INVERALLOCHY SCHOOL PARENT COUNCIL

6TH JUNE 2017

Attended- Fiona Edwards , Sarah Ritchie , Donna Pesic, Pearl Morrison , Sarah Duthie, Lynsey Gammack, Alison Tait, Jane Campbell , Julie Stephen , Karen Johnston ,

Apologies – Claire Buchan, Marnie McLean, Fiona McKinstry, Cllr Charles Buchan, Cllr Brian McKinstry ,

1. Welcome

Minutes from previous meeting discussed and agreed

1. Questions / Suggestions for Head Teacher

* Marnie had asked for it to be discussed regarding the 7 weeks of holidays during the summer and could the extra week not be given in November or February. Fiona advised that holidays are an Authority Decision for the whole of Aberdeenshire.
* Alison asked about the National Testing starting in August for P1, P4 &P7.

Fiona advised there is no set time for this as yet and the authority will put out guidelines for the school.

* Lynsey discussed how there was a lot of things going on before the holidays and would it be possible to try and spread things out a bit more. Fiona said the school will set out a charity calendar to space things out.
* Sarah D asked about the Group Call App that some schools have started using. Inverallochy already use the email system and have plans to use the text message system i9n the coming session once the difficulties other schools have had have been ironed out.
* Jane concerned about what the pupils are seeing on Newsround – had been reports of bombings and 9/11. She felt this may be scary for some children. Discussion held and one suggestion was that the school could ask the police / security to come out and talk to the pupils. No decision was made on this.

1. Head Teacher Report

Staffing- Miss Miller will be staying on. A probationer teacher has been allocated and the school will have 6 classes this year. Room 2 will now become a classroom instead of a playroom. There will be a straight P1 this year with other classes being composite.

Tak a beat was a big success again this year. The highlights seem to be the outdoor day. The children all enjoyed the Boorachie

The school have been given £13200 for the pupil equity fund. The school is still thinking of how this money will be best spent.

Interventions- the school would like to promote family learning and will hold parenting sessions that the PSAs will take.

To help families enjoy the summer holidays the school will be making up and handing out summer holiday packs. The pack will consist of an activity book, bucket list sheet and some games for the family to do together.

ibike scheme will be starting in August for the whole school.

Pupils will be able to scooter to school from August. This is try and promote children walking etc to school instead of using the car.

P2/3 &P3/4 will be having a 6-week block starting in August from Coastal Classrooms. This is to promote the area where we live and they will be using the coast to promote learning. More information to follow.

There will also an additional 10 hours PSA support a week to work with individual interventions. This is subject to HR approval.

1. Any other business

Lynsey thanked Pearl for all her support and help over the many years to the Parent Council. Thank You Pearl

Next meeting- Annual General Meeting

Wed 6th September 7pm (fundraising meeting will be held at 6:30pm)