

INVERGARRY PRIMARY SCHOOL – PARENT COUNCIL

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY, 16TH MAY 2013, 7.30 PM

Present: Mrs Jane Strachan Mrs Carol Littlewood
Mrs Julie Gilchrist Miss Maria MacRae
Mrs Marion Riddle Mrs Irene Rodgers
Mrs Gayle Rand

Apologies: Mr Bill Clark PC Tony Hannah
Mrs Tracey MacCallum Mrs Lauren Grant

Minutes of Last Meeting & Matters Arising

Minutes read and agreed.

Bank Accounts

Tracey is currently chasing the Highland Council payment from last year. It seems that the funding may have been credited to the old BoS account despite the Highland Council being notified of the change in banks.

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School Entrance

Thanks to Donald for replacing the hinges on the school gate.

Eco-Thursdays

Parent help still desperately required to finish constructing the greenhouse. All the materials are there, but this is beyond the capabilities of the children and needs adults help to complete.

School Benches

Alasdair has kindly agreed to build 3 new benches & only charge cost of materials.

Glencoe & City Trip Fund Raising

Fund raising events to be reviewed for next school year. Perhaps just the Christmas Hampers and one other event to led by pupils.

Flashing Lights

Gayle contacted Hugh Logan at Highland Council, this matter has now been resolved and the flashing lights are working at more appropriate times.

Nursery Snack Funding

This matter has been resolved for this term.

GGASAC

Underway for this year, being held on a Monday this time. Julie will send a little reminder out to P4-7 parents/carers that their group starts at 4pm and no supervision is provided before that time.

It needs to be stressed that the GGASAC is a separate concern away from the Parent Council and Invergarry Primary School. It was suggested that a separate meeting of 15 minutes or so be held in the Autumn term before the next PC Meeting to formalise the committee (at present only Julie is named as Secretary and Tracey as Treasurer) and to appoint a Chairperson.

Skiing/Transport

Following on from discussions around the cost of transport to activities/school trips at the last meeting, Maria successfully applied to the Glengarry Trust for help to cover transport costs. A grant of £2,141 was awarded for the school.

Disclosures

The disclosure scheme is now called The PGV Scheme (The Protecting Vulnerable Groups Scheme). Forms have been requested for Tracey and Jane will review when the paperwork arrives.

AGENDA

Football/Basketball Area Resurfacing Idea

Maria, Marion & Tracey met to discuss the possibilities of having the flat “football” area of the playground resurfaced in a similar way to that of the MUGA at Fort Augustus and brought their findings back to the PC meeting. Fort Augustus used a company called Doe Sports (www.doesport.co.uk), a company based in Fife but who used contractors to carry out the work at the MUGA; and Malcolm Logistics were used for the tennis court at the Castle. Jane will ask Roy Bridge School to see who completed their new court. There are several different types of surfaces available depending upon the types of sports to be played. The next step is to measure the area of the playground and see if quotes can be obtained.

Action: Maria/Tracey/Marion, Jane

AOB

Amy's Shed

Irene suggested that as now the school have a matching sign and gate, it would be nice to smarten up Amy's shed with the same type of design and paint. To go forward for possible Eco-School project in the next school year.

Action: Eco-Schools

Parent Council Recruitment

In order to boost Parent Council numbers, please remind and encourage all parents/carers (especially those of new nursery intake) that they are all welcome to join.

Action: All

Layby Parking

A reminder to all drivers to keep the lay-by clear at pick-up and drop-off times for the school buses.

Action: Jane

Library Van Times

The library van visits the school every three weeks – although this can sometimes be subject to change at short notice. The dates for the next few months are:

Tuesday, 11th June 2013 Tuesday, 3rd September 2013

Tuesday, 24th September 2013

Tuesday, 15th October 2013 Tuesday, 5th November 2013

Tuesday, 26th November 2013

Tuesday, 17th December 2013

Forthcoming Events

Visit to Loch Lochy Fish Farm on 12th June, Sports Day 13th June, School Trip to Highland Folk Museum 14th June, Open Day/Fun Day 27th June.

With regards to the Open Day, the Pupil Council Members were discussing ideas about having a bouncy castle. Costs and distances involved may however prevent this from happening.

PC Hannah wishes to make a presentation with the pupils regarding the recent traffic survey on the afternoon of Thursday, 20th June.

A suggestion was made that in place of the pantomime trip this year, that an excursion to see The Lion King in Edinburgh was organised. Again, distances involved and the price of tickets deemed this perhaps unsuitable.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Thursday, 12th September 2013, 6.30pm.

(With a separate meeting for GGASC at 6.15pm)

No further business, meeting closed at 8.45pm.