



GLASSFORD PRIMARY SCHOOL

Minutes of the Parent Council Meeting held on Tuesday 3rd December 2019 at 7.00pm

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

In attendance: Audrey Donnelly (Head Teacher)

1. Welcome

Gordon welcomed everyone to the meeting

2. Apologies

Apologies were received from Lee Rogers, Donna & Gary Troughton, Rev Shaw Paterson, Cllr Isobel Dorman, Angela Foster, Janet Hamilton & Louise Caithness

3. Minutes of the Previous Meeting

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

4. Actions from Previous Minutes

- Gardening Open Areas/ Allotment – awaiting update from Angela Foster
- Mind Marvels/ Mindfulness – awaiting updated details from Lee Rogers.
- Glassford Xmas lights switch on took place separate to Xmas fayre and went well
- Traffic in playground at 3pm – situation has improved but banners are due to be erected by Council. Audrey will also enquire about railings along edge of payment opposite pedestrian entrance at road.
- The roundabout planter was replanted and Christine will investigate funding opportunities for future years

5. Correspondence

None received

6. Fundraising

- £44.80 from rag bag bin collection on 08/11/19 and £212.80 from street collection on 22/11/19
- Approx £100 raised from the Halloween Disco which ran very smoothly and all the children are to be commended for their behaviour and excellent costumes.
- Sainsburys Bag Packing Slot arranged for Thursday 5th December, 4-6pm, Christine and Anne will organise rota
- Guy McCoo Bonfire Guy won 1st prize and £75 for funds
- No RCV at Reindeer Day this year as event plan has changed due to xmas light switch on but Christine has offered to steward for 2 hours.

- Xmas Fayre – raised approximately £1100 and was a good and busy night with lovely mix of stalls and activities for children. Still some stock to sell at Christmas Show and also raised approx. £54 from personalised mugs. Thank you to everyone for their support – fantastic funds raised.

7. School Improvement Plan

- Reading is the focus in conjunction with Active Literacy. There was a good moderation activity on the Inservice day with the other small schools in the learning community.
- Book fair was well supported and the children enjoyed a reading ‘bookcamp’ with some parents reading stories too. Friday is library day where children are encouraged to borrow a school library book to read.
- Also looking at the skills around reading like comprehension – this does present some challenges with multi composite classes but the teachers are coping well.

Learning Community Improvement Plan

- The Visions and Values launch went very well with Glassford pupils fully participating. The new branding has been received by the School and Audrey has circulated it to Anne for inclusion on the website where possible.
- The Academy had a recent big focus on Anti Bullying and Glassford also considered the same issue but in a different way – Glassford concentrated on Respect yourself and others instead of bullying and this was received well.

8. Supporting Childrens Learning

- Audrey carried out official class visits which were very useful and provided some planning and development points.
- The equipment bought with Laura Ann Bailkoskis legacy (a grant for Food technology she had applied for) has started to arrive. The equipment includes ovens and fridges and hopefully the children can get involved in ‘cooking’. In January, the School plans to look at food and how it gets to the shops from the farm and incorporate a farm visit. It was suggested Overton Farm might be suitable with farm animals, fruit, veg and a butchery there.
- Christine attended the Parents as Partners Conference which was interesting. It highlighted ways of encouraging parents to get involved in their childrens learning from home and there were some ideas we may be able to look at in the future.
- It is hoped to hold an Eco event next Spring and tie it in with Bicycle checks. We have some bikes kept at school for pupils use but Audrey will hopefully use her contacts to get these serviced before bikeability

9. Celebrating Success

Children have participated in curling coaching, a netball tournament and finished their swimming lessons block.

More transition activities in the New Year which all P7’s will be encouraged to attend

Nativity rehearsals going well and thanks to the various parents who have helped with scenery and costumes

Rory (P7) and Erin (P3) won prizes in the Reindeer Day poster competition

Matthew H (P6) submitted his suggestion of Spready Mercury to the Roads Department in a Council Competition and was a winner which means one of the gritters will be named with his suggestion.

Very successful parents night with good attendance

10. Business – Cost of SchoolDay Toolkit

- The School next summer needs to write a statement in conjunction with the Parent Council evaluating the Cost of the School Day. Audrey has already completed a first draft but to further prepare, we would like to distribute a survey to parents to highlight what areas we could target to help reduce the hidden costs associated with school.

- We discussed the survey templates in detail and agreed Audrey would consolidate the relevant parts and it would be circulated in January with the hope that the results could be reviewed at the next PC Meeting.
- It was generally felt Glassford as a School had already taken steps in a lot of areas to reduce costs and that we were already quite aware of the issues some families may face. However there are still areas we could develop.

11. Any Other Competent Business

- The grassy areas at the School have eventually been cut and the workmen took care round the trees. We will check the trees in the Spring and remove any that have not survived and decide if we wish to plant more. A groundmen from the Parks department in Strathaven is going to sow some wildflower areas next year around the trees. Hopefully the grass will now flourish with regular maintenance.

12. Date & Time of Next Meeting

The next meeting of Glassford Parent Council will be Tuesday 4th February 2020 at 7pm within Glassford School.

Gordon then closed the meeting at 8.20pm with thanks to everyone for attending.