

**Parent Council Meeting**

Minutes from meeting held on Wednesday 7th February 2024

**ATTENDANCE**

Present:

Jen Mcwilliam (JMW), Kelly Paterson (KP), Hayley Sutherland (HS), Nicola McDonald (NM), Amanda Reid (AR), Catherine Paterson (CP), Gemma Insley (GI)

Apologies:

Rebecca Pirie (RP), Rachel Milne (RM), Jacqui Graham (JG)

**MINUTES**

1. Welcome

**JWM** 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 **£2078.50**

*Money in*

Xmas Fayre - £283

Last person standing - /3160

AC Funding - £274

Easy Fundraising - £25

Andersons donation - £325

*Money out*

Chrome books - £558

Xmas Trip - £672.80

Food hygiene cert - £25

*Upcoming*

Quiz

Residential trip

Pounds for primaries competition

4 HT report

Staffing

Miss Kristy Smith will return from her maternity leave on Monday the 4th March on a part-time basis and will teach in the P1-3 Class on a Monday and Tuesday. Mr Small will teach in P1-3 on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. There will also be a slight change in P4-7 with Mrs Duggan teaching every Monday, Miss Chamberlain teaching Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday and Fridays will be taught be Miss Chamberlain and Miss McDonald alternate weeks. Miss McDonald will also teach some areas of the curriculum in P1-3 and P4-7 throughout the week.

Transition

Transition activities are underway for our P7s with the other Inverurie small schools and Inverurie Academy. We are expecting 5 new P1s in August at the moment and a transition program for them will start in Term 4. In terms of classes next year, we will look at how the classes will be configured in May, so a reminder that a P1-3 and a P4-7 configuration is not always the configuration that best supports our pupils each year, so will be determined careful consideration of academic, emotional and social development of pupils as well as numbers.

Accelerated Reader

Since the implementation of Accelerated Reader in August, we have seen significant engagement in reading across the school. Assessment data is showing a sharp increase in attainment in reading and there are some early signs of impact on other areas of literacy as well. This is fantastic to see and this wouldn’t have been possible without the Parent Council funding to pay for this resource.

Chromebooks

Again, thanks to the Parent Council, we have enough Chromebooks for 1-1 in class and this has really allowed us to make excellent use of this technology across the curriculum from writing to coding so technology skills are increasing at a pace which is wonderful to see. Staff have also upskilled themselves, attending courses on Google Suite, Just2Easy, MicroBit and EdPuzzle.

Self-Improving Schools Trios

We are continuing to work with Midmar and Hatton of Cruden schools in a trio within which we assist each other in quality assurance and self-evaluation. This is a good opportunity to share practice and to look outwards to ensure that we are continuing to improve and move forward as a school.

Budget

The local authority like all others in the country are under immense pressure around budgets, so there will be further changes ahead to make savings. The Education & Children’s Services Committee are looking at moving towards a more sustainable school estate and a process of engagement with stakeholders and communities is likely to commence this year to build a picture of what a more sustainable school estate looks like across Aberdeenshire in the future that delivers the best education to children and young people.

5. PC Activities/ Fundraising

School Trip – everyone is attending and there may be some external funding for the trip.

Quiz – only 2 teams signed up so far

Spring Fair – Saturday 28th May. The let application has been submitted. JM and HS have completed the food hygiene course. We will get the P5,P6 and P7 involved in running the stalls.

6. AOB

HS looking to see if there is any funding that we can apply for

**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 25th April at 7pm at Chapel of Garioch School.**

All parents/carers welcome.