

# Inverallochy School Parent Council

## Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> January 2019

### Present

Fiona Edwards  
Sheena Grant  
Angela Kirkpatrick  
Sarah Ritchie  
Marion Laird  
William Noble  
Lynsey Gammack  
Fiona McKinstry  
Mark Allan  
Cllr Brian Topping

### Apologies

Michael Strachan  
Diane Sim  
Donna Pesic  
Sarah Duthie  
Mark Buchan  
Cllr Doreen Mair

1.

Welcome

Minutes from last meeting agreed

2. Any matters arising- constitution will be added to the school website. A copy will be sent to all parent council members & Christine McLeman to be sent a copy also. All parent council members have been asked to abide by the code of conduct. Councillor Topping spoke regarding the code of conduct that it is important for people to know how to conduct themselves and ensure that everyone can have their say in a proper way. Discussion regarding the Code of conduct will be added to the agenda for the next meeting.

### 3. Head Teacher Report-

Miss Anderson is leaving for new post as deputy head teacher at St.Andrews School. The school is losing a super teacher but we all wish her well.

No applicants for the vacancy before Christmas & advertised with still no applicants. Fiona is hopeful that things can be arranged so there is consistency in Room 5.

If Fiona is to go into the class teaching then the school will

Not manage to do the development work that has been planned until after summer or when the vacancies filled.

Cllr Topping discussed there is a shortage of teachers. He questioned Mrs Edwards if the directorate has looked into finding someone to cover so that the headteacher wouldn't have to cover the post.

Fiona Edwards replied that the pupils come first and if she does end up back in the classroom she has a good support from staff & pupils & parents that the school will continue on as normal.

Fiona informed the PC that there will be 13 Primary 7 pupils leaving in the summer with 21-23 primary 1s coming into the school. This will mean that the school will keep 6 classes in the new term.

It was discussed about nursery & the extended hours that some schools are now offering such as St.Andrews, Sandhaven & Crimond. Inverallochy are not at this stage yet.

Nursery staffing- Kim Purcell has left to take on a new position with Patricia Cowie coming to join the team.

Parents evening and reports are out this term but Room 5 will be later due to the staffing issue.

Fiona discussed Group Call- this will be a new change to the school where parents will be contacted via text. The school will be able to text parents & parents will be able to text the school back.

### Treasurer report

The parent council had £3015.45 in account.

Suggestions were asked for spending.

Cllr Topping asked if Fiona had any suggestions for the use of funds.

Fiona spoke that the school has received money from the gala and that pupils are developing reading for enjoyment areas in each class.

A theatre trip for the whole school or school trip to Landmark was suggestions made. The school will look into this.

There is nothing immediate that the school needs at present.

Mark suggested if any outdoor equipment or PE supplies was needed. The pupil council are in the process of using school funds to purchase goal posts etc for outdoors.

Angela asked if playground equipment could be something that the parent council could start to fundraiser for.

Due to the nursery in future having to offer extended hours then nursery will be moved downstairs and potentially could be using part of the playground. This could limit the space for new playground equipment. Separate fundraising group could be set up for fundraising for outdoor playground equipment.

Sarah spoke about the new Parent council email address where hopefully all future correspondence will be sent from.

Fiona will ask the pupils if they have any suggestions for a day out.

5. There was no other business to be discussed.

Next Parent Council Meeting on Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> March at 6:30pm.