

INVERALLOCHY SCHOOL PARENT COUNCIL ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

WEDNESDAY 7th SEPTEMBER 2016

Attended- Fiona Edwards (headteacher)

Pearl Morrison

Sarah Ritchie

Lynsey Gammack

Claire Buchan

Diane Sim

Sarah Duthie

Donna Pesic

Julie Stephen

Alison Tait

Marnie Laird

Fiona Mckinstry

Cllr.C.Buchan

Apologise- Cllr.B.Topping

Jane Campbell

Karen Johnston

1. Appointment of Office Bearers

Pearl welcomed everyone to the Annual General Meeting and discussed the role of the Parent Council.

Pearl announced that she is stepping down as chairperson due to time commitments but will continue to stay on the parent council.

No one stepped forward to become chairperson. Fiona Edwards put forward Donna Pesics name and after discussion she agreed to take on the role. Lynsey and Diane first and seconded this proposal.

Secretary-no one came forward so Sarah Ritchie agreed to stay in this role. Claire and Pearl first and seconded this motion.

Treasurer- no one came forward to take on this role, Lynsey agreed to stay on.Claire and Pearl first and seconded this proposal.

2. Everyone at the meeting agreed and is happy to be members of the parent council.

3. There was no actions raised from last meeting. Sarah explained she has lost the minutes but will send out more in due course. Marnie and Alison asked for minutes from previous meetings stating parents don't know what the parent council is about. Minutes should be available to be seen at the Cairnbulg Library. These will be available from now on.

Discussion held on how we can highlight more what the parent council is for.

The Parent Council represents the views of the parents as much as they can.

Parents have always been encouraged to attend the meetings and to see what it is all about.

The Parent Council only discuss items brought up from the school, pupils or other parents.

Action- to make the suggestion box more obvious

- reminder of parent council meeting to be added onto newsletter.
- the new school website will have a page about the parent council.

Fiona Edwards added that the school is always well supported by parents.

4. HEAD TEACHER REPORT

New Staff- Kim Miller is the new teacher in Rm5 and has settled into the school very well and doing a great job.

Betty McIntyre starts next week as Early Years Practitioner. With this change in job it leaves a gap with the PSAs. Recruitment process ongoing and the school is hoping to have the 2 posts filled by October.

Communication- the new paperless scheme is going well. Positive feedback from parents regarding the emails. Parents can reply to the emails. Fiona will check as it seems not everyone is receiving every email.

Newsletters- newsletter will now be going out monthly around the 20th of each month. Remember- the school is open for suggestions from parents of things to add to the newsletter- events etc.

Website- new school website is being updated, it is on its way.

Any suggestions of what you would like to see on it should be given to Fiona.

There will be a parent council section to post future dates of meetings on it.

QUALITY ASSURANCE CALENDAR

Fiona- school are continually self evaluating everything they do, as part of their on-going evaluation the school needs parents to help in groups to go through the calendar and see what is relevant for parents.

An email will go out to see who would like to help. The school will be chatting to pupils asking questions to get their thoughts.

QI VISIT

Quality improvement officers did an inspection on Monday and were very complimentary of the children who they found very engaging . There was a few recommendations

Cursive script- Fiona has spoke to the P1 mums - cursive script can be difficult for pupils.

A questionnaire is going out to parents to get their thoughts and any positive or negative views on cursive script and decide if the school will continue with this.

The school has made a decision to stop cursive script in nursery.

New Pupil Council- the pupil council now has 15 members and 2 pre-schoolers will be asked to join.

PHOTOGRAPHS

P1 & P7 will have class photos taken. All pupils will have individual photos. All family's will have group photos.

There is no obligation for the parents to purchase the photos.

The school takes its own class photos that parents can get a copy of but not to go on Facebook.

Parents evening will be next Thursday - tea and coffee will be provided

Remembrance Day is on a Friday - the school will be laying their own wreath.

Andra Whyte will be taking a whole school photo.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Diane asked if homework bags may be something the school could have available to be purchased by parents who wish to use them.

Cllr Buchan informed the Parent Council that mintlaw academy will be looking for a new headteacher as their one has moved to Banff.

Education Committee Proceedings will be live on web cast. This may be something pupils are interested in watching.

Cllr Buchan officially congratulated the school on their recent Doric Award.

Sarah Duthie asked if the school could enter the Strichen Heritage Festival to allow younger pupils to participate in Doric related activities.

Marnie asked if pupils could have access into the school in the morning. Fiona says she will have a door opened from 8:40am to allow access incase of injury etc

Marnie spoke about homework and is it necessary (recent article read on Facebook)

The school do plan to do a review on homework but it won't be done any time soon.

Future meetings agreed as

Nov 2nd 2016 - fundraising 7pm, PC meeting 7:30pm

Jan 18th 2017 - fundraising 7pm, PC meeting 7:30pm

March 15th 2017 - fundraising 7pm, PC meeting 7:30 pm

June 14th 2017 -fundraising 7pm, PC meeting 7:30pm

AGM Sept 13th 2017- fundraising 7pm, AGM 7:30pm