



# GLASSFORD PRIMARY SCHOOL

## Minutes of the Parent Council Meeting held on Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> May 2019 at 7.00pm

**Members present:** Gordon Innes (Chairman)  
Christine Hall (Secretary)  
Anne Anderson

**In attendance:** Audrey Donnelly (Head Teacher)  
Rachel Goldie (Teaching staff)  
Lucy Williamson  
Cllr Isobel Dorman

### 1. Welcome

Gordon welcomed everyone to the meeting

### 2. Apologies

Apologies were received from Dawn Hamilton, Janet Ballantyne, Lee Rogers, Pamela Buchanan & Rev Shaw Paterson

### 3. Minutes of the Previous Meeting

Anne proposed, and Gordon seconded the Minutes from the previous meeting.

### 4. Action from Previous Minutes

No business arising from the last Minutes

#### Actions

Kindle Subscriptions will be organised after the summer break

Tea Urn still to be purchased – Christine

Confirmation that Easy payment payments have been made directly to bank account

### 5. Correspondence

None received

### 6. Fundraising

- £134.40 from ragbag street collection in March and another street collection has been arranged for 18<sup>th</sup> June. This continues to be a good fundraiser for funds. The bin has been emptied this week as well
- The Childrens summer party/ disco will be held on Thurs 30<sup>th</sup> May 7-8.30, hall has been booked from 6-9pm. We will use MUGA if good weather. Christine will purchase tuck items (Incl enough for Sports Day the next week) and Anne/ Christine will work on games/ activities. £2 per head entry.
- Christine will phone Council and ask them to cut grass in advance of School Sports Day
- £4250 current bank balance

### 7. School Improvement Plan

- Work is always ongoing on the SIP. Learning Community SIP is still being developed – potentially Mental Health could be an area of focus for next year.
- Equality Inclusion paperwork being developed
- Visions and Values work at Strathaven Academy was worthwhile. The strapline with the most votes was ‘Together we Thrive’ and artwork is now being prepared to enable this to be launched in the Learning Community.
- Big focus this year on Active Literacy and the School is seeing results from this drive. Planning already for 19/20 and how we can use it even better to benefit the classes.
- Cost of School Day Toolkit – we have reviewed what we do in relation to this and feel we already have taken steps to minimise extra costs. However, we are aware, improvements could always be made, and we will review areas like school trips, fun events days and home learning. Audrey needs to submit a statement to the Council on this toolkit. We have introduced a uniform swap shop but if parents need replacement items and don’t have an item to swap, this is OK.

## **8. Supporting Childrens Learning**

- PEF (Pupil Equity Fund) – this is being used as 1-1 time with support teachers and is making a good difference
- Health focus in June will be on nutrition, sports and walks. Enhanced Transition Programme for some P7’s who continue to be anxious about the move to the Academy, to enable their fears to be alleviated.
- World of Work. Lovell are being rather slow and a bit reluctant to collaborate on this, but Audrey will continue to speak to them.
- VSE (Voluntary Self Evaluation) visit next week which the staff have all been preparing for. The School is looking for re-assurance that what they generally are doing and planning is correct and in accordance with guidelines.
- National Numeracy Day – the School have circulated activities to highlight this
- Standardised Assessments for P1, P4 and P7 – these are ongoing and are seen by the children as a computer activity rather than a formal assessment.

## **9. Celebrating Success**

- New awards are being introduced for the Assemblies in line with the School values – Respectful Award, Kindness award and Responsible award.
- Tennis Competition – excellent to see Glassford represented and doing well
- P4-7’s also took part in a football tournament and played with good attitude.
- There will be a musical showcase for P4-7s in June led by Mrs Cunningham
- As a treat for the children at the end of term and to reward the winning house, it has been suggested that an inflatable be booked with the house winners getting a slightly longer turn. Mrs Goldie will investigate costs and if sensible, it was agreed the PC would cover the cost of this. Possibly Tues 25<sup>th</sup> June.

## **10. Business**

- 3 Primary 1 new pupils due to start in August – 2 from catchment and one placement request. Plus, one P6 pupil moving to the area. Possibility of 2 more placing requests being granted. If this happens, this could mean the P1-P4 classroom will only have 2 spaces which is disappointing considering the number of new houses awaiting to be sold which could mean more children for the School, that may not be able to be accommodated. Moving the P4s into the 2<sup>nd</sup> classroom would mean there would only be 2 spaces in that class instead. The Parent Council will write to the Education Department to highlight our concerns if these placing requests are accepted. It is important to note, we are in support of the placing requests being accepted, the problem we have is with the spare capacity in the classrooms for 19/20 year and would be keen for a third classroom so that all new children to the area could be accommodated.

- It has been confirmed that the Breakfast Club pilot will continue in 19/20 and will be rolled out to all Schools in South Lanarkshire – the number attending at Glassford continue to be good and above the average.
- Lovell wish the School to decorate a 8x4feet wooden board for a Competition by the end of May however competition details are brief. Audrey to try and obtain clarification and parents will be assist if required with decoration or painting.
- £15 will be made available per P7 attending the night out. Christine to confirm with Hazel Bookham. Hoodies, if wished, will be organised by the parents.

#### **11. Any Other Competent Business**

- No plans to run Bikeability this year however a lunchtime Cycling group may be convened to go over the basics of Bikeability.
- Gardening Day – Wed 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2.45-3.45. Any spare plants, large pots and parental help would be much appreciated. A letter will be circulated to families this week.
- Education Resources Committee Update – SLC continues to work towards introducing 1140 hours per nursery child from Aug 2020 but Aug 2019 should see a phased increase in hours for most nurseries. Also, children who turn 3 between Sep 1<sup>st</sup> and Feb 28<sup>th</sup> will now get their Nursery place the following week instead of waiting till the next term.

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

The next meeting of Glassford Parent Council will be the Annual General Meeting, and this is scheduled for Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> August 2019 at 7pm within Glassford School.

Gordon then closed the meeting at 8.10pm with thanks to everyone for attending.