Glendale Primary School, Parent's Council Meeting, 8th December 2021

Minutes – DRAFT

Present

Parent Council	School
Vanessa Walsh	Liz Laird – Headteacher
Raymond Farrell	Joan Dominy – Dep Headteacher
Rob Cussons	B UI- Hassan
Viola Retzlaff (minute taker)	

Apologies received

Misoun Alhusari	Viyan Mawlood

Items discussed

1. Constitution

- Min number of PC present for voting changed from 5 to 3
- Clarification that WhatsApp groups as means for communication will be informal and based on agreement of participants no GDPR issues
- Constitution was accepted see Appendix 1.

2. Office bearers

- For Chair Vanessa Walsh
- For Treasurer Alison Brodie
- For Secretary Viola Retzlaff
- Supported and therefore confirmed as office bearers by Raymond and Rob
- Vanessa advised that treasurer handover has already happened

3. Communications

- Agreed version of Constitution to be made public on school website (PC section)
- Also to be included on the webpage are names and (if agreed) pictures of office bearers and other PC members
- PC meeting minutes to be made public on the school webpage, and school will let Parent Forum know that they can be viewed there

ACTION - VR to liaise with Mrs Lloyd

PC will seek engagement with Ecocommittee and Pupil Council

- School also uses 'Groupcall' for parent/carer interaction, in addition to the school app. Groupcall sends out messages by email and text.
- 'Groupcall' settings allow translations of messages into home languages needs to be investigated as to how this works and what quality of translation is offered
- PC will look into using volunteer translators from among the Parent Forum also to cover most spoken community languages – Urdu, Kurdish, Arabic

4. Frequency and dates of future meetings

- Meetings to be every 2 months
- Informal meetings by PC members only to be called in between as deemed necessary, to prepare PC meetings and agenda
- Meetings to be held remote at a later point of the day to encourage increase in participation by parents / carers
- Next meeting to be held on 19th January 2022, 20:00 hrs.
- Following meetings on 23rd March and 18th May, 2022

5. Other

- School advised on schedule of events till end of term see Appendix 2
- Internal other procedures to be finalised and agreed IT policy and Policy on Conduct for members

ACTION - PC to review and complete these policies

 Areas of work for the PC could be to set up a schedule of social events to foster a 'school community' (food sharing, Sport's Day ...) and to investigate funding opportunities for school yard improvements, equipment to enhance the learning experience etc.

Appendices

- 1. Glendale Primary School Constitution
- 2. Schedule of events till end of term