



# GLASSFORD PRIMARY SCHOOL

## Minutes of the Parent Council Meeting

held on Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> October 2021 at 7.30pm

(via Zoom)

**Members present:** Gordon Innes (Chairman)  
Christine Hall (Secretary)  
Anne Anderson  
Jennifer McEwan

**In attendance:** Audrey Donnelly (Head Teacher), Lesley Steven, Councillor Isobel Dorman and Laura Davidson

### 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, Lee Rogers, Les Hoggan, Rev Shaw Paterson and Janet Ballantyne.

### 3. Minutes of the Previous Meeting

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

### 4. Actions from Previous Minutes

- Lee to confirm that the signatories change for the bank account is in hand
- The Easy fundraising lick is to be publicised again via newsletter and facebook.

### 5. Correspondence

- There was no correspondence needing attention.

### 6. Fundraising

- £51.50 from rag bag bin collection on mid October and another street collection has been arranged for mid November – plans will be arranged for this soon.
- We are still restricted in what events we can arrange so Ragbag is likely to continue to be our only fundraiser this year.

### 7. School Recovery Plan/ Business

- Audrey will be leading an Audit titled Glasgow Motivation and Well Being Profile, within our School to check what areas could potentially be improved in the School. Once it has been slightly tweaked, the children will be asked their views on their learning in school, how safe



they feel and other related topics. The results will be shared afterwards. This is a joint exercise with the other Schools in our Learning Community.

- The Inservice day will be used to launch a Moderation activity around Literacy, in all Schools in the Learning Community to check that all are working to the same standards. It is also very useful to share good practices.
- Participatory Budgeting – PEF. The Pupil Council met with staff and a representative of the Parent Council to draw up a list of suggestions that could be supported with the small portion of the PEF budget allocated to this. Parents and pupils then voted on the choices, and it was extra kindles which was the winning choice though the three choices were all well supported. The school will work out where to buy the best value Kindle Fire tablets via I-Proc and it was agreed that the Parent Council would contribute to buy either 2 or 3 more kindles (and covers) as necessary.
- The IT Engineers have been reviewing the provision of Wi-Fi within the School and equipment will be replaced in Jan/Feb 22 which should mean many more devices can be online at the same time.
- £1000 additional funding was received from SLC for supported study/ after school activities. One of the suggestions through participatory budgeting was for after school clubs or tutors to be hired to lead creative classes. We would like to spend the money in a way that means there is a legacy afterwards – for example if we decide to have a Lego club and purchase some Lego, we will have the Lego afterwards to use again and again.
- Emma Strachan, Active Schools Co-Ordinator, has managed to allocate £500 to the school to be used for active schools type activities, but it needs spent by Fri 29<sup>th</sup> Oct. It was agreed to buy 2 good bikes for use by pupils in Bikeability. If there is a shortfall, the PC will cover this.
- The installation of a covered bike shelter has been agreed in principle
- COP26. The whole School will focus on this during November, led by the Eco Committee. The Committee have some suggestions that they would like to share with families to further raise awareness of climate change and acknowledge worldwide concerns. ‘Waste free Wednesday’ is one initiative they will be encouraging, along with battery recycling, litter picking, uniform recycling and possibly more tree planting next Spring. Christine will write a short article for Echoes for the next edition and later in November, Mrs Steven suggested the Eco Committee could write another article about their activities in School for Echoes, from their point of view.
- Audrey will distribute the consultation regarding Education Reform. If any parents need guidance on completing this, Gordon or Christine will be happy to help where they can.
- Christmas Events. Continuing restrictions mean we cannot hold Coffee and Carols or similar again this year. It is hoped the pupils can record a Nativity which can be shared online with parents (Christine offered to arrange this on the website) but it is also hoped that a Carols by Candlelight could be held, outside in an evening in December. This would be dependent on weather but it could be the first step to having a small scale community event with people outside singing a few carols alongside the piano. Possibly tea and coffee could be offered.
- Parent Consultations will be held by phone in Mid November. Appointments are in the process of being arranged.
- Kimberley Hamilton, an Author who wrote a story about Rifleman Khan, visited the school on a flying visit and read the story to the P6/7's. This is to tie in with a statue that is being erected in the Common Green. The children have also drawn artwork and it is hoped some of this can be passed to Councillor Margaret Cooper to be displayed locally.

## 8. Any Other Competent Business

- Christine attended some of the Webinar centering on SQA reform and reported that there would be a consultation document circulated for parents opinions. It is an extensive and



complicated subject because it covers education from 3-18 years but it is important that we give our view where we can.

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

The next meeting of Glassford Parent Council will be Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> December 2021 at 7.30pm via Zoom.

Gordon then closed the meeting at 8.30pm with thanks to everyone for attending.

