MINUTES OF A MEETING OF GREYFRIARS PRIMARY PARENT COUNCIL TO BE HELD IN THE STAFFROOM AT 7 P.M. ON WEDNESDAY 8TH OCTOBER 2025

IN ATTENDANCE: Alison Stevenson Chairperson

Collete Crompton Head Teacher
Colin Campbell Treasurer (In part)

Lisa Farquhar Secretary

Verity Martin
Social Secretary
Iwona Ferreira
Class Rep. P1
Emma Ivan
Class Rep. P3
Cicely Therlfall
Class Rep. P3/4
Luisa Izzi
Class Rep. P5
Viri Tamani
Class Rep. P6
Elisabeth Corbett
Class Rep. P7

- 1. Alison's opening remarks and welcome to all. To note apologies of Arianna Carlini, Caroline Robertson, Sarah Mills. Wibur Sabuti and Clair Wang.
- 2. The Minutes of the last meeting were approved.
- 3. Alison confirmed the Class representatives and the vacancy for P6/7 rep was noted. It was agreed to draft an email asking the parents/carers of P6/7 to volunteer. The email will be drafted by Alison and sent by the school office.

ACTION: Alison Stevenson

4. Headteacher's Report from Mrs Crompton:

Staffing - Mr Carlin will return to Greyfriars RC Primary and is not required to take a post at Madras.

The PSA post has been appointed, Hayley Small will start after the October holidays.

Mrs Rae has returned to her post.

Mrs Manson is now on maternity (early). Interviews will commence this week, and it is hoped that the successful applicant will start after the October holidays. The post is a temporary contract for one year.

Pantomime - School auditions and call backs were held today. There are only 7 weeks of term until the showing on the afternoon of the 10th and evening of the 11th December. The whole school will be involved with P6 and P7 taking the main roles.

Box office will be in operation for parents to book their seats, P6 and P7 will get a higher allocation, everyone else gets 2 tickets.

Plan to do evening workshops for stage and costumes. Mrs Crompton to contact the sound man and arrange the sound system.

ACTION: Collette Crompton

Christmas - There is a short 8 week term before the Christmas break. It will be a busy term. Dates to note include:

Mon 15th December - P3 and P4 Christmas party

Tuesday 16th December – The Byre Theatre trip for the whole school. Wednesday 17th December - Christmas lunch and Christmas jumper day Thursday 18th December - P1 and P2 Christmas party Friday 19th December - AM Christmas mass, PM P5, P6 and P7 Christmas party

Verity confirmed with Mrs Crompton that party bags are required as last years.

ACTION: Verity to arrange Christmas party bags

Halloween - It was noted that because Halloween falls very close after the holidays there will be no dressing up in school that day. There will be Halloween activities in each of the classes. Also Friday Mass falls that same morning. No party bags required.

Transforming learning – iPads to all P6-S6. Teacher iPads will arrive first then the children's iPads are due to arrive by 9th December.

The Northeast Fife School Cluster is chatting about a joint presentation on the transforming learning across the area. They are planning 4 twilight sessions for teachers to attend. To support the iPads in the classrooms Greyfriars has purchased apple smart tv's.

5. Treasurer's Report.

No activity to note other than a £4.25 bank charge. Balance is now £3315.75. The St Andrews Bank of Scotland branch is closing early next year. Colin to look at alternatives.

ACTION: Colin Campbell

6. Church rep. report.

P3 and 4 meeting with parents preparing children for sacraments have taken place, with the P7 meeting scheduled for the 30th October.

7. Class rep feedback.

Phone policy

Discussions were had on whether the policy is being adhered to by pupils in school time and whether it should extend to events such as the summer fair.

Mrs Crompton agreed to circulate the school mobile phone policy with additional wording that might encourage the parents and carers to also refrain from using their mobile phones on the school premises e.g. during drop off and pick up times.

ACTION: Luisa to provide wording to the effect

It was agreed that a short reminder of the phone policy should be added to the school weekly newsletter as a reminder.

It was suggested that signs could be placed on the gates to the playground. To be discussed for the new year.

It was suggested that Luisa would reissue the smart phone survey and gauge the appetite currently for more information on smart phones for children. To be discussed further in the new year with Luisa possibly having a display at the parents' evenings in March '26.

Vaping

It was agreed smoking and vaping are banned on school premises.

8. A.O.B.

It was agreed Verity will overhaul the Parent Council notice board at the front of the school.

ACTION: Verity Martin

9. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

To confirm the date of the next Meeting. It was agreed that 6.30 pm starts would suit better.

26th November

25th February

25th March

21st May