



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
Jennifer McEwan

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

1. Welcome

Gordon welcomed everyone to the meeting on this cold night.

2. Apologies

Apologies were received from Lee Rogers, Ashleigh Cranstoun, and Cllr Susan Kerr and Caoimhe Kirk-Browne

3. Minutes of the Previous Meeting

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

4. Actions from Previous Minutes

- Christine has been unsuccessful regarding arranging a bag packing slot at ASDA Larkhall – she will try again.
- The DSM document (Devolved School Management) as requested by SLC has been uploaded to our website
- Christine applied to join the ERC Committee but is still awaiting interview
- Everything else will be dealt with during the course of the meeting

5. Correspondence

- A letter from Lisa Cameron MSP congratulating us on our successful Christmas Fayre

6. Fundraising

- £65.20 from 06/12 and £130.80 from street collection on 27/10. Street collection down in value but we have had a lot of bin collections. It was agreed to do a flyer drop pre the next street collection to boost awareness as Ragbag don't provide bags anymore that we can give out. Laura to try and arrange a street collection for March. We can possibly arrange the uplift from Lauras garage rather than the School in case it rains as the bags can't get wet!
- Almost £2000 raised at the Christmas Fayre which was amazing (almost double the last event 3 years ago). Most of the increase is from pre sales of raffle tickets before the event which was unbelievable and possibly boosted by the great raffle prizes and vouchers that had been



donated by businesses and contacts. Thank you to everyone who asked for donations and also huge thanks to every parent who supported this event in any way. It was a really busy night and a great atmosphere. Christine has made detailed notes of arrangements, takings, numbers, plans etc for future events.

- Bonfire Guy – the Round Table awarded us £150 for our ‘Fantastic Mr Guy Fox’ entry – well worth the effort!
- It was decided to organise teas in the Church Hall after the Easter Assembly in the Church. The date will be advised and run it along the same format as we did at Christmas. Ask for some home baking donations and advertise that we will be taking donations for the tea (so people can bring coins). We will also hold a raffle for a hamper beforehand and just draw it at the Tea. Christine will arrange the hamper.

7. Headteachers Report

- Thank you to Rev Shaw Paterson for allowing the use of the church and Hall for our Christmas Nativity – it was lovely to be able to use the church and we had good attendances both days.
- Transition Activities for P7s start this week with a Maths teacher from the Academy visiting on a few days to work with the P7’s
- The Schools within the Learning Community are working together with Strathaven Academy re Skills Development. Glassford has been quite active in this area already as we visited Lanark Agricultural Centre last year to look at careers in Agriculture and also held our world of work afternoon with a good range of jobs discussed.
- P1 enrolment is taking place this week online – we anticipate the new P1 numbers at Glassford meaning there will be once again 3 classes next year which is excellent news. More details re staffing will be made available when it is available though this will likely be months away.
- Glassford is currently undergoing an IT refresh meaning based on numbers (historically) we will lose a few computers but through clever budgeting and planning, some laptops and chromebooks will be moved around so the children do not lose out. The chromebooks we have are well utilised as are the Kindles across all classes.
- Teaching staff will lose one inservice in February as it has been classified as a health and wellbeing day – no change for the pupils who will still be out of school that day.
- 8th May 23 will be a public holiday as well to mark the Kings Coronation

School Improvement Plan

- Staff from the 4 LC schools met today for moderation activities – this is to check teaching staff and grading and classifying work at the right standard and is very useful for the teachers peace of mind as well as the Headteacher. Teachers choose a piece of writing and then is shared (anonymously) with other teachers and then the marking is discussed and compared.
- The next piece of work related to this will be on anti-racism and be led by Strathaven Academy
- Audrey would like to focus on some key areas at the next PC meeting or two and spend some time finalising options. These are Cost of the School Day; Curriculum Rationale and Relationships & Sexual Health. This was agreed.
- After School Activities – its is hoped Mr McKenzie may run an after football class and that a Lego club could be held too. Audrey will be taking cross country classes in the next few weeks also in preparation for the Competition in March.
- We would also like to arrange a knitting club – if we can locate some willing knitter volunteers to lead this. Shaw will ask at the Church if any villagers would be interested in this opportunity for 6 weeks or so, 3-4 on an afternoon that suits.
- Miss Waring is running a Burns Club with a view to entering the Lanarkshire Burns Competition on 28 February.



- The School received a donation from a Gentlemen in Miller Street which was much appreciated and will be well used. Some house captains and Audrey visited the man to say thanks.
- The Winning House last term had an end of term treat in the form of an afternoon tea with the Teachers and this was received very well.

8. Any Other Competent Business

- Christine has a couple of boxes of Christmas Fayre type goods for prizes etc that need stored & the Fayre banner – Laura volunteered to keep these
- Christine will arrange the hoodies for P7's so they can wear them on Fridays after Easter. These will be paid for by parents but is entirely optional.

9. Date & Time of Next Meeting

The next meeting of Glassford Parent Council will be Wednesday 1st March 2023 at 7.00pm within Glassford School.

Gordon then closed the meeting at 7.50pm with thanks to everyone for attending.

