

## INVERGARRY PRIMARY SCHOOL – PARENT COUNCIL

### MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY, 15<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER 2012, 6.30 PM

Present: Mrs Jane Strachan                      Mr Clem Farnan  
             Mrs Julie Gilchrist                     Miss Maria MacRae (Chairperson)  
             Mrs Marion Riddle                         Mrs Irene Rodgers  
             Mrs Gayle Rand (Clerk)                   Mrs Tracey MacCallum (Treasurer)

Apologies: Mr Bill Clark                         PC Tony Hannah  
             Mrs Lesley Doherty

#### **Minutes of Last Meeting & Matters Arising**

Minutes read and agreed.

*Active Schools Programme:* Activities are being held in the Community Hall on Fridays at the moment, organised by co-ordinator, Lindsay Campbell. Seems to be going well with good attendance.

*Fun Fridays:* Jane wrote to parents and had three responses – enough to start with, there are several ideas/suggestions. On-going.

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*GGASAC:* Julie has emailed Liz Proudlock asking for quotes from suppliers for next summer – to include 2 x watersports, 1 x climbing, 1 x archery/games and 1 x another. Expected to be in the region of last year's costs (£1,400). Maria has agreed to become a signatory for the bank account. Applications for funding/grants will now need to be submitted.

Action: Tracey for grant application. Maria for signatory

*School Garden:* Irene has been chasing the contractors regarding the missing installations of the school garden (nursery sand-pit & small raised bed), however responses from AA Young have not been forthcoming. Irene will phone again, meanwhile Gayle will contact Linda/Christine to see where the original quotes that were submitted are as evidences to the contractor to complete the work.

Thanks to AN Fraser for supplying the wood for the construction of the compost bins – now erected and up and running.

Action: Irene/Gayle

#### Bank Accounts

Clydesdale Bank now has all proof of identities required to open new Parent Council account, now waiting for bank to action and set up an opening meeting.

Marion in agreement to become signatory on the P6&7 Residential Trip Bank Account, held with Bank of Scotland. The address also needs to be changed as statements are still being sent to Linda's home.

Action: Tracey, Marion

#### School Entrance

The new school gate has now been installed – looks great.

No progress has been made with the overgrown vegetation at the school lay-by. Maria has had this raised at the Community Council Meeting as it is not clear with whom the responsibility lies (whether Transerv or Education Dept), she has also contacted the council through Fort Augustus Service Point. There has been no response as yet. Gayle to email Bill Clark to ask for any update.

Action: Gayle

### Pantomime/Christmas Diary Dates

This year's pantomime at The Eden Court Theatre in Inverness is "Mother Goose". School has booked seats for the afternoon performance on Friday, 14<sup>th</sup> December. Payment for tickets is now being collected. Village Children's Christmas Party is on Saturday, 15<sup>th</sup> December, with the school Nativity Play being held on Monday, 17<sup>th</sup> December.

### Eco-Thursdays

Help still desperately needed for all projects linked with Eco-Schools.

Action: Parent Help

### School Benches

Alasdair has kindly agreed to build new benches & only charge cost of materials.

## **AGENDA**

### Glencoe & City Trip Fund Raising

Maria is applying to the Glengarry Trust for a grant to help with the costs, she will require a copy of the bank statement. The total cost of the Glencoe trip is £995.

A sub-group of parents met with the children to discuss ideas for fund-raising. There was lots of enthusiasm with many activities planned. The first date being a Lovely Lunch held on 23<sup>rd</sup> November – with a used toy stall. Thanks to Seven Heads Store for donating bread for the sandwiches.

Further dates for Lovely Lunches are 17<sup>th</sup> January & 7<sup>th</sup> March – the March date to coincide with Book Day where it is hoped to raise money to purchase new books – several sets of books are short due to larger class sizes.

Donations have been requested from parents for a Christmas Hamper raffle – held at the school concert in December.

Other events include a Morrisons Bag-Pack, sponsored cycle/walk and a car wash.

It is hoped that any monies raised will be split between the trips and school funds.

### School Handbook

Jane has asked for any suggestions for the upgrading of the school handbook – this goes out to parents/carers of the new school intake each year. This needs updating by 8<sup>th</sup> December.

It was suggested that the handbook be included on the school website – as it is a useful tool for parents of children in all school years – also that illness procedures are listed.

## **AOB**

### Costume Making

Kirsty, Irene & Carole have got together to make costumes for school plays/nativities. Any further help would be much appreciated. They will need to purchase a small quantity of materials in order to finish some of the costumes.

### Nursery Appointment

Dee Collins has been appointed as the new nursery staff member.

## **DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

Thursday, 24<sup>th</sup> January 2012, 6.30pm.

No further business, meeting closed at 7.30pm.