

Minutes
Glenurquhart Primary School
Parent Council Meeting
Wednesday, 29 November 2017 at 6.30pm

Present:

Lynn Milton (Chairperson)

Fiona Knotts (Vice Chairperson)

Nichola Christie (Treasurer)

Jenny Neill (Secretary)

Mrs K Laird (Head Teacher)

Miss K Mullin (Principal Teacher)

Sally McCloskey; Michael Thorp, Lorraine Young, Corrine McCallum

1. Apologies

Lisa Cetiner; Julie McLeod; Mrs MacDonald; Audrey Graesser

2. Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on 5th October 2017 were approved and seconded.

3. Treasurer's Report

The account balance to date is £2,517.96.

We received £20 from the small fund lottery and £98 pounds from the Highland Council, which is more than last year, as we have more pupils attending Glen Urquhart Primary School. We have spent so far £787.50 on rugs, panto and items on the previous wish list that we agreed on.

4. Head Teacher's Report (see attached Appendix)

Pupil Equity Funding – The school was awarded £12,000 and currently has £2,545.70 to spend on improving the attainment gap for disadvantaged children. Lynn Milton suggested that Education City at home should be paid for from this funding and this was agreed by all.

At the next PCM January 18th 2018 we will discuss other projects and ideas that members of the PC have to spend the remaining funds on.

Swimming – There is an ongoing issue with transport for swimming, as the change in the school day on a Friday across the highland region has meant that there is limited availability to hire a bus on a Friday for swimming, as the buses are committed to the school run. It was mentioned to try and change swimming lessons to a Tuesday in the hope that a bus would be available. We will be updated further at the next meeting.

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- i. **Gaelic Medium Update** – At the moment the situation remains the same as currently there is still no local Gaelic teacher in place and so the unit remains mothballed. However, the situation will be reviewed in the New Year in the hope that a teacher for GUPS GME will be appointed. If the position is filled then we will look to re-establish GME at Glenurquhart Primary School.
- ii. **Parent Workshop on Profiling** – 5 parents attended. Information on Pupil profiling can be found on the school website. Another workshop about pupil profiling will be held in the summer. This will help to explain the new way that pupil reports will be communicated with parents and how the information will be tailored more to your child and be less generic.
- iii. **Christmas Light Switch on** - The children have submitted their drawings for the competition. We are hoping lots of families will come to watch the lights be switched on, as there is always a warm welcome.
- iv. **School Photos** were all sent home with the children. Christmas cards were a great success and we will do this again. We would also like to do a tea towel next year.

6. **Ceilidh** – Michael Thorp suggested that we get a place at East gate Shopping Centre, so that we can sell more raffle tickets. He was going to get in touch with the relevant people to see if space was available.

Lisa and Audrey have agreed to prepare the food for the event. We will be having soup and sandwiches.

We will continue to approach local businesses to get prizes for the raffle and so far have had some great prizes donated.

7. Other Business

- i. At the moment Karen MacKenzie and Angela Montague, along with other parents, have volunteered and organised the Community Halloween and Christmas Parties. However, this year will be the last year that they will be doing this. Hugh Montague has asked that Parent Council consider taking this on. It was agreed that Parent Council would send a letter via the school to parents to ask for new volunteers.
- ii. Police Dogs attending the school for a visit - still to be confirmed.

8. The Next Meeting will be held on Thursday 18th January 2018 @ 6.30pm