

# MINUTES

Glenurquhart Primary School

Parent Council

Thursday, 10 November 2016

**Present:**

Lynn Milton (Chairperson)  
Fiona Knotts (Vice Chairperson)  
Nichola Christie (Treasurer)  
Janet Murchison (Secretary)  
Sally McCloskey  
Jenny Neill  
Michael Thorpe  
Lorraine Young  
Mrs K Laird (Head Teacher)  
Miss K Mullin (Principal Teacher)

**Apologies:**

Lisa Cetiner  
Audrey Graesser  
Julie MacLeod

**1. Apologies**

Noted

**2. Minutes**

The Minutes of the meeting held on 15 September 2016 were approved.

**3. Matters Arising**

**staffing** - Mrs A McLean was expected to return to work from maternity leave at the start of February 2017 on a 3 day/week basis. Mrs Morgan had replaced Mrs Johnstone and would remain in post until Mrs McLean's return.

**4. Head Teacher's Report**

See Appendix

**5. Treasurer's Report**

The balance to date was £3585.82. A donation of £500 had been received from the Baxter's Marathon.

**6. Fundraising**

(i) **bingo** - the bingo night was deferred due to Bobo Morrison being unavailable until further notice.

(ii) **ceilidh** - it was agreed to hold a ceilidh either on 25 January or 4 February 2017 depending on availability of a band and Jenny would confirm which date suited best.

## **7. Any Other Business**

### **Scottish Schools Governance Review Consultation**

Mrs Laird informed the Parent Council about the Scottish Government's consultation entitled **A Governance review of Scottish Education**. "This governance review seeks your views on how education in Scotland is run, including who should take decisions in relation to the education of children and young people, and how funding can be made fairer. It also asks about the support teachers and practitioners need to do their jobs well and how this can be improved. We want to hear from as many people as possible – from those with a formal role in Scottish education and those with a stake in its success."

A consultation meeting for Highland region would be held on Monday, 28 November 2016 at the Drumossie Hotel and Mrs Laird would be advising parents about this and encouraging as many as possible to attend or complete the online consultation which would close on 6 January 2017. The full details of the consultation could be seen online at <https://consult.scotland.gov.uk/empowering-schools/a-governance-review/>.

## **8. Date of next meeting**

Thursday, 26 January 2017 at 7.00 pm.

## APPENDIX

### HEAD TEACHER'S REPORT

#### Parent Council 15.9.16

Nos in school currently 101 children. (3 children possibility of moving, 1 coming in before Christmas)  
Lose another teacher – 96 children – not until next year though and Nursery approximately 12 coming in and 8 going out.

**Staffing** – stable – Mrs Morgan replaced Mrs Johnston – Mrs McLean will return from maternity leave at the start of February to cover the 3 days.

**School improvement** – vision – Guiding, Uniting and Promoting Success and values – trust, friendship, positivity, respect, creativity, empathy have been agreed. This term looking at aims.

Also, parent workshop on what makes us unique and working together on RME progression focus.

School **committees** meeting once a month – all up and running.

**Funding** trim trail has been ordered. Waiting to hear about playground markings award. Oven and baking materials now arrived. Thank you. Baking club set up shortly – how to work funding for ingredients.

School finances are still termed 'green' but, will not be able to carry forward enough to cover the cumulative savings next year. Have started trying to look at ways of reducing costs e.g. paper towels, photocopying, pencils etc. Scholastic vouchers have been used to add to the stock of non-fiction reading resources in upper classes along with £300 donation from Parent Council to be allocated to reading.

Jammin Fitness

Natural materials in **playground** - thank you for this - playground event – in diary? Spring

#### **Upcoming Events:**

Booked **Stramash Up** with Eden Court coming to the school for P4 and P5 – cost £240.

NSPCC – great feedback from event

**Bullying** focus next week as Anti-Bullying Week – assembly, police, HWB.

**Clair Hewitt** storyteller – making stories using Craigmonie woods

**Enterprise/World of Work Week** - World of Work/Enterprise week – P6/7 class jobs. Developing Young Workforce. PC McGill also coming into school – internet safety, job interview, people who help us and safety. Local fire engine visit also.

Work going well with **kitchen** still aiming to be finished around Christmas time. Looked at numbers for uptake since lunches changed to one hot option (have decreased) and have meeting next Tuesday regarding this and the possibility of introducing the cashless system.

**Tea with HT** went well again. Main issues discussed – like improvements in communication (blogs and newsletter), baking, playground, football kitchen, school numbers and funding.

**Christmas** – P1 will do nativity again and other classes will sing song – Christmas Around the World theme. Advent angels? Social sayings, school rules

#### From previous meeting....

**Christmas Cards** – too late – most companies want these in half way through our October break so would have needed to complete them and get orders in prior to October. Will look at this earlier next year.

Apologies

**Music tuition** – emailed Norman Bolton – see response

**Uniforms** – Gilmore happy to do these – just need to pop in a logo on a jumper to them

**Sports** – spoke to Sarah Tree and agreed to open future events up. Difficulty with adult cover for last inter-school event. Have also asked Sports Coordinator to be made aware of events.

**Singing Club** – no interest shown (4 children) Performing Cinderella – possibility of one class being involved? Other option is a whole school event at the end of the year.

**Computer Club** – no one to take forward. Have paid £100 to give home access to Education City.

**Bikeability** – applications came in this week (pass on JRSOs – Kizzy) Debbie McWhirr will run the training but need 3 adults – Hugh, Paul, Debbie.

#### Asked to make aware of....

**Scottish Governance Review Consultation** - explain – closing January – consultation event on 28<sup>th</sup> November from 10-12.30 in Drumossie Hotel book a space through eventbrite website

**Cleaning, Catering and Facilities Management Briefing**

**Parents transporting**

**P7 residential**

