



GLASSFORD PRIMARY SCHOOL

Minutes of the Parent Council Meeting

held on Tuesday 25th October 2022 at 7.00pm

Members present: Gordon Innes (Chairman)
Christine Hall (Secretary)
Joanne Smith
Laura Davidson
Linzi Fallow
Ashleigh Cranstoun
Lee Rogers

In attendance: Audrey Donnelly (Head Teacher), Lesley Steven, and Hollie Godfrey

1. Welcome

Gordon welcomed everyone to the meeting and re-iterated how good it was to be in person again

2. Apologies

Apologies were received from Donna Troughton, Gary Troughton, Heather Beattie, Jennifer McEwan, Cllr Susan Kerr and Rev Shaw Paterson

3. Minutes of the Previous Meeting

Lee proposed, and Linzi seconded the Minutes from the previous meeting.

4. Actions from Previous Minutes

- Christine is still trying to speak to ASDA re Bagpacking
Everything else will be dealt with during the course of the meeting
- This meeting was planned to be a trial 'hybrid' meeting if some parents indicated they wished to attend by Zoom but none indicated that previously to the meeting.

5. Correspondence

- Email from SLC Education asking us to upload a copy of the Schools DSM (Devolved School Management) statement to the website
- Email from SLC Education encouraging parents to consider and application to the Parents Resource Committee as the date had been extended to 31st Oct (Christine confirmed she would apply and this was endorsed by the Group)
- Email from SLC Education advising of the date of Zoom Locality meetings for attendance by PC Chairs.

6. Fundraising

- £64.80 and £63.20 from rag bag bin collection in Sept and Oct and there is a large collection outside due to be uplifted on 26/10. Future collections may be able to be collected from a garage rather than potentially getting wet outside the School. This will be confirmed in due course. This continues to be an excellent fundraiser for the School



- Christmas Fayre – plans are well in hand for this event and a sub committee meeting will be convened if necessary, in mid-November.
- Raffle tickets have been printed (for the raffle at the Christmas Fayre) and will be circulated to all children (with no obligation to buy). If anyone wishes more, please ask, we have plenty and thanks to great efforts in getting prizes from some parents, we have some amazing vouchers and gifts to be won. Thank you to all involved. The Small Lotteries licence has also been purchased – this should be re purchased within 52 weeks so we can renew it at a cost of £20 instead of £40 for the next years raffle.
- It was agreed we would look at a further fundraising event in March/ April 23 – possibly a coffee morning or even a bingo night. Potentially the coffee morning could tie in with the Easter Service.
- Strathaven Bonfire Guy Competition – plans are afoot to create a guy with the children at lunchtime next week – watch this space for what we create.
- Bag Packing – Sainsburys do not allow this so Christine is trying to arrange a slot with ASDA in Larkhall
- Personalised Mugs – Christine had obtained the details for these and will ask the Office to circulate a form for parents that wish to order these at a cost of £6 ea. Parents interested can liaise directly with Christine for pre-Christmas delivery.
- Halloween Party (although not fundraising) – is organised and thanks to all the parents for offers of help, support and time.

7. Headteachers Report

- The children have settled well into the new session and there is an improvement in anxiety levels generally in pupils. Health and well being continues to be a focus across the whole School and this is helping some children come to terms with losses and other issues they've had over the last 2 years.
- The Healthy Schools website has been expanded to cover more areas and the School is picking up areas of this and working with it.
- World of Work – a letter was sent out to parents inviting anyone who wished to volunteer to visit the School and talk a little about their job – this is part of the world of work topic which seeks to broaden knowledge about working life and all the skills that are associated with various jobs. The classes are learning how numeracy, presentation, organizing, planning, communication etc are important in everyday jobs.
- P6's are going to Lanark Agricultural Centre via RHET and this will be linked in with the World of Work topic as they will learn about different occupation related to Agriculture.
- A lady from the Bank is coming to speak to the School about money, saving and bank cards , again this will tie in with the World of Work and help prepare P7s especially for the move to the Academy.
- Moderation is part of the School Improvement Plan (this is the practice of sharing understanding of what learning looks like by comparing pupils work with formal standards). As part of this and in collaboration with the Academy and other Schools in the Learning Community, Glassford will be working on a literacy piece to do with Anti Racism. We are very aware that Racism still exists in some areas of life and increasingly so as children get older so any work that can be done to raise awareness is exciting. This work is also part of a Scottish Government focus and as such, should be able to measure the effect over the longer term.
- Pupils groups are now up and running through the whole school eg JRSOs, Eco Group, Reading Ambassadors, Pupil Council. The groups are coming up with lots of ideas about projects and focuses and these will be developed over the coming weeks.



- Wrap Up Lanarkshire – this is an initiative in collaboration with the Rotary Club to collect surplus jackets and donate them to the needy. The School is still accepting jackets up to next week to pass on.
- Parents Night will be Wed 16 November and Laura will co-ordinate the newly named uniform bank – Rake and Take!
- We plan to run one event for Christmas (Nativity and Carol Service) and hold it in the Church to show support – the date is to be confirmed but we will possibly hold 2 performances with unlimited numbers (unlike the past year or 2) so that all family, friends and the local community who wish to attend can. It was agreed it would be a good idea to arrange tea, coffee and mince pies afterwards in the Hall.
- An email will be circulated from the School regarding a survey that all parents nationally are asked to complete by December regarding the shape of Education in Scotland. There will be a document as well with more details on how you can share your views. Please do fill this in if you can.
- RM Update – all the workstations and laptops etc are managed by a parent company in SLC and it is refreshed and reviewed at regular intervals. Based on our pupil numbers at the last census, we unfortunately need to lose a couple of workstations but the School has negotiated to replace some with laptops and utilise chrome books in other instances so that the workstations in the corridor can remain in the same numbers as they are well used.

8. Cost of The School Day

After the Agenda was issued, it was decided to have a separate meeting regarding the Cost of the School Day Position Statement. This was attended by 3 parents before this meeting. The conclusion from this meeting was that at Glassford, we are fully aware of the implications of extra costs associated with School Days and that we are already actively demonstrating good practice in all areas.

It was agreed that we would continue to be aware and implement new strategies as required. One aspect we all agreed on was that if families were struggling, that they should speak to the Office in confidence and there were possible funding streams we could approach for assistance. Specifically for big cost items potentially like Activity Weeks. However the School is already doing everything it can to minimize this cost and will give as much notice as it can so that payments can be spread out if desired.

Sustainability was also discussed. While the PC has healthy funds currently and has plans in place to raise more funds; we should not be spending freely without consideration for the future, when the economic climate might be even tougher. Bus transport is the big cost that will affect everything in the coming months. The Teaching Staff are excellent at working out what spends are priority and beneficial to the whole school population.

It was agreed that we could look at arranging another fundraiser in March or April, perhaps a coffee morning or tied in with the Easter Service. We do not want to be asking parents every other week to provide cash for repeated fundraisers.

9. Any Other Competent Business

- Christine mentioned that a Parent Council newsletter has been circulated pre October week to raise awareness of the PC and to let the parent forum know what we do.

10. Date & Time of Next Meeting

The next meeting of Glassford Parent Council will be Tuesday 17th January 2023 at 7.00pm within Glassford School.

Gordon then closed the meeting at 7.55pm with thanks to everyone for attending.

