



GLASSFORD PRIMARY SCHOOL

Minutes of the Parent Council Meeting held on Wednesday 14th November 2018 at 7.00pm

Members present: Gordon Innes (Chairman)
Christine Hall (Secretary)
Anne Anderson
Les Hoggan
Pamela Buchanan

In attendance: Audrey Donnelly (Head Teacher)
Gary Troughton
Linzi Fallow
Angela Foster

1. Welcome

Gordon welcomed everyone to the meeting

2. Apologies

Apologies were received from Rev Shaw Paterson, Elaine Richardson, Lucy Williamson, Dawn Hamilton., Louise Caithness, & Janet Ballantyne.

3. Minutes of the Previous Meeting

Anne Anderson proposed, and Lee Rogers seconded the Minutes from the previous meeting.

4. Action from Previous Minutes

No business arising from the last Minutes

Actions

Kindle covers and subscriptions still to be bought – Mrs Donnelly to pass details to Christine

Book People have been booked for Spring Parents Night

Mrs Donnelly has been unable to speak to anyone at SLC about Beehives but will progress by Spring

5. Correspondence

Request from John Marshall asking for the Parent Council to provide a letter of support for a potential expansion to the current Lovell development next to the School

(It was agreed that as most of the members were actually not in support of this that a letter of support would not be provided. There is no guarantee that extra houses would equate to extra pupils within the School and while this would be positive, it was felt that a bigger development would put further strain on inadequate roads and the village community. If a planning application is forthcoming, individuals will be encouraged to make their objections or support known.)

6. Chairpersons Report

There was nothing that wouldn't be discussed through the course of the meeting.

7. Fundraising Update

- We have received £61.60 from a recent Ragbag collection in Oct and a further street collection has been arranged for tomorrow morning.
- Bagpacking slot booked for Friday 7/12/18 at Sainsburys 4-7pm. However, Sainsburys now wish all collectors to be from an approved Charity and thus, this may not go ahead. If not, we could consider approaching ASDA in Larkhall in Spring as an alternative
- Halloween Disco/ Party went very well with around 35 children in attendance and good behaviour. Approx £90 profit made with plenty refreshments left over for cinema trip earlier this week.
- Our Peter Rabbit Bonfire Guy won 2nd prize and £50 and has escaped the fire this year as the actual Bonfire was cancelled due to high winds.
- Christmas Fayre – Fri 23rd Nov 6-8pm. Plans all in hand. Still seeking a few volunteers but a leaflet has went out asking for some help. Hopefully some P6 and P7s could assist also with some activities. We're looking for homebaking donations – thank you to the School for numerous letters with pleas for this. We've completed a leaflet drop and have a fancy new banner on the school railings advertising our event. Set up from 4pm. Plenty cheap kids activities as well as sales stalls, teas and coffees etc. Mrs Donnelly agreed to send out 2 books of raffle tickets to each child (with no obligation to buy) to hopefully raise some funds from friends and families not coming to the Fayre.

8. Head Teacher's Report

- Thank you to the parents who participated in the Active Literacy demonstrations at Parents Night – these were well received and felt to be useful to demonstrate how basic concepts were used in class.
- Mrs Donnelly has a meeting with Lovell tomorrow (Thurs) to develop plans for involving the children in the work going on from a 'World of Work' point of view. Some aspects of the building work could be tied to the Curriculum then reinforced through a possible site visit.
- Active Literacy – the teaching staff are working very hard on this and have had some time out for some continual professional development.
- Loose Parts Play – the delivery of loose parts arrived and now training will take place with staff before children are allowed to use it (after signing of a consent form)
- The First Ministers Reading Challenge was launched last week, and the Pupil Council have been discussing ideas to jazz it up to encourage children to read and develop a love of reading for life. The first idea is to provide simple awards for the number of books read. The Strathaven Librarian will also be coming to School to read some books to the children.
- Christmas Party – 18th Dec
- Coffee & Carols – 13th and 14th Dec
- 3 of our P4-7 class won Highly Commended awards in the SLC Road Safety calendar Competition which is a fantastic achievement amongst the hundreds of entries.
- Strathaven Academy have been continuing work on the selection of values across the Learning Community by asking for parental thoughts via a surveymonkey questionnaire. 2 Pupil Council members attended a meeting last week to work with other children on this topic also.

9. Any Other Business

- Multi Sports classes have been arranged on Tuesdays after School for P1-3s
- Les suggested that occasionally some pupils might like to write a small report for Echoes on a trip or activity, in addition to Christines round up. Photographs are always welcomed to
- There will be another collection for the Foodbank in December before the term finishes.

10. Date & Time of Next Meeting

The next meeting will take place Tuesday 15th January 2019 at 7.00pm in Glassford School.

Gordon then closed the meeting at 8.00pm with thanks to everyone for attending.