

INVERGARRY PRIMARY SCHOOL – PARENT COUNCIL

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 6TH SEPTEMBER 2010, 7 PM

Present: Mrs Christine MacLennan Mrs Gayle Rand (Clerk)
 Mrs Jane Strachan Mrs Irene Rodgers
 Mrs Julie Gilchrist Mrs Linda Stewart (Treasurer)

Apologies: Cllr Bill Clark Mrs Carol Littlewood
 Mrs Tracey MacCallum (Chair)

The meeting was chaired by Linda Stewart in Tracey's absence.

Minutes of Last Meeting

The whiteboard steps are still on order, there is a problem with delivery from the supplier (based in Wigan). Linda will enquire to see if a local haulier travels near the suppliers.

Christian Rand has cleared the top part of the school garden and put in a raised bed for the nursery. At present he is mowing the grass.

As far as Gayle is aware, TranServ have not repeated the speed counter exercise with the school speed limit signs. Gayle will email Jon Flemming to see if this is still to go ahead.

Christine has joined the Glengarry Trust board as a representative of the Parent Council.

The sponsored walk was successful, raising a total of £590.27 for the school.

Agenda

Active Schools Coordinator

Jake Williams has been appointed as the new Active Schools Coordinator, he is hoping to provide a different activity each term – with parent participation - aiming to be 'Safe, Fun & Active' for all involved. He will look into sourcing grants/funding. He is carrying out fun fitness sessions with the nursery and P1, and a Play Leader programme (playground skills) with older pupils. Jake would like to attend the next Parent Council meeting to discuss possible activities (mountain biking perhaps).

School Garden

Linda and Christine applied to the Glengarry Trust for funding to utilise the school house garden, after a site visit, Trust members suggested clearing the complete grounds, re-seeding the grass, cutting back the hedge, putting in raised beds for the older children and erecting fencing and gates where required. Funds are available from the Trust for this work. Linda/Christine will return to the next trust meeting with further quotes to include the extra work.

Douglas has approached the school asking about the removal of the large fir in the school garden. Linda will ask if this can be included in the garden clearance.

A.O.B

Carpets

Ian Jackson has asked for quotes for new carpets to be sent in to the Highland Council. Until it is clear whether the Council will fund the new carpets, the sponsor money raised for this purpose can be held back. Help will be required to clear the classrooms in order for the carpets to be laid.

School Entrance

The dry stone walling is being covered by the grant from The Royal Society. Pupils have done some designs for the new school sign. It is still hoped for a flagpole to be sourced locally, and for this to be incorporated into the design for the new entrance. The plan is to have new gates fitted further back in the playground, leaving room for staff cars to be parked nearer the road – clearing the playground of vehicles completely.

Music

Following the success of the Firebird concert, Liz Wilshaw has ideas to make more instruments with parent help.

Greenhouse

Kirsty is now planning to make a start on the greenhouse (to be used by all the school), further help with this may be required.

Willow Dome

The willow dome is in dire need of being woven in/trimmed once again. A possible date for this has been pencilled in for 16th September.

Christmas Dates

This year's pantomime is Beauty and the Beast, held at Eden Court on Friday, 10th December. A provisional date for the school's Christmas concert has been set for Monday, 20th December.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Monday, 15th November, 7.00pm.