

**Parent Council Meeting**

Minutes from meeting held on Thursday 16th Feb 2023

**ATTENDANCE**

Present:

Alahna Low (AL) Audrey Quaile (AQ), Nicola McDonald (NM), Jen Mcwilliam (JMW), Kelly Paterson (KP), Hayley Sutherland (HS), Denise Holway, Gemma Insley

Apologies:

Rebecca Pirie (RP), Sarah Sunley (SS), Amanda Reid (AR), Jennifer Murray (JM)

**MINUTES**

1. Welcome

**AQ** welcomed everyone to the school!!

2. Minutes of last Meeting and Matters Arising

The Minutes of the last meeting were approved.

3 Treasures report

Balance as at today is **£7672.62**

£5300 outgoings on Christmas trips and play equipment

Still waiting to hear from Tesco regarding money

4 HT report & Impact of COVID-19 Update

School roll dropped by one child moving away but good news is that it looks like we will have 7 new P1s joining us in August so with 7 leaving to go onto Academy – that is a healthy replenishment.

**Standards and Quality Report/School Improvement Plan**

Learning for Sustainability

* New Polytunnel delivered, ready to be erected with help from Mr Stewart
* Development of LfS school action groups to address Global Goals
* Dates in the diary for Bennachie to engage in John Muir award

To improve the assessment of writing across the school.

* New writing progression has been developed with accompanying assessment criteria – to be looked at in Family Workshop
* Moderation planned for term 4

Supporting learners’ needs & removing barriers to learning. (Inverurie Cluster)

* Really good in-service input delivered by Mr Small on many aspects of supporting learners’ needs. It was an opportunity to reflect on our current practice and think about next steps. Emotional HWB is the single biggest barrier to learning in our setting and will be a significant focus for us going forward in partnership with our cluster partners.

**Social Media**

Facebook page seems to have lots of visits/likes etc and we are enjoying being able to share in the moment.

**Play Equipment**

This is ordered and will be installed in March, so we are very much looking forward to having fun with that as we get into the swing of spring.

**Green Goblin kitcar**

We have been fortunate to be allocated a BP engineer who has an interest in this area and who is also a former teacher, so we have been able to make an early start on the kitcar this year. The P6s & 7s are really enjoying building the car with Maria and have a workshop set up in the GP room for this. We are hoping to get the building and bodywork design done through some longer, more intense sessions now while we have Maria and then work on design and racing in the summer term.

**Transition**

The transition program is progressing for our P7s going to Inverurie in August, they have had several visits to the campus for

5. PC Activities/ Fundraising

Looking at maybe having a class representative for each classroom.

**Spring fair date Saturday 27th May.**

Beetle drive to be held August date to be confirmed.

We are open to any suggestion on fundraising ideas please feel free to contact any member of the parent council forum or email your ideas to (cogparentcouncil@gmail.com)

6. AOB

**Please turn off your car engine off when dropping off your children & waiting for children to come out of school.**

7. Next meeting

Will be on **Thursday 27th April at 7.15pm at Chapel of Garioch School.**

All parents/carers welcome.