



GLASSFORD PRIMARY SCHOOL

Minutes of the Parent Council Meeting held on Tuesday 4th February 2020 at 7.00pm

Members present: Gordon Innes (Chairman)
Christine Hall (Secretary)
Anne Anderson
Lee Rogers
Angela Foster
Janet Hamilton

In attendance: Audrey Donnelly (Head Teacher)

1. Welcome

Gordon welcomed everyone to the meeting

2. Apologies

Apologies were received from Donna Storry, Donna & Gary Troughton, Rev Shaw Paterson & Cllr Isobel Dorman

3. Minutes of the Previous Meeting

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

4. Actions from Previous Minutes

- Gardening Open Areas/ Allotment – Angelas email went unanswered so she will now phone to speak to someone.
- Mind Marvels/ Mindfulness – information was provided – Lee will speak with Karen from Mind marvels and try to arrange 2 one hour sessions on two days split into half hours for each class during a Wed afternoon.
- Still awaiting traffic signs for playground entrance from Lesley Yule.
- Hopscotch Pantomime was booked for Sandford, Gilmourton and Glassford – the PC paid 1/3 of the cost.

5. Correspondence

- E-mail from Tom Barbour re Climate Change Action Group re a protest on 14/02. It was agreed Christine was put the details on the parent forum on FB and onto the website if anyone wished to attend. The School are independently learning about some aspects of this issue at a suitable Primary level.
- Christine and Gordon attended a meeting with Audrey and Lesley Yule regarding the Photocopier costs. In brief, the colour printer has broken down and won't be replaced and SLC require us to enter into a contract for 5 years for a colour photocopier at a much higher cost which they suggested the PC should be covering the difference. Awaiting contact from Lesley Yule regarding the outcome.

6. Fundraising

- £48.00 from rag bag bin collection on 22/01/20 – next street collection has been arranged for 17/03/20
- Approx £142 taken in donations from Hey Ewe Nativity
- Approx £50 raised from Xmas Table Centerpiece class
- £246.32 raised at Sainsburys backpack – Lee to confirm Sainsburys has paid this into our Account
- Bank Balance currently approx. £4500

It was agreed Spring party/ Disco would be booked for Thursday 21/05/20

No other fundraising events planned currently

A letter was received from Lisa Cameron MSP congratulating our Bonfire Guy success.

7. School Improvement Plan

- New member of staff to cover Mrs Hillis sick leave – Mrs Wright for P1-4 2 day a week till mid March
- Currently 6 Primary 1s expected to start in August.
- A school traffic audit took place – no issues to highlight. Audrey requested that a railing be erected on the pavement edge across from the pedestrian entrance to prevent any children running directly onto the road.
- SLC have published a new ‘Guide for Parent Councils’ and a document re Parental Involvement which are both available online if you wish to study them. Staff will use some time on in-service days to assess what could be implemented.
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Learning Community Improvement Plan

- Strathaven Academy are working with the whole learning Community in ‘Developing The Young Workforce’. This comes from a wider awareness of the need to equip children with the actual skills that the jobs in the future will require. Through topic work children at Glassford already learn about the world of work but staff will look at publications on the Inservice days and see how Glassford could benefit.

8. Supporting Childrens Learning

- Literacy will be the focus this term with the staff looking to introduce story sacks again along with activities during book week in March including something along the lines of ‘share a million stories’ and a readathon
- Audrey requested some money to buy new shorter novel type books for the senior classes from Collins. This was agreed.
- Health & Wellbeing – a visit has been arranged to Craighorn Farm and Kittochside using the Food technology grant. Children have been enjoying cooking and food classes and it is anticipated there will be some learning with some tasks getting set as home learning.

9. Celebrating Success

- The children all really enjoyed visiting Sandford Primary to see Mother Goose pantomime and it was good to mix with the other schools too.
- The P7 transition programme is progressing well with a sports club on Monday afternoons and visits to the Academy planned.
- The Foodbank were overwhelmed with the Foodbank Collection we gathered before Christmas and sent a card of thanks to the School and the wider community
- The Christmas Nativity Hey Ewe was very well supported across the 3 performances and the whole school gained a real buzz from the performances and from the feedback thereafter. A great team effort from teachers, other staff and parents in bringing it all together.
- Weekly Awards continue to be presented at Assembly for Respect, Responsibility and Kindness

10. Business

- **Cost of SchoolDay Toolkit** - A survey has been circulated with regards to the Cost of the School Day. Once all the responses have been received, these will be reviewed and fed back to the Committee.
- The children have designed posters as part of a competition for the Fairtrade coffee morning
- 1820 radical uprising – The School has been invited to get involved in some way but we are awaiting more information
- Sainsburys Strathaven 10th Birthday celebrations – the School has been invited to design a cake as part of this celebration – this may be set as a home learning project
- Cross County Training has commenced on Fridays in preparation for the Competition at the end of February
- A Tennis Tournament will take place
- Multi sports classes have again been organised on a Friday after school for P1-3 and P4-7.

11. Any Other Competent Business

School Photos – Audrey will ask the Office to chase this booking up for March/ April with Captures Photography.

12. Date & Time of Next Meeting

The next meeting of Glassford Parent Council will be Tuesday 28th April 2020 at 7pm within Glassford School.

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

Note – Links to the two documents to assist parents and parent councils published by SLC are included below:

https://www.southlanarkshire.gov.uk/downloads/file/13457/parents_as_partners_-_strategy_2019

https://www.southlanarkshire.gov.uk/downloads/file/13458/parents_as_partners_-_introductory_guide_for_parent_councils_2019