

# INVERGARRY PRIMARY SCHOOL – PARENT COUNCIL

## MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 1 SEPTEMBER 2016, 6.30 PM

Present: Mrs Kim Bentley Mrs Julie Gilchrist Miss Maria MacRae  
Mrs Lauren Grant Mrs Gayle Rand Miss Gilllian Carruthers  
Mrs Dee Collins Cllr Allan Henderson

Apologies: Mrs Keri Seymour Ms Soraya Barreno Mrs Mairi Davies  
Mrs Marion Riddle Mrs Norma Fraser Cllr Ben Thompson

Meeting opened with chair welcoming teachers, parents and Councillor Allan Henderson to the meeting.

### Minutes of Last Meeting & Matters Arising

#### School Gate

Gayle to follow up with Neville

Action: Gayle

#### School Clean Up

Supporting block is required for Eagle. Tom from Community Woodland to be contacted

Action: Kim, Maria, Lauren

#### School Hedge

Hedge requires cutting and rose bush removed from centre as it is causing an obstruction for children going to bus. Highland Council to be contacted

Action: Kim

#### Residents Parking

Ongoing. Kim to follow up. Allan advised of Enforcement Officer starting in October for parking issues.

Action: Kim

#### GGASAC (Great Glen After Schools Activity Club)

Children all thoroughly enjoyed all the activities. Thank you to Maria for organising.

#### Glengarry Trust Logo

Fergus Donald's logo was chosen for Glengarry Trust.

#### Pantomime

This years Pantomime is Dick Whittington at Eden Court on 9<sup>th</sup> December

### Agenda Items

#### Headteachers Report

New member of staff for Additional Support Needs who will be in school fortnightly on a Tuesday. Barbara Grieve now teaches P1-3 on Tuesdays. 5 hours of Pupil Support Assistance have been lost so Mrs McWhirter is in school for 1 day less per week. This terms project is Native Woodlands. There will be a storytelling and art workshops for the children. Upper school are learning French with Mrs MacDonald and Mrs Bentley.

Improvement Plan will focus mainly on early level e.g. the nursery garden. Invergarry is working with Kilchuimen Primary on sharing standards and moderation.

### Inspection Report

Kim provided an outline of what the inspector looked at and findings.

Invergarry received Very Good rating in all categories. The negative comments were around the standard of the accommodation. Advice was to keep up the high standard.

The children were articulate and confident and the inspectors were impressed with the children.

Maria expressed thanks to the staff on behalf of the parents.

### School Building

Highlighted in inspection report and also in the same 10 years ago.

Ian Robertson and an architect from Glasgow shared draft plans for the building in first week of school holidays. Work will not start until next session (2017/18). A group of Stakeholders (parents, teachers, Highland Council employees) will be set up.

The draft plans were to demolish the portakabins, amalgamate the existing old buildings and to put on a new extension towards where the portakabins currently stand.

Allan advised of plans for new modular buildings to be erected on a different site but this was unknown to Kim. Parents and teachers felt it would be preferable to use existing building.

The new building would include provision for school lunches.

It was suggested that it would be good if someone from Highland Council would come to the school to discuss plans with parents. Allan advised that this would happen when stakeholder groups were to be set up but that the process was slow as it would first need to go through paper drawing, costing and be approved by committee.

### Fundraising

#### Current Account Balances

Parent Council Account - £3865.56 (including Transport Grant) with £363.79 for Nursery.

GGASAC - £993.51

P6&7 Trip - £2538.32. Costings required for Glencoe Trip. Hamper Raffle at Christmas Concert

Christmas Cards - Dee had registered with many companies and provided samples. We agreed to go with the company that offered the biggest discount and also do bags with school logo and T-towels. Designs need to be completed by 30<sup>th</sup> September.

Action: Kim, Julie, Dee
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Stall at Craft Fair – Items made at Craft Club starting in October to be sold along with T-Towels and bags.

20p Smartie Tubes - Maria has a contact and will follow up

Sponsored Walk - Maria is walking the Lairig Ghru on 24<sup>th</sup> September and any sponsors raised will be donated to Parent Council Funds.

Beetle Drive - Maria to contact hall to see which Fridays are available. Suggested moving time to earlier start for younger children. Agreed 6pm for 6.30pm start.

### **Date of Next Meeting**

Thursday 3 November 2016, 6.30pm.

No further business, meeting closed at 7.50pm.