



GLASSFORD PRIMARY SCHOOL PARENT COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parent Council Meeting held on Wednesday 7th March 2018 at 7.00pm

Members present: Christine Hall (Secretary/ Chair)
Rev Bill Stewart
Anne Anderson
Janet Ballantyne
Pamela Buchanan

In attendance: Audrey Donnelly (Head Teacher)
Rachel Goldie (Teaching Staff)
Laura Anne Bailkoski (Teaching Staff)
Donna Troughton

Secretary: Christine Hall

1. Welcome

Christine welcomed everyone to meeting.

2. Apologies

Apologies were received from Gordon Innes, Lee Rogers and Dawn Hamilton

3. Minutes of the Previous Meeting

Anne Anderson proposed, and Rev Bill Stewart seconded the Minutes from the previous meeting.

4. Business Arising and Action from Previous Minutes

- The Parents Questionnaire has been distributed and responses will be discussed later in the meeting
- Christine and Anne also worked together to produce a PC Newsletter
- The new format class newsletter has been used
- The 5 Kindles have been purchased
- P7 Leavers – Lynne Urquhart is speaking to the other parents re night out plans
- Education Resources Committee – Christine has attended an Interview but no further details yet
- Councillor Campbell did clarify in local media that there are no plans to change catchment areas for the Academy or local schools other than the 2 requests currently in process re changes connected to the A71 development at Strathaven and Barrat houses at Stonehouse – this seems to have quelled rumours.

Actions

Audrey still to progress with Les details re website move

5. Chairpersons Report

There was little to report that wouldn't be discussed through the meeting other than to invite any other parents along to the Parent Council Focus Group Meeting run by SLC at Council Offices on 15/03/18 at 6.30pm.

6. Fundraising Update

- £62 raised from last Ragbag bin collection
- Plans in place for Ragbag street collection next week
- Daffodil tea as per last year in Church Hall after Easter Service. Anne to make up a hamper (budget £15 in place) – baking, daffodils etc to be arranged closer to the date. Christine to put sign up on railing.

7. Head Teacher's Report

- 3 day disruption from snow last week but Council made right decision this time and communication was good
- Audrey volunteered for the school to take part in a pilot scheme for the Standardised National Assessments which involved other classes other than P1, P4 and P7 trialling the programme. P1, P4 and P7 will be undertaking these assessments for real in May and then the results will enable Glassford to be compared to other Schools. This pilot was very worthwhile as it showed that whilst the children may be able to answer the questions, some perhaps struggled with the computer aspect. Teaching staff will be focussing on this angle to the benefit of all children in the next few months.
- Activity Week for P6 and P7 is 9-11 May
- Transition process already underway to prepare P7's for their move to Academy
- Parents Questionnaire
In advance of an anticipated HMI Inspection within next 2 years, the questionnaire was distributed and so far 16 responses have been received. Whilst the scoring was generally very positive, there are some areas that were marked down and some comments made that should be looked into. It would help the School longer term if some questions such as 'the school organises activities for my child and I to learn together' or 'schools take my views into account' were explored further by a group of parents. Audrey suggested a focus group of parents be drawn together after Easter who could research how either activities that are happening could be better presented to families or what different methods could be used. Audrey will send a note out asking for volunteers and we will progress after that.
- World Book Day tokens have been distributed to all children and Christine has managed to get books with the extra tokens for the School Library.

8. Any Other Business

- Playground games – do we need dice, counters, chess pieces etc to use? Audrey to investigate and let us know what is required
- School Photos – class and whole school proofs still to be returned to families for ordering
- After School Taxi – the current provider may be retiring at Easter (dependant on house sale). There was a possibility of using Xtra (Glassford Rural bus) however the cost would be £45 per trip which is unfeasible. Currently no other avenues to explore. A suggestion was made to ask in Glassford if anyone would be willing to volunteer to drive Community bus.
- This would be Rev Bill Stewarts last time attending the Parent Council Meetings as he moves into a well deserved retirement at Easter. Thanks were extended to Rev Stewart for his invaluable support to the School in a variety of ways over such a long number of years.

9. Date & Time of Next Meeting

The next meeting is planned for Wednesday 25th April 2018 at 7.00pm in Glassford School.

Christine then closed the meeting at approx. 8.35pm with thanks to everyone for attending.