

INVERGARRY PRIMARY SCHOOL – PARENT COUNCIL

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 15TH NOVEMEBR 2010, 7 PM

Present: Mrs Christine MacLennan Mrs Gayle Rand (Clerk)
Mrs Jane Strachan Mrs Tracey MacCallum (Chair)
Mrs Carol Littlewood Mrs Linda Stewart (Treasurer)

Apologies: Cllr Bill Clark Mrs Julie Gilchrist
Mrs Irene Rodgers PC Tony Hannah

Minutes of Last Meeting

The whiteboard steps have now been delivered. The school is waiting for an amended invoice which will be passed to the Parent Council for payment.

School garden – Linda & Christine are arranging for a second quote to be presented to the Glengarry Trust. Jane will enquire with Douglas Stewart to see if he can take down the tree as part of the Hydro Community Work hours.

Greenhouse – Kirsty is leading this project. Now has a donation of timber for the frame. Ronald has kindly offered to donate one of the sizes of nails required.

Agenda

Active Schools Coordinator

Jake Williams was unable to attend this evening's meeting and sends his apologies. He is looking for parent participation to set up activities out of school hours. He is happy to set-up and organise any necessary training but it is for parents to run. Jane will look into a letter to go out to all parents to see if there is any interest.

Outward Bound Residential Experience

This is a residential course centred on outside activities held on alternate years for pupils in P6 & P7. For Spring 2011 Julie has looked at Glen Coe Outdoors Centre, priced at £220 /per child for a group of 7 children plus 2 adults (4 days/3 nights). There will be other children of the same age from different schools there at the same time. To help cover the cots, the school can apply for a bursary, and Julie will write to Bill Clark on behalf of the school to ask if a donation can be made. Pupils who are attending could put together some ideas for fund-raising along with parents/carers contributions.

School Improvement Plan (2010-2011)

Members of the Parent Council were given copies of the School Improvement Plan for this year, abbreviated copies will be going out to all parents, and it will also be available on the school website.

There are basically three projects:

- Developing, implementing & embedding a Curriculum for Excellence
- Establishing a shared standard/moderations of assessment system (with associated schools group improvement project)

- Developing sustainability – developing global citizens (working towards 2nd green flag status)

School Grounds – Entrance Improvements

The local stone wall is now completed and a start is being made on the second, limestone wall – it is hoped that different soil/plants can be placed on top of this wall, perhaps from the limestone quarry. The school has obtained a grant from the GGT to help with engraving and new gates costs. The children have chosen works that they feel reflects the school's ethos to be engraved onto the limestone wall, along with the school's logo. It is intended for the gates to be moved further up to create a completely car-free playground. Staff will be able to park in the space made at the entrance where the gates are moved back.

For the future there will be bigger tidying-up and landscaping jobs to do (with parent/carers help).

Alternative Spending Ideas

The new carpets are now fitted with the Education Department funding these. There was a discussion regarding alternative spending ideas with monies raised by the sponsored walk. This included possible outside apparatus, head mikes kit/small sound system/PA pack, CD players for classrooms. It was agreed for Jane to go ahead and purchase two new CD players and to ask if the nursery required anything at this time.

A.O.B

Pantomime

This year's pantomime is Beauty and the Beast, held at Eden Court on Friday, 10th December. Letters will shortly be going out confirming costs of tickets/times etc.

Glengarry Life Website

Tracey noted that the school page of the website was in need of updating. Jane will contact Dennis regarding this.

Layby

It was noted that occasionally it has not been able to get two cars in for dropping-off and picking-up. Consideration should be given by those using the layby to park carefully to enable 2 cars in at a time.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Monday, 17th January 2011, 7.00pm.