



GLASSFORD PRIMARY SCHOOL

Minutes of the Parent Council Meeting

held on Wednesday 27th April 2022

at 7.30pm

(via Zoom)

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

In attendance: Audrey Donnelly (Head Teacher), Rachel Goldie

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, Rev Shaw Paterson, Cllr Graeme Campbell, Cllr Isobel Dorman, Les Hoggan, Lee Rogers & Dona Troughton.

3. Minutes of the Previous Meeting

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

4. Actions from Previous Minutes

- Rachel will pass on Information regarding bookbags and these will progressed if appropriate for the first classroom.

5. Correspondence

- It was confirmed that the Viridor Application for an Incinerator at Dovesdale has been withdrawn.

6. Fundraising

- £63.20 from the Ragbag bin which was emptied in March plus £166.40 from the street collection. Continuing thanks to Anne for arranging the bin to be emptied so regularly. We are awaiting a visit to empty the bin again imminently – meanwhile Christine will move the bags piled up next to the bin. The next Street collection has been arranged for 15/16 June.
- We are still restricted in what events we can arrange so Ragbag continues to be our only fundraising stream currently.
- It was agreed we would not host a spring disco for the children at the end of May as there are still restrictions in place within School to minimise the spread of Covid which although less in



the media is still very much an issue and still means staff and pupils are absent through isolation.

7. School Recovery Plan/ Business

- Continuing absences though Covid for staff and pupils which is challenging for class cover and continuity in class but the school is coping well. This is not particular to Glassford and is an issue across the whole learning community.
- Generally the children are well settled and in a good place.
- 2 Ukrainian children have been placed in the School which has been a big learning curve for the teachings staff and the other pupils as they don't speak English well. But they are keen to learn and are being supported by their Mum which is a teacher herself. The Parent Council offered any support they could do the 2 children and their family and Audrey said she would let us know if there was any way we could assist.
- The Swimming lessons block finished in March and was well received by all
- The Transition programme for Strathaven Academy has commenced for the P7's – which is involving after school sports activities as well as visits to the Academy and visits from staff at the Academy.
- Approximately 10 children participated in the EK & Strathaven Cross Country Competition and they enjoyed taking part in a much more back to normal activity.
- 300 trees have been planted in the school grounds on the hill – thanks to the parents and other locals who assisted in this lengthy task.
- Snapshot jotters week is complete and good feedback was obtained.
- The online Parents evening again was successful though we look forward to in person meetings for this type of activity as soon as we are permitted.
- Approximately 12 pupils took part in the EK Dance Festival at Calderglen High School and received a certificate for the School. This was the first time a team has taken part and all the dancers really embraced the opportunity and flourished on stage. Thanks to Mrs Simpson for leading the entry and the rehearsals.
- The whole school walked to Glassford Church for their Easter Assembly and although parents at this time could not be present, a video of the service was available on the website for a week for all to enjoy.
- Sophie received an award from Climate Action Strathaven for her sustainability poster and it is hoped we can take part in more Climate Change events such as this.
- All the P6 & P7s in Glassford, Gilmourton and Sandford are taking part in a 2-day outdoor activity in Stirling and in East Kilbride on 31 May and 1st June. It is hoped a residential for 2 nights can be arranged next Spring for P6 and P7.
- The Bikeability training programme commenced today with security bike marking from the police. Actual training will take place on Monday for P5s and on Wednesdays for P6 and P7's.
- The middle class are working on a rainforest topic just now and the top class are continuing work on a Lighthouse/ STEM project and it is hoped both can provide a showcase of their topic work via a video link on the website in due course.
- It has been confirmed that the class set up will be 3 classes next year – P1/2, P3/4/5 and P6/7 though the numbers for the new P1s have not been finalised as yet.
- The PEF budget has been confirmed for this year and this has increased in size because of a change in the way it has been calculated.

8. Any Other Competent Business



- Sandford Giving Tree. A contact had been in touch asking if Glassford would support this initiative to provide children in need with a schoolbag and stationery for the new school term. It was agreed to support this once more information has been received.
- School Uniform donations – any good quality uniforms and shoes that are too small or surplus would be welcomed by the school for their uniform bank box.
- The Wifi in the School is much improved after a system refresh in January so there are no problems with multiple children using kindles or the laptops simultaneously.
- School Photos will be arranged for P1s and P7s and the full school will be offered photographs next year again.

9. Date & Time of Next Meeting

The next meeting (and last of the session) of Glassford Parent Council will be Tuesday 14th June 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. It is also dependant on Gala activities as this is known to be a busy week.

Gordon then closed the meeting at approximately 8.40pm with thanks to everyone for attending.

