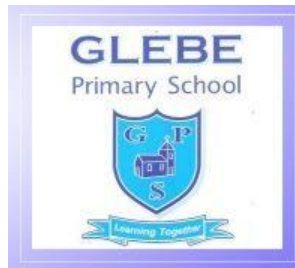


Glebe Primary School

PTA/Parent Council Minutes 26th January 2023
Fullarton Connexions



Members Present – Nicola McClory, Laura Wyllie, Elaine McNeil, Gordon Wilson, Claire Campbell, Gary Potter, Jaclyn Potts

Apologies: Crystal Leavy, David Kinnell, Katie & Ross McGill, Adele Hayhoe, Kirsty Cairns,

Minutes approved – Mr Wilson, Jaclyn Potts

Nicola chaired the meeting and welcomed everyone.

Christmas Fayre feedback/ Spring & Summer Plans

- Feedback from the Fayre was very positive. School and PTA/PC were pleased with how it went and how well supported it was. School and PTA/PC made great amounts of money – more than in previous years at a Christmas fayre. Mr Wilson commented on the positive relations between parents and children, when parents came to talk about their jobs and companies, and pass on business skills. Staff felt that classes might even have made more if they had been given more of an initial 'loan' from PTA. Products like soap can be expensive to make, but sell well. Mrs McNeil said this had to be balanced with not ending up with lots left over. PTA agreed to classes having more money next year. School would like longer for planning, but would like to potentially push the date forward to 8th Dec. They felt that it was better for the children to have the Christmas activities closer to finishing for Christmas. PTA suggested that it was good to get the fayre out of the way early, as it is a busy time of year. Date unconfirmed.
- Any issues/problems were discussed and it was decided that the Chocolate Tombola should move to a new room. Potentially nurture room in the infant end. Prizes should be labelled and colour coded in sections – 'small, middle, large' and winners can pick their won prize from that category.
- Claire Campbell gave a financial update and the balance stands at £5,969.53. Christmas fayre profit - £3018.78 Class Enterprise Projects - £1553.41 Planned expenditure to June, as per last year is approx £4200.
- Other events: Mrs McNeil reminded PTA of a date in the diary for the Valentine's Disco. It was decided to move this date to March 16th due to the short notice (*since moved to 9th March due to dj cancellation*), and dark nights for picking up. This will be a March Madness Disco. P1-3 5.30-6.30/ P4-7 7-8pm. This half hour in between will allow for easier traffic flow than last year. The front and back gates will be open and parents will be informed. PTA will provide drinks and crisps. Allan Cooper will DJ (booked). He will set up about 4.45.
- PTA will again do an Easter raffle basket – sold in school.
- Summer Gala – discussions took place about whether this event would go ahead this year. There hasn't been one for several years due to covid. In 2019 the weather was very poor so all inflatables were cancelled and the gazebo broke. There is a heavy reliance on the weather/inflatables and it was eventually agreed not to have this event, in the same format. Suggestions were made about having a family ticketed event. This would be low cost, with the option to buy food, bar, raffle, games. Possible venue – Volunteer Rooms. Allan Cooper might be able to provide Dj. It was discussed if there

should still be something low key in school to accommodate all families. No firm plans made.

Bingo Night Fundraiser 3rd March, Beechams - Allan Cooper DJ attending (Bonker's Baldie Bingo)

Allan came along to talk about the forthcoming Bingo Fundraiser. Tickets have almost sold out and the event looks to be a success with approx £500 profit predicted on ticket sales. He ran through what would be required to be purchased for the night. Prizes will be 5 x one line and 5x full house. Also 5x party confetti canons, glow sticks/whistles for tables, 2x litre bottles for 'coin closest to bottle', bingo books (6 games per page/5 games total). Jaclynn Potts suggested the prosecco Magnums from Aldi for the coin toss. It was agreed that we would be happy to purchase this, if no donations came in. PTA will also do a raffle on the night and bottles/gifts are also required for this. Laura suggested asking cinemas for funny cardboard cut outs. Allan suggested costa vouchers or asking people to donate vouchers.

Allan also booked in a date for a March Madness disco in Glebe on 16th March (*date changed since meeting to 9.3.23*), and P7 Leavers' Disco at the Watersports Club 27th June 6.30-8.30pm.

School updates Mrs McNeil:

*Class structure and staffing 2022/23 – Mrs McNeil said that only 17 new P1s had currently registered for the coming year 23/24, although there may be more with placing requests. 43 P7s will leave in 2023 so the falling numbers will have an impact on class sizes. This will result in more composite classes. Parents will be consulted in the process to reassure. Mrs McNeil said that the falling role is linked to Glebe having no nursery. The children settle at other school nurseries with a view to moving to Glebe, but then decide against moving for P1 as they have formed friendships etc.

*Budgets and Pupil Equity Funding 2022/23- Mrs McNeil said that budgets are tight across the authority and this is the same for Glebe. Mrs McNeil ran through what PEF money had previously been spent on, and discussed which areas they were looking to save on. She said that staffing through PEF money was very important and that they would look to continue this. Staffing is the biggest spend for Glebe, but this is a priority. PTA/PC agreed with staffing as a priority.

PEF money also supports the new school uniforms which Glebe provides, and are free to anyone who needs them. This service has been very popular with many families. PTA agreed to pay the buses for school trips again at approx. £2000.

Nicola said that PTA would be happy to put money aside for bigger projects which school might need, even if it was over a few years. She suggested new infant playground equipment. Mrs McNeil said that it would be great if PTA can afford new playground markings. Nicola confirmed that this was fine. Claire to liaise with school. It was also discussed that the pupils don't really need the big PTA funded fun day at the end of term (magician, inflatables, ice cream van) as this was introduced when trips weren't allowed due to covid. Mrs McNeil said that the school could provide a fun day with an ice cream station and games and school could cover the cost. Laura W said that PTA would be happy to help and serve ice cream on the day. PTA still happy to support.

*P7 Residential Survey for Session 2022/23 Mrs McNeill said that the trip is going ahead very soon, but that £2000 was still unpaid.

*World Book Day 2/3/23 Parents will be invited in to read with classes. This will take place on Thursday 2nd March. Children can dress up, and Mrs McNeil discussed an idea where people dress up as a word.

1. Mr Wilson DHT – Self Evaluation/School Improvement Plan Priorities

Mr Wilson discussed the current SIP for 2022/23 and the measures in place to achieve these plans. He said that the four focuses were; Raising Attainment in Numeracy,

Raising Attainment in Literacy, Learning and Teaching/Assessment and Additional Support Needs/Universal Supports. He felt that the processes put in place to improve in all their areas had been very successful. This includes introducing a skills based curriculum. New planning in Numeracy is working well, with data trending up. Great progress has been made with individual children with ASN, and particular success has been achieved with targeted support on dyslexia using Nessy and other supports. This is all helped by having new rigorous and targeted Staged Intervention paperwork and plans. Overall, the data suggests a raise in attainment and success in the SIP areas. The school is also working hard at being a Rights Respecting School and has introduced 'Wellbeing Warriors'. Mr Wilson asked for parent views on all areas of SIP progress. All present were happy with the information given, and Nicola said that it sounds as though all plans are having a very positive impact on learning and attainment. Additionally Mr Wilson discussed the 'Curriculum Rationale' which has been updated for Glebe. This provides a broad overview of information for parents eg, What makes Glebe unique? What does Glebe provide for your children? It demonstrates ways in which Glebe is always striving to improve.

AOB –

Mrs McNeil asked if PTA/PC could suggest any Partnerships which Glebe has, as these will be documented and evidenced, and used to further school experiences. PTA/PC suggested a care home link-up – maybe Abbeyfield House in Kilwinning Road. They also suggested contacting Ardagh Glass who have arranged class visits in the past. Fullarton Church, Old Parish Church, Buzz Bingo, Tesco and Asda, were also mentioned.

Nicola thanked everyone for their time.

Date of Next Meeting: Thursday 9th March 6pm Fullarton Connexions (*subject to change due to disco date change*)
 Thursday 18th May 6pm Fullarton Connexions