

INVERGARRY PRIMARY SCHOOL – PARENT COUNCIL

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY, 7TH MAY 2015, 7.30 PM

Present:	Mrs Kim Bentley	Miss Maria MacRae	Mrs Gayle Rand
	Mrs Dee Collins	Mrs Irene Rodgers	Mrs Norma Fraser
	Mr Clem Farnan	Ms Soraya Barreno	
	Ms Lesley McNeill	Mrs Marion Riddle	
Apologies:	Mrs Julie Gilchrist	Mrs Lauren Grant	Mrs Joy Middleton
	Mrs Tracey MacCallum	Ms Gillian Carruthers	

Minutes of Last Meeting & Matters Arising

School Gate

Julie has had no joy in asking Ian Chalmers from The Black Isle back to the school regarding the gates/sign. It was suggested that the Parent Council approach a more local craftsman. Gayle will approach Ken Brown & Neville Robins to see if this is something they are able to do. The money in the account that was ear-marked for benches (originally for the MUGA) should be able to be put against a new gate.

Lesley has offered to paint games on the playground surface (hop-scotch and the like) if paint can be sourced and purchased.

Action: Gayle, Lesley

School Buildings Plan

Norma Young will not confirm that Invergarry is a 'red-line school' despite assurances being made at the last meeting with her. There are still no forthcoming dates for school improvement works, there are plans for the building but no feasibility study has been carried out. Parent Council needs to keep pushing to keep Invergarry on the agenda and to support staff to move this forward.

Action: Kim

School Grounds – Parent Working Party

Much accomplished on the day, many thanks to all those who attended. The paint has now arrived for Amy's Shed, waiting for fair weather and a free weekend to apply.

GGASAC

Starts on 8th May with mini highland games and mountain biking, Nevis Range on 15th May, followed by water activities on Loch Oich for three weeks. We need to meet promptly at Nevis Range on 15/5/15 as the last gondola is 5pm. Please can teachers ensure children are out on time on this day.

Action: Kim

Parent Help With Transport

Kim checked and guidance is that parents transporting children other than their own should be DBS checked, however this is cost prohibitive as the school would have to pick up the fees. To continue as present, children should be transported directly to and from venues and parents should be aware of who is taking who.

Parent Council Bank Account

Stands at £1,153.81 as of 07/05/2015, cheque of £320.00 issued to the school this evening to help cover costs of trip to Lochaber College/Rural Complex.

AGENDA

Head Teacher's Report

As presented at AGM, copy attached.

20mph Flashing Lights

The warning lights continue to flash until 9.15am even though nursery times have been changed to 9am. However, not too much of an issue as parents with younger children still need to walk home/to cars after dropping off.

On a Friday it has been noticed that the lights turn off at 1pm instead of continuing until 1.30pm – these need to be extended to cover the whole of the lunch period. Kim to contact Highland Council.

Action: Kim

AOB

Community Woodland

At this month's Community Council Meeting, attended by Maria & Gayle, a presentation was given by the Community Woodland Committee regarding proposed purchase of land for the use of villagers. They asked if the Parent Council would be willing to write a letter of support for their grant application. All agreed, Gayle to pass letter to Bruce.

Thank You Notes and Acknowledgments

Thank you note to go to Alasdair Fraser for his kind donation of benches for the school.

Thank you note to go to Liz Proudlock for verifying Parent Council accounts.

Thank you note to go to Gayle for work as Clerk.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Wednesday, 9th September 2015, 6.30pm.

No further business, meeting closed at 8.30pm.