

INVERGARRY PRIMARY SCHOOL – PARENT COUNCIL

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 16TH MAY 2011, 8 PM

Present: Mrs Christine MacLennan Mrs Gayle Rand (Clerk)
Mrs Jane Strachan Mrs Tracey MacCallum (Chair)
Mrs Marion Riddle Mrs Linda Stewart (Treasurer)
Mrs Julie Gilchrist Mrs Irene Rodgers
Miss Maria MacRae Mrs Lesley Doherty
Mr Clem Farnan

Apologies: Cllr Bill Clark PC Tony Hannah

Welcome to Maria, Marion, Lesley and Clem who have come along this evening to join the Parent Council.

Minutes of Last Meeting

Complements to the school for the new school sign, everyone has been admiring it.

Agenda

School Evaluation Questionnaire

The Standards of Quality Report is now not due to be submitted until September, the School Evaluation Questionnaire is only one tool used to obtain ideas/raise issues to help with this report and will now be going out to parents/carers/staff/pupils in June. Jane would like to reiterate that the school and staff run an open door policy and they are always available for questions and would much rather prefer to be contacted directly by parents/carers about any concerns they may have.

Action: N/A

Outward Bound Residential Experience

A presentation was given to Parent Council members by Sarah, Megan & Chloe (years P6 & P7) during the AGM.

Jane reported back that the course had been very successful and that the Glencoe centre suited the needs of those participating very well. It was also a good opportunity for pupils to mix with those from other schools attending. The final costs amounted to £228 per child. There is a surplus of £440 from the fundraising for the trip which Julie would like to be transferred to the Parent Council bank account to be earmarked for the next trip.

Julie and Jane also suggested organising a city trip on the alternate years to the outside activities residential course for year P6 & 7. To be forwarded for the next agenda.

Action: JG – funds transferred, GR – for next agenda

Withdrawal of Free Fruit

Jen asked for this matter to be added to the agenda, as she wasn't in attendance Julie explained that free fruit was funded by the Scottish Executive for years P1 & 2 but

funding had now been withdrawn. Staff were now suggesting to pupils new ways for the fruit to be introduced into the tuck-shop.

Action: N/A

Dishes and Flasks

Linda & Christine asked if funds from the Parent Council account could be used for purchasing kitchen equipment for the school. At the recent 'Lovely Lunches' fund-raising events, equipment had to be borrowed from the community hall. Clem offered to donate mugs from the hostel, whilst Christine will obtain prices for dishes. It was agreed for Linda to purchase a couple of the large dispensing flasks and kettle for the school kitchen.

Action: LS – purchase flasks/kettle, CMc – quotes for dishes

A.O.B

Sports Strips

There is a Shinty Tournament being held in June and the school doesn't have enough strips for a team, Jane asked if there were funds available or if anyone could suggest a sponsor. Maria mentioned to the meeting about an organisation called 'Sportsmatch' who will match a minimum amount of £500 to go towards a sports strip. Tracey will look into prices of strips (14 kits). Lesley will ask her husband, Neil, if Marine Harvest have a sponsoring policy.

Action: TMc – quotes for strips

School Trip

The date for this year's school trip is 24th June. A decision is yet to be made regarding the venue; suggestions from staff include a trip on the steam train to Mallaig or a trip to Glasgow (although there were some reservations regarding the younger pupils being able to manage this). It was agreed that the Parent Council would be able to fund the school trip this year.

Action: Parent Council to fund

Youth Club

Lesley asked the Parent Council about their views regarding a youth club for age range P1-7 as she feels there is a lack of this type of facility in Invergarry. She has spoken with Jake Williams (Active Schools Co-ordinator) and Kirsten from Fort Augustus Youth Club for their guidance on setting a club up and feels able to apply for grants to help fund this type of project. There is already some equipment in the hall from an earlier youth project. Lesley asked for any ideas and suggestions and is keen to organise a club but she will require help in order to do so.

Action: All for suggestion/ideas/volunteers to Lesley

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Monday, 12th September 2011, 6.30pm.