

## **INVERGARRY PRIMARY SCHOOL – PARENT COUNCIL**

### **MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY, 17<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER 2011, 6.30 PM**

Present:	Mrs Christine MacLennan	Mrs Gayle Rand (Clerk)
	Mrs Jane Strachan	Mrs Tracey MacCallum (Chair)
	Mrs Irene Rodgers	Mrs Linda Stewart (Treasurer)
	Mrs Julie Gilchrist	Mr Clem Farnan
	Miss Maria MacRae	Ms Lesley McNeil
Apologies:	Cllr Bill Clark	PC Tony Hannah
	Mrs Marion Riddle	Mrs Carole Littlewood

### **Minutes of Last Meeting**

The total amount held in the GGASAC at present is £1,247.37. Funding will need to be sought for the activities to be held in 2013.

Nursery Snack Funding: Parents are donating at the beginning of each term, with the bank account being used as per discussions at the last meeting. The fruit, vegetables and milk have to be purchased from Highland Council recognised suppliers which don't always offer value for money.

School Portacabins: A letter was received back from Hugh Fraser stating that Invergarry would be included with Fort Augustus schools in a forthcoming Condition Survey (part of the Strategic School Estate Review).

The new toys requested by the nursery have been purchased and donated by the Parent Council.

### **Agenda**

#### **Youth Club/After School Activity Club**

Lesley had met with Jane prior to the PC Meeting to discuss more specific ideas for the youth club, eg. dance classes, arts & crafts, games. Lesley has designed leaflets ready to go home with pupils (asking for volunteers to help etc) – she is waiting to arrange dates with the hall before sending these out. The costs of the hire of the hall may be of some concern - Christine confirmed that this would be in the region of £8/hour. Jake has requested a meeting to look at the hall and the equipment available and would also like to get interested people together for a 'training session'. It is hoped to get enough people together for a rota to cover a six week block. Possible suggestions for days included Tuesdays/Fridays straight after school finishes.

Action: LMcN
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### Skiing

There was a discussion around including the P4 year in the skiing sessions. At present years 5, 6 & 7 participate in the 4 week block of lessons (currently £84 for the 4 days), this works out that they have the opportunity of 3 years skiing. Left with Jane for the final decision.

Action: JS

### Residential City Trip (Years P6&7)

Jane liaised with Spean Bridge Primary who only run their residential city trips for P7 pupils. Therefore Jane will be willing to take Invergarry's P6 & P7 pupils as an individual group. Jane has put together a possible timetable – with lots of activities! – for a two night stay from 13<sup>th</sup> – 15<sup>th</sup> June 2012. There was some discussion around selecting a safe & secure place to stay, with Pollock Halls (Edinburgh University's halls of residence) being favourable. The cost at present is approximately £180 per person. There were some ideas around trying to reduce the costs of entry into attractions. The recent Lovely Lunch raised £185 towards the trip, and the books left over will be on sale at the village Christmas Craft Fair, with the children also holding a raffle for Christmas Hampers at the school's Christmas concert. The Seven Heads store donated the bread for the lunch – pupils to write to thank them.

Action: JS

### Fun Fridays

The school holds a 'Fun Friday' once a month for the last session of the day, 2pm onwards. The school are asking for parental participation especially for the sessions in the New Year. Lesley suggested that she may be able to put together a print-making Christmas card session if time permits. Maria has suggested shinty for next time.

Action: All, LMcN, MMcR

### Showstoppers Production

There were no seats available at the Eden Court Pantomime for a group of younger children. The school along with any family & friends will be attending Fort William's Showstoppers presentation of A Christmas Carol on 9<sup>th</sup> December. The school will be open in the morning for any pupils wishing to attend until 12.30pm.

Action: None

### School House Garden Project

Following a successful application by Linda & Christine, The Glengarry Windfarm Trust has awarded grants for the full cost of landscaping the school house garden areas. The contract has been awarded to Alistair Young (Fort William). Although it was hoped that work could commence during the October holidays, the weather is not favourable at this time of year for the work that needs to be done (turfing etc). It is anticipated that the Easter holidays will be a more suitable time.

Action: None

### Flag Pole

Following the last meeting, Tracey sourced a website company who could provide a suitable flagpole. It was agreed to order a 3m lightweight pole for erection near the fenced-off rocks area. Parent Council to fund.

*Update: The contractor awarded the garden project has agreed to erect the flagpole. Purchase of the flagpole will therefore be put back until the spring.*

Action: TM, Parent Council to fund

#### Sportsmatch/School Team Strips

The school strips are now at the school, and Maria successfully applied to Sportsmatch David Smith's donation of £500. Once this is all finalised a press release needs to be arranged – photo of children in new kit with David Smith/Sportsmatch involvement. Maria has a list of sports equipment suitable for all abilities to order.

Action: JS, MMcR

#### Adverse Weather Line

Clarification over the updating times of the adverse weather telephone line. Jane confirmed that skiing information is updated shortly after 8am on the relevant dates, whereas the adverse weather information is updated when required.

Action: None

### **AOB**

#### Glengarry Games Donation

Alison Donald passed on a message that the Glengarry Games Committee would like to make a donation again this year to the school. They request suggestions to what this donation could be used for. Following on from last year where their donation was used towards the cost of the school sign, Jane asked that it could go towards the costs of the new school gates.

Action: MMcR

#### Fund Raising/Quiz Night

Provisional dates of either 24<sup>th</sup> February or 2<sup>nd</sup> March put forward. Christine will check with the hall diary and date to be confirmed at next meeting. For next agenda.

Action: GR – for next agenda

#### Bank Accounts

Linda suggested that a separate bank account be opened for the sole use of the residential trips. At present some of the money is being held in the parent council account and some in the school account which can make reconciliation difficult. Linda to look at setting up the new account.

Action: LS

### **DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

Thursday, 26<sup>th</sup> January 2012, 6.30pm.