

Minutes of the Parent Council Meeting

held on Wednesday 2nd February 2022

at 7.30pm

(via Zoom)

Members present: Gordon Innes (Chairman)

Christine Hall (Secretary)

Anne Anderson Donna Troughton

In attendance: Audrey Donnelly (Head Teacher), Allison Simpson, Laura Davidson, Cllr Isobel Dorman and 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 Janet Ballantyne & Jennifer McEwan.

3. Minutes of the Previous Meeting

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

4. Actions from Previous Minutes

There were no outstanding actions from the previous Minutes

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6. Correspondence

• There was no correspondence needing attention.

7. Fundraising

- £63.20 from the Ragbag bin which was emptied last week, and a street collection has been arranged for 21st March. Thank you to Anne for arranging the dates and for getting the bin emptied regularly.
- We are still restricted in what events we can arrange so Ragbag is likely to continue to be our only fundraising income this year.

8. School Recovery Plan/ Business



- Thank you to all for the magnificent collection of goods for the Foodbank pre Christmas. We received a lovely letter of thanks from the Foodbank.
- Also thank you to the Parent Council, parents and the wider community for their support and financial contributions to the collection for one of our pupils who lost a parent just before Christmas. This has really helped the pupil return to School and deal with the huge loss and shock.
- The Transition Programme for P7's will commence at the end of February with after school activities as well as visits to the Academy. As part of this, it is intended to arrange a footgolf trip for P7 pupils along with lunch for the rural schools. The Parent Council is willing to provide £15 per child attending this event.
- The School received some funding last year which has been put towards arranging some after school activities such as football coaching (by Hamiton Accies coaches), cross country training and it is hoped to start a lego club as well. Its great to see activities like these re-commencing after such a long break.
- The new P1 pupils had to be enrolled for School online this year and this process was a bit complicated with some applications not being received and some being received multiple times but the applications have now been sorted out and it looks like Glassford can look forward to welcoming 9 or 10 new children in August to P1.
- Historically, the senior Glassford children (P6 and P7) have attended a residential camp for 3 days along with Gilmourton and Sandford pupils every two years to allow them to mix and form friendships. This activity camp is a great experience, but it can be expensive thus it is arranged every two years. It is planned to arrange this for Spring 2023 and this year the children (along with Chapelton pupils for the first time as well) will get to enjoy two long activity days (approx. 9-5pm) to maximise the activities they can take part in locally. More details will follow when plans are developed.
- The whole school have been focussing on writing in conjunction with the other rural schools and this has been very successful.
- The School signed up for the Lighthouse Project last year but didn't manage to get it started. Mrs Simpson is leading this and the children are loving learning about conductors, inductors, circuits and other areas of IT through this. It is hoped some of the projects and learning could be shared with parents via the website in form of a short videos and/or a powerpoint presentation.
- Mrs Steven would like to invest in some bag bags for Classroom 1 to use as they are
 finding several library books are going missing and this may help to keep them secure.
 The Parent Council agreed this was a good idea and asked for more details on costs
 and the type of bags to be ordered.

9. Any Other Competent Business

There were no other points raised that hadn't been dealt with through the meeting

10. Date & Time of Next Meeting

The next meeting of Glassford Parent Council will be Tuesday 8th March 2022 at 7.30pm. It will be confirmed closer to the date if this will be permitted on School premises or be held via Zoom.

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

