



# GLASSFORD PRIMARY SCHOOL

## Minutes of the Parent Council Meeting

held on Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> April 2021 at 7.00pm

(via Zoom)

**Members present:** Gordon Innes (Chairman)  
Christine Hall (Secretary)  
Donna Troughton  
Donna Storry  
Lee Rogers

**In attendance:** Audrey Donnelly (Head Teacher), Lesley Steven

### 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 Anne Anderson, Janet Ballantyne, Les Hoggan Rev Shaw Paterson and Councillor Isobel Dorman

### 3. Minutes of the Previous Meeting

Lee proposed and Donna T Gordon seconded the Minutes from the previous meeting.

### 4. Actions from Previous Minutes

None that wouldn't be covered through the meeting.

### 5. Correspondence

- Audrey had a received a letter from Lisa Cameron MSP thanking the School for the foodbank collection at Christmas.
- John Moore had been in touch with the PC about donating half of the proceeds from his Guide Dogs for the Blind raffle to School funds.

### 6. Fundraising

- The remittance was received for the rag bag collection from early March which totalled £416.90. Another collection has been arranged for Wed 19th May 21
- John Moore very generously donated £520 to School funds from a raffle.
- No other plans for fundraising are currently in place.

## **7. School Recovery Plan**

- There have been no recent changes to the School Recovery Plan. The focus continues to be on health & wellbeing, numeracy and literacy. All pupils have now returned to School fulltime. The work covered previously from EmotionWorks has been partly revisited as necessary and has really helped with the adjustment back to School and alleviating anxiety for some.
- Some pupils in the P4-P7 class have taken some time to settle back in. The teaching staff have been covering aspects of internet safety and digital practices to assist with this.
- Across the Authority, it looks like 21/22 will take much the same focus as the past year ie working through the School recovery Plan.
- There is a new Health & Wellbeing module due to be launched but at Glassford, this will not be introduced until the Teachers are fully comfortable with it. The content is a step up from the last version and as such, Audrey would like support from the PC as to how best to approach the sensitive topics and get parental permission beforehand.
- Funding has been procured to allow Una Cunningham to delivery music classes to some pupils. P3/P4 are enjoying 'Music Fun-damentals' on a Wednesday while P5-P7 are practicing body percussion to popular tunes.

## **8. Business**

- Pupil Equity Funding – Audrey is awaiting further detail on the specifics of a change that could mean some parents and pupils need to decide then vote on how around 5% of the Pupil Equity Funds should be allocated. (This is estimated to be around £240). Audrey will communicate with Gordon and Christine once she has more detail.
- Audrey is leading the P7 Transition for Glassford. It is looking likely that the P7's will get a 2 visit before the end of term. This alongside online activities and participation from the Active Schools Co-Ordinator should see them well prepared for the move to the Academy.
- Leavers Assembly – it is likely that all parents will not be allowed to attend as usual – it will probably be limited to P7 parents and all pupils. The Teachers are planning a short presentation perhaps with some video messages or photos to mark this event.
- Audrey has arranged for Heather Meikle to take P7 photographs to present as a gift. (She will also take P1 photographs while on Site although it will not be possible to take all the other pupils photos for this year)
- Donna S has arranged Hoodies for the P7's and they are allowed to wear them on Hoodie Fridays
- Doctor Young kindly approached the School offering a donation to buy electronic equipment – this was then used to buy a new laptop. The School will write to thank him, Christine will also write a letter of thanks on behalf of the Parent Council.

## **9. Any Other Competent Business**

- Banks Renewables allocated money to be used as part of the Learning Community School Recovery Plan. Initially help with lunch items was offered but this was not widely used. Leftover monies have now been allocated to Karen Gibb of Mind Marvels who is offering various free sessions to various ages (including Adults). Details will be circulated from Audrey and Christine will add details to the website.
- Thanks was made to all the School staff again for their continued efforts during the most recent lockdown and subsequent school re-opening. All enquiries were responded to timeously whilst running the hub and online materials for all classes. The children have all settled well on return to School and the teachers have been fantastic at recognising where extra support was required. There were many instances where the staff did more than

required because of the love of their job, despite all having their own families and anxieties as well.

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

The next meeting of Glassford Parent Council will be Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> June 2021 at 7pm (Potentially via Zoom again). The AGM will be held in Aug/ Sept 21.

Gordon then closed the meeting at 8.15pm with thanks to everyone for attending.