



# GLASSFORD PRIMARY SCHOOL

## Minutes of the Parent Council Meeting

held on Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> January 2021 at 7.00pm

(via Zoom)

**Members present:** Gordon Innes (Chairman)  
Christine Hall (Secretary)  
Anne Anderson  
Donna Storry  
Janet Ballantyne  
Lee Rogers

**In attendance:** Audrey Donnelly (Head Teacher), Rachel Goldie, Rev Shaw Paterson, Councillor Isobel Dorman

### 1. Welcome

Gordon welcomed everyone to the meeting, held again via Zoom because of the current restrictions still in place in visiting the school as well as meeting in groups.

### 2. Apologies

Apologies were received from Donna Troughton, Les Hoggan and Councillor Margaret Cooper

### 3. Minutes of the Previous Meeting

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

### 4. Actions from Previous Minutes

- None that wouldn't be covered through the meeting.

### 5. Correspondence

None received.

### 6. Fundraising

- The remittances were received for the large rag bag collection at the end of November which totalled £1054.40 which was a great result.
- The next ragbag street collection will be 4<sup>th</sup> March 21.
- No other plans for fundraising are currently in place.

### 7. School Recovery Plan

- The School Recovery Plan has once again been updated jointly by all the schools in the Learning Community, since this new lockdown commenced. The benefits of updating this jointly is that it saves time as all the Schools face the same broad challenges and it also means that all the Schools are working to the same model and offering a broadly similar solution. The main updates concern the agreed use of google meet as a live tool to engage with pupils and coping with internet restrictions across the local area. It is now accepted that live videos to aid learning can be used (subject to internet limitations).
- There is a continuing problem with access to digital devices at home. All families who contacted the School with difficulties have been given some sort of assistance though it is accepted that there are still some children sharing devices with siblings or parents and this cannot be helped. All the extra devices that the School procured have now been loaned out to assist.
- Approximately 9 children a week use the School as a hub either because of vulnerability or parents key worker status.
- All children can now access google classroom to some extent and the staff have been working really hard to ensure the children understand how to use it. However the Teaching Staff are continually learning too and each week sees new ideas of presenting materials or work to the classes. The P1-4 classroom use the hand in/ submit facility on Google classroom to return work and it is hoped the P5-P7 classroom can trial this as well.
- Any child or parent with difficulties or worries are encouraged to contact the School, however minor, to resolve these issues.
- Some pupils continue to receive their work weekly in paper from and this is fine, if any one needs paper copies, please contact the office.
- Generally the feedback (although limited) on the new learning at home regime is good and certainly more structured and valuable than it was last Spring. It is very positive that the Teachers can and do respond very quickly to work submitted, queries and questions via google classroom.
- Audrey has to provide tracking detail to SLC and currently pupil engagement is around 70-90% weekly and the return of work is approximately 80%. Where children have limited engagement or aren't able to return work, the Teachers are aware of individual circumstances and make contact as necessary to support these children.
- Both classrooms have been using google meet to meet in a live environment and this week, the School plans a music lesson with Mrs Cunningham and also a live Winterwatch, along with a weekly check in meeting to enable children to chat.
- SLC are supporting Schools the best they can with regards to the challenges of technology. Lots of online tutorials have been held to assist though these are often over subscribed.

## **8. Business**

- An article has been submitted to Echoes detailing the bulb project and the foodbank collection both of which were warmly received by locals.
- 6 children have been enrolled online for Primary 1 intake of 2021, though this process is new for all and number may yet change.
- The 5 Primary 7's have confirmed they are all planning to go to Strathaven Academy and we await details about this years Transition Programme. It is likely some virtual activities may be arranged online for the small schools P7's to meet but we will take the lead from the Academy.
- Education currently is a very different format for all children and parents. Families are continually encouraged to contact the Teacher or office with any suggestions, difficulties or questions. Some teachers attend the School part time, some are on the premises full time and some need to supervise the hub children but there is always someone at the School who should be able to help.

**9. Any Other Competent Business**

There were no other items of business raised.

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

The next meeting of Glassford Parent Council will be Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> March 2021 at 7pm (Potentially via Zoom again).

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