**

- School budgets have been distributed for 18/19 – most areas similar although materials budget has decreased by £100 to £709.
- Concern was expressed by members of the Parent Council that the number of suppliers on I Procurement meant less choice available for ordering items and this also wasn't cost effective on occasions. If Parent Council can assist with purchasing some items externally at a significantly better price, the PC were willing to help where possible.
- PEF Funding – 17/18 - £2400 but that has increased to £6000 for 18/19 which means some resources will be purchased, and Mrs Brown will be able to spend longer in School over more months, working with the children who need some extra support. This extra support has led to improvements in the last year with the children she is working with one to one.
- Standardised National Assessments for P1, P4 and P7s started today in Glassford, led by Miss Bailkoski and were well received by the pupils.
- It was confirmed that the classroom split next year was likely to be P1/2/3 and P4/5/6/7 with an intake of 1 in August for P1.
- Transition programme to Strathaven Academy for P7's is underway and a teacher from the Maths Dept will be visiting Glassford to see the pupils in class.
- Discussion followed concerning Strathaven Academy and how it was felt to be very positive that SA wanted to settle the new S1s as quickly as possible at a level of teaching they were comfortable with. Also, it was felt that SA increasingly recognised that not every student is academic and may flourish in other more practical ways.
- Lots of Pupils Activities being arranged – football at Hareleeshill today, Orienteering in Strathaven on Friday, Gala football and netball events coming up as well as Multi Sports and Dance classes which have recommenced after Easter. The Activity Week for P6 and P7s week commencing 9/5 is organised.
- Lovell Homes (the Builder who will be building the new estate next to the School) have been in the School working with the pupils to choose names for the new Estate. Lovell Homes is going to come in to do an Assembly about building Sites and the dangers associated with them. They are very keen to work with the School and get the children involved in the whole process. Building to commence this summer.
- Rev Bill Stewart sent a lovely letter of thanks to the School for his gifts received on his retiral.
- Website – Les had further developed the website to allow more access by teachers, PC and pupils however it was agreed that the School wished full control of all areas of the website and this could only be achieved if the whole Site was built on Wordpress or Wix. Audrey agreed to speak to Les to progress this as soon as possible. Anne and Gordon both have skill sets that could aid Les and/or the School if required to get this up and running.

## **8. Any Other Business**

- After School Taxi – after a lot of worry, a new provider (Philip Thomson) was found for the After School taxi though this necessitates the children getting out at 2.45pm. Long term, another provider may be required. Angela will speak to a charitable organisation who can provide drivers who may be able to use the Community Bus to see if this could be workable.
- Time Capsule – the School have started to put things in the Time Capsule and can continue to add things as required.

- Questionnaire Review – mostly positive responses and a good number of returns. Audrey will ask for volunteers in next newsletter to form a small focus group to work through a few points that were raised.
- A question was raised regarding the difference uses of the School Facebook page and group. It was explained that the School Parent Forum Group only allowed known current parents or carers to have access; but the School Facebook page had open access. It was agreed to use the page for advertising events and good causes and add photos to the closed parent forum group as a record of events. Anne and Christine would remove any necessary photos from the Facebook page.
- Audrey was going to be discussing food waste issues at a Learning Community Meeting – there is a lot of food waste in the kitchen because some items can only be ordered in large quantities eg tomato sauce for pasta. Anything not used that day must be thrown out. If there is no progress from the LC Meeting, the PC will try to pursue this wasteful cost.
- It was confirmed that the PC would £10 per P7 towards a Leavers night out.
- It was noted that various Race for Life events were being held in the near future and could Glassford participate. We have a stash of medals that we were unable to use last year and it was felt we could do something with these during health week.

## **9. Date & Time of Next Meeting**

The next meeting is the AGM and it is planned for Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> August 2018 at 7.00pm in Glassford School. However, it was suggested that in the new term, we could try moving the nights of the meetings to boost attendance also.

Christine then closed the meeting at approx. 9.15pm with thanks to everyone for attending.