

GLENURQUHART PRIMARY SCHOOL

PARENT COUNCIL

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Thursday, 13 September 2018 at 6.30 pm

Chairperson's Report

Session 2017/18 was another fantastic year for Parent Council, the children and staff and the school. My only regret this year is that I have not had as much time as I would like to be able to engage more fully and understand better the huge proposed changes within Education that are happening or may be happening. The school education system is always evolving and that is inevitable especially with the fast pace at which technology progresses, however, even in the last 18 months there are many new proposals which I wish I could have spent more time reading and digesting and even engaging in more of the consultations that were available to us all. Having said that, we are lucky at Glenurquhart PS that we have consistent and confident leadership along with a very competent core teaching team. Although Mrs MacDonald has moved on following her probationary year with us we have a new member of staff (Miss MacLennan) who will also bring new and fresh ideas to the table and hopefully be an asset as Mrs MacDonald clearly was during her year with us. We saw the return of GME to our school which has allowed our pupils and their teacher Kirsty MacVicar to come back to their local school and no longer travel to Inverness. We can be proud that within our school there has been such a positive attitude towards new ideas and ways of working and that the impact on outcomes for our children are now becoming apparent. This means that we are striving towards a better school for our community and providing choices and opportunity for our young people.

Parent Council met 5 times during last session and our fundraising meant that further meetings were required to discuss mainly raffle and Ceilidh arrangements. As with our previous event the Ceilidh last February was a huge success and gave us the much needed funds to allow the installation of the final 2 smartboards. All of our young people now enjoy access to all of the tools that we can make available to them to enhance their education experience. Thanks to all who were involved with this event, it was probably the best event of its kind that I have ever attended and raised a staggering amount of money. This was hard work for all involved but very worthwhile when raising well over £3,000.

I hope that my fellow office bearers are committed to another year of Parent Council and I also hope to see new faces at the meetings we will hold during session 2018/19.

It is vital this year that we encourage new parental engagement as many of our current members will move on after this year due to their children leaving to attend Secondary School. It would be wonderful to leave the incoming Parent Council with a sound foundation to take things forward and to assure them that this is a great way to be part of the Education of your child and to help influence and shape decisions about how the school should deliver change and ensure we all agree on the best way forward.

I would like to offer my sincere thanks to you all who have helped and supported during the last year with fundraising and attending meetings along with your valued input. I also want to thank Mrs Laird and her Team for their hard work and dedication. We can be sure that the positive changes we have seen are down to all involved and I look forward to the year ahead where we will once again see continuous improvement in our wonderful school.

Regards

Lynn Milton
Chairperson GUPS Parent Council