

Parent Council Meeting

Thursday 7 February 2019 at 6.30pm

Present:

Lynn Milton (Chairperson), Kerrie Laird (Head Teacher), Kirstie Mullin (Principal Teacher), Fiona MacKenzie (Vice Chair), Nichola Christie (Treasurer), Sally McCloskey, Lisa Cetiner, Michael Thorpe, Lorraine Young, Jenny Neil, Louise Power, Fiona Macleod, Sibina Sutherland, Felix McGunnigle, Leeanne Curry, Kirsty Francis.

Apologies: Julie Macleod, Audrey Graesser, Rebecca Murphy, Corinne McCallum

Minutes from Parent Council Meeting on 8 November 2018 approved and seconded.

Treasurer's report

- Current Bank Balance £2370.46
- Renewal of Small Lottery Licence at £20 has been made. Current year commitments to purchase calculators for P.7 leavers and funding of one staff member on Loch Insh residential trip – total cost approx. £400
- Spend on tea towels and bags - £741 and current sales £758 - we have 78 bags and 59 tea towels left to sell. Discussion on how we can achieve this between other school events like the fayre and leavers service along with perhaps the market on the green in the village.

Head teacher's Report

- See appendix for full report
- £300 has been allocated towards the cost of paint for the outdoor learning area refresh – the refresh of the area will take place in May
- Tesco new school uniform option to be confirmed and signed up for and still have the option to buy from Gilmore Sports/Highland Schoolwear and Highland Emroidery
- Parent Partnership Focus Group – letter will go to parents to ask for volunteers and this will be for daytime meetings or straight after school. The focus will be on Engagement with parents, key assessments – maths, literacy and science packs and how we can extend these tools for parents to use at home
- Swimming for P4/5 (total 31 pupils) is booked for after Easter
- Scotmid – disappointment at not being involved in the opening of the new store however there will be a visit for all classes during Fairtrade Fortnight and there will be a pop up café run by the pupils in the school to promote Fairtrade
- Chromebook update – network refresh was due to happen 6/2/19 – Mr Milton (HT at High School) will confirm with Mrs Laird and a meeting with Miss Macdonald

would be held to update parents when more was known around when they would be given to students

Fundraising

- Summer Fayre will be change to Saturday 29 June from 2-4pm at the school
- Separate meeting to be arranged by Lynn Milton to talk about arrangements etc
- Discussion around how we can spread fundraising events and if there were other ideas as to how we might manage this going forward

Matters Arising

- Cost of school day survey discussed link to be sent out to parents to complete in order that feedback can be given at the next PC Meeting – Lynn Milton to send to Mrs Laird for forwarding to parents
- Feedback from HPCP Conference was that overall it was very informative and in particular the speech from Donna Manson (the new HC CEO) seemed very positive regarding the position of the HC finances for Education, this was not the feeling that those in the PC meeting had and felt that perhaps this will come to light in time. Lynn Milton would like to ask Donna Manson to a future meeting perhaps when this becomes clearer. Budget is to be set by Highland Council on 14/2/19 and this was likely to be cut. Fiona also had a very useful session at the Chromebook workshop and covers/cases were again mentioned. Perhaps sponsorship could be found by a business to purchase these?
- Vacant Secretary and Upcoming Vacancy for Treasurer – no volunteers as yet however this will need to be addressed by the end of the school term as we must have 3 post holders for PC to be valid – we will continue to appeal for help

AOB

- Appeal to collect empty crisp packets for fundraising effort being made by Karen Mackenzie a local childminder
- Suggestion of a school sleepover for a fundraiser from 2 parents who had done this at a previous school – Mrs Laird to check with Cauldeen PS Headteacher
- Suggestion that the Healthy Lifestyle week where a breakfast club ran could become a permanent feature or future idea however, costs, staff and the fact we have this facility at GOOSC meant it would not be feasible. Mrs Laird would look into this further and feedback at next meeting. Free snacks at break can be provided to those on free school meals by way of PEF funding and parents should apply for this if eligible
- Go Fund Me or Crowdfunding was suggested as this needs to be checked by Mrs Laird to ensure this would allowed
- Fundraising – could be perhaps move the date of the sponsored walk to have it earlier?

- Parking at the turning circle was again discussed and encouragement will continue to be given to ask parents to drop and go and other drop off points and to allow children to walk or cycle where safe
- **Date of Next Meeting is Thursday February 7th 2019 at 6.30pm**