



Parent Council

Minute of Parent Council Meeting held on Tuesday 29th April 2014

Present: Fiona McQuarrie (Chair), Jane Campbell, Judith Whitelaw, Cllr. Helen Carmichael, Hazel Stewart, Sharon Brindle, Colleen Macintosh, Isobel Crawford, Kirsten Petrie, Linda Mair

In Attendance: Kenneth Morrison, Head Teacher

1.	<u>WELCOME</u> Fiona McQuarrie welcomed everyone to the meeting. Apologies received from Claire McGruer, Andrew Ritchie. No teacher representative present as she is ill.	<u>Action</u>
2.	<u>APPROVAL OF MINUTES</u> The minutes approved of the Parent Council Meeting held on 21 st January 2014.	
3.	<u>MATTERS ARISING</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pedestrian crossing outside school – Murphy’s undertaking the project. • Mini bus – funding application avenues to be explored. Denny Line – would it be worthwhile applying to the community fund held by the company doing the Denny Line? SSE has also made community contribution in other areas – worth approaching. • Football pitch – Murphy’s have done site visit and the project will go ahead this year during quieter spells for the company. • Keys for Lochnabannach – unfortunately this is not possible as works being done (tree felling etc). 	
4.	<u>HEAD TEACHER’S REPORT</u> Buildings & Maintenance <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Boundary wall has been painted by Community Payback Team, following contact by parent, (Mr Henderson). The garden group paid for half the paint and the school met the cost of the other half. • The heathers, tree and climbers were purchased using Garden Gp vouchers. Bark was also purchased for the Bear Garden • Plans are in place to paint the Flat Roof Building externally and the corridor and toilets of the main building before the year end. • The fence behind the shinty goals is leaning towards the school site. This has been surveyed by the School Maintenance Officer and Beaully Shinty Club have taken swift action to resolve this and a plan is in place to repair the damage. General School Business <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Due to ‘Facilities Management Team’ boundary changes, Mr Michael Edwards 	

will no longer be the Beaully Primary janitor after 5-6 years of service. He remains with the Dingwall team and Beaully has joined the Inverness service. Mr John Gray has returned to Beaully 1.5 days per week in place of Mr Edwards.

- Miss Macleod, P1/2 is now married and will be known as Mrs MacRitchie
- School Policy & Guidance Updates – high volume of updates required. Head Teacher requested if nominated Parent Council representatives could be contacted by Head Teacher to read over these prior to the next meeting, to recommend approval/amendments.
- The school has received two hockey kits, hockey sticks and balls following a successful lottery bid of £1500.
- Poems have been drafted by children throughout the entire school (including scribed Nursery poems) following input by Storyteller, Janet McInnes. The standard of poems is incredibly high! Head Teacher has approached Jim Christie who would like to support the school in putting a book together, hopefully something that can be sold later in Term 4/or early in the next academic year. Some financial support may be required in order to publish the books initially and Mrs Rhoda Dunbar is in discussion with the school about covering publishing costs.
- An act of vandalism was reported to Police Scotland on Thursday 24th April, following damage to a window in the Gym Building. This is the first report in academic year 2013/14, which compares to about fifteen broken windows and other malicious acts in the previous year.
- A complaint was received by Mr Morrison from a resident overlooking the school grounds regarding the use of the school grounds out of school hours. Of particular concern were the rubbish, bad language and noise disruption. In response this will be reported to local police and the school goals will be put away for the summer months.
- Opinions requested regarding the possible introduction of coloured PE t-shirts in the colour of House Teams. Prices would vary from £3.75 to £7.50, depending on the supplier.

Future Dates/Events

- The Legend of the Firebird – Tuesday 17th June, 2pm and 6pm (Phipps Hall)

P6 have asked if they can take responsibility for the raffle at this event, with funds for the P7 Residential. They have already gathered some incredible prizes, with meals in restaurants, supermarket vouchers and hotel accommodation amongst possible prizes. All support from the Parent Council in adding to this would be well received. Related to this, P6 asked if the Parent Council were a registered charity; this was previously the case and extends the scope for raffle ticket sales beyond the day of the raffle.

- Sports Day – Thursday 12th June
- Summer Fete – Thursday 12th June

Nursery Developments

- Early Years Practitioner posts close on May 2nd for the two new positions in Beaully Nursery. A link to the advert is on the Blog.
- Head Teacher shared drawings of approved plans for the development of Beaully Nursery, within the 'Gym Building'. It is expected that work will commence before the end of term so that completion is guaranteed in time for August. P3/4 will move into the Music Room and Music/ASN will be re-located to the store to allow

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	<p>this to happen.</p> <p>Omniken Request</p> <p>Parent Council members were asked to contribute to an exciting new resource that all staff used at the last InSet training: £260 would purchase an Omniken kin-ball and pump or £442 would provide two balls and a pump. This can be used as an activity for all ages of children; however the International game of Omniken could be introduced from P2/3 upwards.</p>	
5.	<p><u>CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Chairperson thanked Colleen on behalf of Lifescan for the £1000 donation. • Margaret (previous minute taker) thank all for the vouchers given to her in recognition of her contributions. • Easter Eggs – Colleen thanked. • This is the last meeting before the election of office bearers. Fiona, Micki and Linda are leaving. Flowers presented to Fiona as thanks for her contribution as Chairperson. • Office bearers: Kirsten Petrie (Chairperson), Colleen (Secretary), Jane (Vice Chairperson), Hazel Stewart. • Garden needs more volunteers as it is to be open twice a week. 	
7.	<p><u>TREASURER'S REPORT</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 	
8.	<p><u>SCHOOL GARDEN</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Garden funds stand at £1107.06 in the bank, and £63 in vouchers. Kenneth will ask in blog for volunteers to help maintain the garden. Helen will publish in the Beauly newsletter. 	KM / HC
9.	<p><u>FUND-RAISING</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Suggestion made by Kenneth and Colleen that perhaps one year the panto should alternate with the summer outing. Is it possible to do the summer outing for the entire school? 	
10.	<p><u>AOB</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • TESCO – the problem with the spelling (in embroidered logo) has now been sorted. Parents have successfully applied for refund for garments with incorrect spelling. • Ragbag bin – janitor checking weekly. 	
11.	<p><u>DATE OF NEXT MEETING -</u> Tuesday 24th June 2014 – 7.00pm in the school library</p>	