



GLASSFORD PRIMARY SCHOOL

Minutes of the Parent Council Meeting

held on Tuesday 8th June 2021 at 7.00pm

(via Zoom)

Members present: Gordon Innes (Chairman)
Christine Hall (Secretary)
Donna Troughton
Lee Rogers
Janet Ballantyne

In attendance: Audrey Donnelly (Head Teacher), Rev Shaw Paterson

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 Storry, Anne Anderson, Les Hoggan and Councillor Isobel Dorman

3. Minutes of the Previous Meeting

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

4. Actions from Previous Minutes

Christine confirmed she had written to thank John Moore and Dr Young for their donations.

5. Correspondence

- Vivien Stewart had emailed regarding the Overwood Incinerator asking the PC to consider raising an objection against the proposal in due course.

6. Fundraising

- Approx. £250 was raised in May from the Ragbag street collection making the years takings approximately £1900.
- Another street collection has been arranged for 16/11/21
- No other plans for fundraising are currently in place.

7. Business

- The main focus in the last week was the first positive Covid case within the School meaning the rural bus children and the P1-4 class all had to self isolate for 10 days till Monday 14/6/21. Thanks were passed to Mrs Gilfillan for her time and work in assisting with the huge amount of paperwork and telephone calls associated with the reporting of this, over the weekend.
- Audrey re-iterated she is pleased with how the bubbles are arranged in the school and they seem to be successful in minimizing the spread of Covid 19. The pupils involved have all been advised to take a PCR test before returning to school and to immediately advise the School if they feel unwell or notice any symptoms.
- The new P1s were due to visit the School this week but this has been postponed and will be re-arranged as soon as possible to fit in between other planned activities
- The P7s will visit the Academy for a quick tour in the last week of term but they have been supported by online transition activities and are well prepared for the move onwards.
- Summer activities such as a visit to the park and/ or a sports day (without parental attendance) had been scheduled in but these may change and be re-organised at short notice.
- This years Leavers Assembly unfortunately also can't have parental attendance but it is hoped some parts will be recorded and shared with the parent forum via the website for a limited time.
- Pupils reports are being finalized and will be distributed as soon as possible though the online Council system has been proving problematic leading to some delays so far.
- Staffing 21/22 – it has been confirmed within the last hour that Glassford will have 3 classrooms next year due to the roll being 51 pupils. It is still to be confirmed who the new staff members will be and the class configuration and as soon as this is known, Audrey will share this with the parent forum.
- Thanks to Mrs Steven, Mrs Goldie and Miss Waring for their exceptional efforts this and last week in organising the move to online learning at very short notice for some pupils.

8. Any Other Competent Business

- Thanks were relayed to Audrey for her handling of the recent Covid case and her continuing commitment to ensure the school remained a safe place. Ever changing guidelines and a lengthy reporting element meant this was a real challenge.
- Thanks and appreciation was passed to Audrey for her pre-emptive work in securing additional teachers for the new term. The families of the P5's especially are very grateful that the confirmed set up will not involve the P5 class being split.
- Christine has arranged a new supplier of school ties as Baru increased the minimum order to 25 ties. Ties can now be ordered via the school office as before or can be bought direct from ALJ Work & Leisurewear in Lanark.
- The cost of the school day, and in particular the hidden costs, continues to be a real concern and will be looked at again in the new term. One way we could possibly help is by putting some detail on our school website about various existing and new benefits that some families may not be aware they could be eligible for, to ease some financial strains. Christine will liaise with Audrey to get some information on the website.
- We have also produced a new PC newsletter with a summary of who we are, what we do and why we do it, to pass on to all parents including the new P1 families, before the end of term.
- Lee confirmed she would progress the change of signatories with bank as soon as she was able. Christine would provide statements as required for Lee so that Lee could finalise our financial position with Libby Neilson by the AGM.

9. Date & Time of Next Meeting

The next meeting of Glassford Parent Council will be on a date to be confirmed around late August/ September 21 and this will be the AGM.

Gordon then closed the meeting at 7.40pm with thanks to everyone for attending and continued thanks for everyone's unwavering support in the background in a very challenging year.