



# GLASSFORD PRIMARY SCHOOL PARENT COUNCIL

## **Minutes of the Parent Council Meeting held on Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> October 2018 at 7.00pm**

**Members present:** Gordon Innes (Chairman)  
Christine Hall (Secretary)  
Anne Anderson  
Lucy Williamson  
Janet Ballantyne  
Les Hoggan

**In attendance:** Audrey Donnelly (Head Teacher)  
Rachel Goldie (Teaching Staff)  
Louise Caithness  
Linzi Fallow

### **1. Welcome**

Gordon welcomed everyone to the meeting

### **2. Apologies**

Apologies were received from Rev Shaw Paterson, Lee Rogers, Dawn Hamilton & Donna Troughton.

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

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

### **4. Action from Previous Minutes**

No business arising from the last Minutes

#### Actions

Website – still waiting on Council to do their update – their staff are limited so it will take time  
Playground games equipment – to be reviewed in Spring 19

### **5. Correspondence**

E-mails from Les Hoggan and Rev Shaw Paterson accepting to be co-opted members on the PC.

### **6. Chairpersons Report**

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

### **7. Fundraising Update**

- We have received £75.60 from Ragbag collection in August and a street collection has been arranged for 15/11/18

- Bagpacking slot booked for Friday 7/12/18 at Sainsburys 4-7pm. Not an ideal slot but our options were very limited at Sainsburys only allow bagpacking during December now.
- Halloween Disco/ Party booked for Friday 26/10 7-8.30 within the School. The usual tuck shop, fancy dress and games will be arranged. £2 entry per child.
- A meeting has taken place regarding the Xmas Fayre. Organised for Fri 23/11 6-8pm. More details will follow but the usual stalls, teas, raffle and tombola plus some kids activities will be arranged.

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

- As already mentioned, the School Improvement plan will focus on 2 areas due to limited teaching staff – these are (a) Active Literacy and (b) Legislation concerning inclusion and equality. However, the School is also working alongside other Schools within the learning community to develop the Learning Community Improvement Plan. This is being led by Strathaven Academy headteacher, Mr Kevin Boyd. He wishes to revisit the values and vision of the whole Learning Community so that every establishment in the area works to the same principles. There will be a joint PC meeting held between 9-10am on 13<sup>th</sup> Feb where a representative of each PC will be encouraged to attend. There will then be a follow up meeting on 21<sup>st</sup> February 7-8pm within the Academy where all PC members will be invited.
- Activity Week – there was a very positive response to the Lockerbie Manor proposal, so this be going ahead in Feb 19 for all 3 schools.
- Active Literacy being developed well. The School is looking to purchase some additional resources to reinforce some concepts.
- There is also the possibility of introducing some demonstrations around Active Literacy at Parents Night on 7<sup>th</sup> November.
- On 29/8/18 – the Scottish Government launched a dashboard within Parentzone Scotland which shows many statistics for all publicly funded Schools across Scotland. However data is not published for classes under 21 in size because of the real possibility of individual childrens abilities being identified. Anyone prospective parent looking to evaluate local schools should of course use all available information and not only the detail contained here. The information currently shown is for the 2017/2018 school year and is based on detail submitted yearly by Headteachers. It should be noted that the standardised assessments results for P1, P4 and P7 will not be shown via this dashboard as they are carried out by a separate organisation.

## **9. Any Other Business**

- Education Resources Committee Update – Christine sits on this Committee as a parent rep and noted some interesting points that had been discussed:
  - All children entitled to free school meals and the clothing grant will automatically be entitled from this year without having to complete a separate application form. Also, the clothing grant has been increased from £50 to £100
  - Foundation Apprenticeships and Gradu8 programs for S4, S5 and S6 offer pupils at High School who may not be traditionally academic, the opportunity to study more vocational courses which will be widely recognised.
  - The Scottish Government National Action Plan on parental involvement and parental engagement is called Learning Together and seeks to lead all establishments to work better together.
- School Kindles x 5 – it was agreed to purchase covers to extend their life and also sign up for 2 subscriptions to enable apps to be downloaded which can be used alongside current work such as big cat reading books.
- £500 will be passed to the School for funds to cover expenditure on buses, and other incidentals
- Anne is trying to arrange for the Book people to have their books available to buy or order at Parents Night
- School Photographer booked for March 19
- Outdoor Education – The School was successful in a grant application for £500 for Loose Parts Play which encourages children to problem solve and build resilience using everyday things such as pipes, tyres, bricks or buckets. Training will take place at the end of October for the teachers and once the risk assessments are in place, it is hoped the pupils will want to play with this equipment naturally at breaks as well as at structured times.

- Mrs Donnelly has been speaking to a beekeeper in Sandford who enquired about the possibility of siting some bee hives at Glassford. This was felt to be a great idea but the idea needs to be approved by SLC before going ahead.
- The Gala Court Selection Disco will be held on Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> November.
- Multi Sports class has commenced again on Friday for children in P4-P7 and it hoped that by Spring we could source some Netball and football coaches to help the children prepare for the Gala competitions.
- The Golf festival scheduled in September was postponed till June 19 due to poor weather
- The Rugby sessions were cancelled because of issues with coaches availability at the Rugby Club

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

The next meeting will take place Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> November 2018 at 7.00pm in Glassford School.

Gordon then closed the meeting at 8.15pm with thanks to everyone for attending.