

## Friends of Glaitness Minutes

Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> September

### Present

Maggie Henning, Mrs Kennedy, Sharon Muir,  
Inga Sandison, Kareen MacLeod, Ruth Smith,  
Rosie Drever, Karen Rory, Abby Ross, Chrystal  
McBarron, Stephanie Krier

### Apologies

Katie Firth, Barbara Brown, Cheryl Gould,  
Kerri Bickmore

1. Opening of meeting and welcome
2. Apologies for Absence
3. Approval of Previous Minutes 30th April 2024
4. Action Log Update
5. Class Reps & Chair etc
6. Conduct on group chats
7. Halloween Party Fri 1st Nov
8. Sum dog
9. School start time – poll update again
10. School pictures
11. Santa Books
12. Parents Evening
13. Treasurer's Update
14. Headteachers Update
15. Early Learning & Childcare Update
16. AOCB
17. Correspondence
18. Date of next meeting

Topic	Action	Responsibility	Additional Information / Comments
<b>Previous Minutes</b>	Minutes from 30 <sup>th</sup> April Approved	MH / All	
<b>Action Log Update – School Times</b>	To be reviewed at AGM next year.	MH / All	<b>**update 05.09**</b> Survey Monkey was issued, 25 responses (max for Survey Monkey) Anymore responses would need to be a paid version or an alternative survey method 60 / 40% to remain the same time.
<b>This Years Committee</b>	MH & BB to remain in their current positions.		FOG school parents' council consists of: Chair, Treasurer, Class Reps.  Others are welcome to join but the core council is those above.
<b>Conduct of Group Chat</b>	Parents council group chat to be conducted in a mature and responsible manner.  Don't discuss anything on the group chat is of a personal / sensitive nature talk to your class reps if any issues.		It has been brought to the chair's attention that messages from group chats are being shared wider and out of context.
<b>Action Log Update</b>	Medical forms to be carried forward to next meeting <b>Update 05.09 – Continue as is, this is an OIC process. Remove from minutes,</b>		
<b>Class Reps &amp; Chairs</b>	<b>Nursery:</b> Laura Thomson and Michelle Kennedy <b>P1 / P2</b> – Chrystal McBarron Rose Drever  <b>P2</b> – Abby Ross  <b>P3</b> – Ruth Smith		Role of the class Rep:  Issues that you'd like to bring to the parent's council meeting, but you can't / don't want to attend the meeting you can bring this to

	<p><b>P4 – REQUIRED</b></p> <p><b>P5</b> – Karen Rory</p> <p><b>P6</b> – Kareen MacLeod</p> <p><b>P7</b> – Inga Sandison</p> <p><b>ASN</b> – Ruth Smith</p> <p>Maggie to do a post about who the class reps &amp; parents council are for this year.</p> <p>Class Reps to be added as an agenda point for meetings, not under AOB</p>		<p>your class reps to bring them up.</p> <p>Class reps attend the parents’ council meeting online or in person.</p>
<b>Halloween Party</b>	<p>Volunteers required to help with various tasks</p> <p>Katie to do poster – Michelle can help if Katy isn’t available.</p>	MH / KC / All	<p>Friday 1<sup>st</sup> November is confirmed. Keep it in the gym hall.</p> <p>P1 – 3 – Drop, leave &amp; collect</p> <p>P4 – 7 – Drop and leave</p> <p>DJ is confirmed.</p> <p>Similar format to last year.</p> <p>Nursery will have a disco</p>
<b>Sum Dog</b>	<p>Parents council funding from this year is still being used. When the renewal is due it will be brought back to the school council for approval.</p>	All	<p>P2 upwards – mathematical app.</p> <p>Parent council funded the app last year. School doesn’t have the funds to cover this.</p> <p>Most classes are using it, some in different ways. Well used across the school</p>
<b>Class Pictures</b>	<p>Caroline going to get 3 quotes from different vendors</p>	Caroline	

<b>Santa Books</b>	Sharon Muir going to look at school-tastic for which books to purchase		Nursery, P1 and P2 receive these
<b>Parents Evening</b>	<p>If any parents wish to attend to help with set up, teas and coffees please advise nearer the time once your child's parents' night has been confirmed,</p> <p>Appeal for Halloween costumes, Christmas jumpers and winter coats – SWAP Shop to be set up but not manned.</p>		<p>1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> October</p> <p>4 – 6pm and 5pm – 7pm.</p> <p>MH not able to attend to represent the parents' council.</p>
<b>Treasurers Update</b>	School Hoodies – One is funded by the parents' council, should any parents wish to buy another one this cost is covered by themselves.	MH & BB	<p>See attached update</p> <p>I did see an Education Scotland Grant called Food4Thought that could be applied for by the school in the future (or maybe already has been). I know the date has passed this time, but worth keeping an eye out.</p>
<b>AOB – Road Safety / Crossings</b>	<p>Stephen Kemp has advised to have a meeting with The Picky Manager (James Linklater) and OIC</p> <p>Contact made with 2 individuals from OIC to invite to a meeting to discuss this.</p>	MH	<p>Left turn feeder lane suggestion to help with congestion</p> <p>Zebra Crossing / Road Safety</p>

<p>Playground Grant Update</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Kate has someone from the council coming down to see them. Katie to provide update at next meeting if relevant.</li> <li>2. Look at applying for funding for the back playground that could be made accessible to the public.</li> </ol> <p><b>**Update 05.09** The funding opportunities would need require the parents' council to be the main applicant.</b></p>	<p>KT</p>	<p>We did not get the grant, mainly due to location as it's not open to the public.</p> <p>There is a group in the school looking at the playground usage.</p>
<p><b>Early Learning Update</b></p>	<p>Update from Cathy Smith new ELC manager.</p> <p>Cathy to clarify current staffing and availability of wrap around care.</p>	<p>CS</p>	<p>Attach and send out with minutes</p> <p>Previously Glaitness was advertised as wraparound care from 8.30 - 5pm. Unfortunately, due to staffing, it was reduced back. At the moment the parent who approached me, is able to put her son 8.30-3.30pm every day during term time. This is her 9.30-3.30 statutory hours, plus the buy in of the 8.30-9.30 hours. Due to her and her husband working FT, they'd like to buy into</p>

			the 3.30-5pm hours. Is this going to be possible for her to do any time soon?
<b>Head Teachers Update</b>	<p>2 main priorities for the school this year:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) Writing (how it's taught) and</li> <li>2) Ensuring that culture of inclusion, participation, wellbeing – thriving and flourishing.</li> </ol> <p>Meta Skills continues to be a focus throughout education. From early level upwards. This will be part o their language of learning.</p> <p>1. Place to be – information has been sent to parents. In house counsellor now started. Places to talk is the main initiative. 1:1 counselling available for 10-week blocks.</p> <p>Teacher Trio's – Teachers across Orkney are matched with 2 other head teachers. Focus will be on learning and learning teaching, observations in the schools and talking to parents and children. Glaitness, Shapinsay &amp; Orphir &amp; Stenness is a trio. Glaitness will be visiting on 25<sup>th</sup> November.</p>		
AOB	<p>School trip to NethyBridge</p> <p>Can any fundraising be done to bring the cost down for parents.</p> <p>This is usually organised by the P7 mums</p>	P7 Class Rep & P7 Parents	
AOB	Chase Blue Door Application	MH	
AOB – Badminton Rackets	<p>Can the parents' council fund more rackets?</p> <p>Maggie to put a post on FB group.</p>	MH & ???	<p>Currently on 20 available and over 40 people attended.</p> <p>Short handed and long handed</p>
	<p>Net Zero Heros</p> <p>Number 65 doesn't drive along Scapa which is missing picking up 5 kids, 3 households and the bus is empty. Can this be looked into?</p>	IR	
<b>Date of Next Meeting</b>	<b>Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> November 19.00 –</b> <b>Another note taker may</b>	MH	

	<b>be required for this date!!</b>		
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