



MINUTES

Avoch Primary School Parent Council

31st January 2018 | 7.00PM

In Attendance

Inga Ballantyne, Phoebe Barton, Julie Dinwoodie, Maru Fraser, Trine Hammock, Joanna Kucharczyk, Wendy Lambie, Iona McMillan, Kate Lackie, Lorna Sim, Lindsay Smith, Jenny Stolc, Carlyne Wilson.

Apologies

Julie Davidson, Ruth Edmonds, Stefanie Rankine, Jane Reid

Minutes from last meeting

Minutes were agreed.

Unicycle – School asked if the eco group could organise it? Not really feasible due to washing and mending requirements. Lindsay suggested a rota for washing/mending the items. She also suggested paying a pound per item to generate funds. School asked if older children could run it as an enterprise at school events, by laying it out on tables in age group order? Inga is happy to store the clothes once they have been washed.

Action: Linsey, Inga and Carlyne to put a recommendation together.

Treasurer's Report

Opening Balance @6th October 2017 **£3,659.67**

Income

Highland Council PC Grant	£192.52	
Giving Machine October	£39.81	
Christmas Sale and Raffle tickets	£1,307.75	£1,540.08 total

Expenditure

Envelopes (raffle tickets)	£3.98	
Raffle tickets	£74.34	
HWP gift voucher (raffle prize)	£18.90	
Football Goals	£596.99	£694.21 total

Closing Balance @ 22nd December 2017 **£4,505.54**

Fundraiser's Update

Carry forward to next meeting as Stef sent her apologies.

Parental Survey Report

PC given sight of results of recent Parental/Carer Survey. These will be shared with Parents/Carers who will be asked if they would like to take part in a group to look at results and put an action plan in place for areas for improvement.

Scottish Government's Education Governance Review

School's summary of the revised system was distributed and it was explained that it's very difficult to know what the changes will be in practice as the revised system is currently only defined at a very high level.

More information will follow as it becomes known.

Play equipment

Both Culbokie and Munloch Head Teachers bought their play equipment from a company called Wicksteed. <https://wicksteed.co.uk/>

Both spent between £10000 and £15000 and have various pieces. The Head Teacher at Tore/Munloch secured funding through The Big Lottery Fund.

Inga has some ideas and is happy to be contact from PC.

When asked for their thoughts, the Pupil council asked for the markings to be redrawn and for more picnic tables. Older pupil council members could visit other schools for ideas. Drummond school is happy for people to come and look around. Kate and Inga happy to go with pupil council and a teacher to visit Drummond and maybe Culbokie.

Action: Arrange visits for Pupil Council to see what other schools have to offer. (Julie)

Action: Take some pictures from the playground to show what equipment is available and where the blank spaces are. (Lorna)

Action: Have a look at the items in the school that aren't in use so we could work out a use for them find out how they are installed etc. (Lorna)

Discos

We've had to reschedule the next disco due to a clash of dates so we're now looking at Friday 9th March and moving June disco to 21st/22nd depending on DJ availability.

Action: Check with DJ (Asia)

Action: Provisionally book 21st and 22nd June. (Asia for DJ, Iona for school)

Action: compile a communication to explain new disco set up and rules. (Maru and Asia)

Action: pull together some rules for helpers, including use of hi viz, evacuation procedure etc. (Maru and Asia)

Breakfast Club and After school care

The meeting was joined by Jenny Stark, Family Resource Coordinator at Highland Council.

Based on results from a recent questionnaire, numbers for the breakfast club and after school club would seem to make the services viable. These would be run in-house by the Highland council, not by CALA.

It is possible that the breakfast club will be available for the new school year. It will be run within the school and the Council are currently looking at accommodation, staff, charges, timing, equipment etc. Whatever the solution is, it needs to be sustainable for future years.

It is likely to take longer to set up the after school club as is this is more difficult due to issues with premises. The school building cannot be used as there is not a suitable and sustainable space and there are clubs or school events on most days of the week.

The Community Centre pricing is the ideal choice however it is expensive to hire and not available for all five week days.

The Care Inspectorate take 3 months from receiving the paperwork to approve the accommodation, so that needs to be factored into the timescales for getting something in place by new school year.

Action: Write to Scout Leader obo APC to consider reducing the rates for a long term booking with regular income. (Kate)

Action: write to Council to give APC view on wraparound care, to keep continued focus on finding a suitable solution. (Kate)

Payment for school meals

This seems to be resolved and no more complaints have been received.

Council budget cuts & threat to teacher numbers at the academy

A concerned Parent raised the issue of the proposed reduction in number of teachers at the Academy.

Action: send letter obo of Avoch Primary to express concerns about the changes. (Kate)

P7 Hoodies

The APC had received an email from Mrs Jack about Leavers' hoodies. Usually a P7 parent takes on the leavers hoodies but no-one had been asked, or had volunteered, this year.

Action: Ask for help via Facebook (Iona)

Next Meeting

Monday 5th March 2018, 7pm, Avoch Primary school