



# GLASSFORD PRIMARY SCHOOL

## Minutes of the Parent Council Meeting held on Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> October 2019 at 7.00pm

**Members present:** Gordon Innes (Chairman)  
Christine Hall (Secretary)  
Anne Anderson  
Angela Foster  
Janet Hamilton  
Donna Storry

**In attendance:** Audrey Donnelly (Head Teacher)  
Cllr Isobel Dorman  
Les Hoggan  
Gary Troughton

### 1. Welcome

Gordon welcomed everyone to the meeting

### 2. Apologies

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

### 3. Minutes of the Previous Meeting

Janet proposed, and Isobel seconded the Minutes from the previous meeting.

### 4. Actions from Previous Minutes

- Gardening Open Areas/ Allotment – Angela Foster has identified two areas (at bottom of Kirkstyle Places/ Larkhall Road and the Washing Green across from the church. It was agreed that Angela would speak to Thomas Murdoch at SLC with a rough outline of what we were thinking about. Once it progresses, we may be eligible to apply for micro grants or to the windfarm for money.
- Mind Marvels/ Mindfulness – it was decided at the last Learning Community Meeting that this area wouldn't be pursued as a group. However, it still could be something Glassford could arrange if desired. Christine to find out more from the Company re costs/ what where/ how many and report back
- Prices have been received from Captures Photography. It was agreed the offering looks good and that Audrey should book after the February holidays.

### 5. Correspondence

None received

### 6. Fundraising

- £66 from rag bag bin collection on 04/9/19 and a street collection has been arranged for Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> November.
- A Christmas table Centerpiece class has been arranged for 17/12 – this will be run by Stephanie Wheatcroft of the Flowercroft and there are 20 spaces @ £30 each.

- £500 has been passed to the School to purchase more reading materials for Active Literacy
- Sainsburys Bag Packing Slot arranged for Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> December
- Plans are in hand to build a Bonfire Guy for the Strathaven Bonfire again
- Confirmation that we have raised over £142 via Easy Fundraising since we started it – more people could be encouraged to use it
- Xmas Fayre Planning meeting took place for Fayre on 22/11/19. All plans in hand and Lee has secured payment for most of the stalls already. Looking for donations for the childrens tombola from school families please. The Community group might like to tie in the Christmas tree lighting up ceremony with the Fayre – Claire Miller will be in touch

## **7. School Improvement Plan**

- Staff training has taken place for Active Literacy for the new members of teaching staff
- Audrey is attending a meeting on 02/10 with the other rural schools in our learning community re Active Literacy
- Audrey plans to run Literacy activities at parents Night similar to last year to let parents see the methods and resources in use
- Health and Wellbeing module has not started yet as still waiting on updated materials

### Learning Community Improvement Plan

- Continuation of last years work on Values and Vision and the big launch is scheduled for Monday 28th October at the Academy– possibly 2 PC members will be asked to attend to represent our School
- Pupil Council members have already attended a planning event regarding the launch
- There is going to be a ‘Respect Me’ week – shift of focus from no bullying to respect me instead.
- The next stage is possibly looking at a Vision statement

## **8. Supporting Childrens Learning**

- The Book camp was well received the last time it was run so we plan to run this again. If any tents are required, let PC know and we will see what we can procure.
- The Library in Strathaven seems much more proactive in arranging events and we aim to take advantage of a couple of these to raise the focus of reading within the School.
- Reading is the main focus for this year. The teachers are running a ‘Reading River’ where children read with a partner daily across a ‘river’

## **9. Celebrating Success**

- The pupil council pupils are representing the School well
- JRSO pupils visited Chatelheault for training
- P4s are being buddies for Primary 1s at playtime
- Interim Reports have been distributed and were generally very positive
- Snapshot jotters are being worked on this week and will be sent home next week
- After Schools Sports Clubs starting after the October holidays along with Knitting Club
- The Senior pupils attended a very good golf days that was delayed from May due to weather
- Handball festival Friday 11th October
- Curling for P5-P7 on 15th and 22nd November
- Playleaders have been appointed to lead play at breaks

## **10. Business**

- The School website has been updated and we aim to update the PC part as regularly as we can and keep the calendar of diary dates up to date.
- Christine is now putting copies of all the letters that come home with the children onto the Facebook parent forum in case any letters get lost en route.
- A letter asking parents and families not to park in the playground at 3pm is getting sent home tomorrow as the playground is increasingly very busy with cars alongside the taxis and bus. Please encourage

people not to be bring their cars in. If problem persists, we could ask JRSO's to speak to people. Christine to ask SLC is there is any signage we could use to limit playground access.

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

- Glassford Planter at roundabout – it was agreed Christine would buy some plants and compost and arrange a date with School to plant the planter – perhaps this could be an annual event if funding could be sourced
- Gambling Awareness letter received from a company called Fast Forward offering a training session. This was felt to be worthwhile but not wholly appropriate for Primary School children.
- Angela Foster had been presented with a Plaque by Lisa Cameron MP to mark the 80<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Glassford Gala – this will be displayed in the School but can be moved to the Village Hall if required for an event.
- At the last meeting we mentioned that we would like idea for what we could potentially invest in and spend some of the funds accumulated. Ideas submitted included Bike Shelter (Audrey to enquire with Marion Logan at SLC if we are still due one); bottle greenhouse; vegetable or flower raised beds. Once we know more about the 'allotment plan', these ideas could be reviewed.

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

The next meeting of Glassford Parent Council will be Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2019 at 7pm within Glassford School.

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