

Friends of Glaitness School Minutes

Monday 3rd February 2025

Present	Ingrid Rendall (Head Teacher), Caroline Paterson (Business Manager), Maggie Henning (Chairperson), Michelle Kennedy, Laura Thomson, Nicola Wilson, Barbara Brown, Katy Firth, Rosie Drever, Karen Rorie, Cathy Smith (Nursery Manager), Kareen Macleod, Cheryl Gould, Sharon Muir, Chrystall McBarron, Ruth Smith, Jenny McGrath, Kate Towsey (P5 Teacher), Stacey Dorricott
2. Apologies	Katy Firth, Abi Ross

Topic/ Agenda Item	Notes	Action	Who?	Additional Information /Comments
3. Approval of Previous Minutes	Minutes from 13 th November 2024.			Approved.
4. Action Log Update				Incorporated into following items
5. Safe Routes to School update separate meeting	MH, KF, SM, Naomi Bremner, Yvonne Scott & Matthew Wylie took a walk around the school grounds and surrounding areas. Ideas put forward for possible areas of change were extending the zigzag lines to improve vision, and creating a new route to school through the green land at The Mound, past the campsite and through the Picky carpark. The next step then would be widen roads and move the crossing patrol officer. RS also suggested improvements to steps at the back for those accessing from Liberator side, which SM said is in the plan	1. Set up a separate meeting to bring in more parents 2. Contact NB for possible meeting dates	MH	
6. Fundraising ideas & groups	Fundraising groups are needed to help organise all future events, in particular	1. Look for volunteers to form fundraising	MH to post on Facebook & arrange a meeting of the group	

	the playground redevelopment, Safe Route to School, Sumdog and school trips. Suggestions were made for smaller events rather than one big Fayre as in the past. These included bingo, car boot sale, COOP support scheme, Tesco blue token scheme, Bag the Bruck and Blue Door.	group, not just from FoGs		
7. New Netball Coaches	KR said that two coaches will be lost at the end of this year. Sharon Gray has volunteered to come on board. The netball for the younger girls needs to be changed as too many lasses are taking part which is too much to them all to get proper space to play and be coached. It was suggested P4s and possibly P5s practise in the school instead of Picky next year. More coaches are needed for this to happen, and for netball to continue to be available for P4/5 next year.	1. Get the word out that more coaches are needed for netball to continue next year. 2. Members to ask around for anyone they think might be willing to volunteer, possibly next year's P4 parents	1. MH to post on Facebook to plea for volunteers	
8. Match funding for playground	We have been semi approved for £25k match funding from the Play Area Renewal Fund, which would make a total of £50,000. JM, KT & CP have been working on the playground funding, emphasising that the application needs to focus on the	1. JM, KT & CP putting together a list of what needs done 2. IR said pupil ambassadors are holding consultations on what is needed for the area and asking	1. JM, KT, CP 2. Pupil ambassadors 3. BB, JM & MK 4. MH	

	community tie and benefits the renewal will bring. JM made a rough costing of possible equipment to help gain the maximum £50,000 funding which was approved subject to a full project plan & evidence of match funding. Working alongside Inclusive Orkney will help with this. In future FoGS may have to look into leases for areas that will be publicly accessible, but this is a long way off yet. BB said the lottery funders are in Orkney soon doing 15 minute interviews for funding applications	opinions of their peers, this will be continuing 3. The sub group to consult and present to parents at parents evening 18 & 20 March 4. Post on Facebook page to make parents aware of plans & encourage anyone interested to help with the project 5. BB & JM to attend lottery meeting on 26th Feb.		
9. Class Reps update	1. RS asked if it could be reiterated that football tops are not to be worn to school as they have been filtering back in again. 2. MK said the School Meals User Group had still had no reply from School Meals Manager, Scott Pring. IR updated on a meeting she had attending where Mr Pring had discussed the new ordering system for meals, which letters will be issued on soon, and also the reasoning behind all the special menu days being that it allows them to serve things they might not otherwise be allowed	1a. IR to remind on latest Parent Update 1b. SM suggested reminding at assembly too		

	due to strict regulations on menus.			
10. Treasurer's Update	1. BB said there is £7336 in the account as of 31st January. £1000 of this will go towards the Nethybridge trip, £724 to Sumdog and also Picky. 2. The Sports account stands at -£158, but BB understands that some parents are still to pay. 3. The School Lottery remains the biggest income at £1213.			
11. Headteacher's Update	1. IR said a successful Know Yourself, Grow Yourself campaign had been taking place and all pupils were also engaging well with the Meta Skills projects, with 2 of 12 left to do. 2. Writing has also been a large part of the curriculum recently, with more events being developed. 3. This year instead of national World Book Day, Glaitness' WBD will take place at Parents' Evenings to coincide with the Scholastic Book Fair.			
12. Early Learning & Childcare Update	1. CS said the nursery currently has 65 children enrolled, with a small amount having started this month and 6 more due after Easter. 2. There are currently 4 vacant posts in the nursery. 3. Last week the nursery held a successful			

	Registration Week open evening. 4. Forest School hasn't been happening lately due to staff holidays and bad weather, but will resume soon. 5. Orkney Builders were in recently to add new terrains in the side garden which they hope to use soon, then develop the front area as it is very muddy currently. 6. Some nursery staff will be undergoing Bookbug training soon.			
13. AOCB	1. CM suggested the return of printed tea towels as a fundraiser and memento for parents. 2. CP updated on school class photos, saying the office has received quotes from Ken Amer & Kirsten Shearer, so just needed to decide which to take forward. 3. The P5 Burns Supper raised £848 for the playground redevelopment and was extremely well received and appreciated by all involved. KT said it was a fantastic example of community spirit and everyone pulling together.	1. Put this idea to the fundraising group 2. Decide which photographer to take on	1. Members involved in new group 2. Office staff	
14. Correspondence	None.			
15. Date of Next Meeting	Thursday 1 st May 2025 7pm in Glaitness Nursery Family Room			