Inchture Parent Council Meeting -29/1/25

Present:

Jo Bell (Headteacher)

Fiona Bienkowski

Claire Brough

Fiona Callaghan

Sara Cassidy

Louise Chalmers (Deputy Headteacher)

Emma Mathieson (Secretary – Minutes)

Adrienne Miller McLaughlin (Chaired the meeting in absence of PC Chair)

Apologies:

Scott Headley

Laura Malloch

Dawn North (Chair)

Tasha O'Hare

Jordan Russell

Minutes from the last meeting had been circulated and approved, still to be put on the school website. Scott to do this.

Treasurer's Report:

Cheryl Hume has agreed to review the accounts to allow us to apply for grants. Written Treasurer's report provided in Scott's absence and points noted.

Parent Council Treasurer's Report January 2025

Balance at end of last update (10th Sep) = £5,005.83

Funds on hand 29th January 2025 = £4,092.14

Events/Miscellaneous Income:
Halloween Disco's = £730.00
Movie Night = £273.00
Easy Fundraising = £88.12

Total = £1,091.12

Expenditure
50th Anniversary Purchases = £132.45
Christmas Books = £90.00
Halloween Sweets = £26.99
Haribo Christmas = £5.97
Laptops/iPads = £1,704.40
Boom Box = £346.00
Bonus Ball = £250.00
Nursery Petty Cash = £100.00
Lotto Licence = £20.00

Total = £2,675.81

Bonus Ball: All balls now sold!!
September – £147.00
October – £147.00
November – £147.00
December – £147.00
January - £147.00

- Bonus Ball is running smoothly and bringing in £97.00 profit each month that we can use to help support the school

Actions/Notes
- Need to add another signatory to the bank account as Tricia is still on the account
    - I have not managed to progress this yet due to other commitments but will do so as soon as I can

Headteacher's Report:

Mrs Bell asked if we could remind parents that the response time to communication is 5 working days. The policy is on the school website. While they try to respond in a shorter timeframe if they can, teachers are caught up with classes and only have after school or non-teacher time to respond. Mrs Bell reassured Parent Council that if teachers are worried and need to get contact with parents that they will. Claire suggested that feedback for general issues could come via Parent Council if this helped. Mrs Bell said to be aware that the automatic response on email is 5 days. Adrienne agreed to write a statement to the above effect and send to other PC members for review prior to posting on Facebook page.

Mobile phone consultation is taking place throughout Perth and Kinross and stakeholders are being consulted on the legal and safe use of mobiles, promoting positive relationships and calm classrooms. Jo will send the presentation to PC

members to complete. Currently Inchture has no mobile phone policy as its not a big issue, with children being respectful.

Reminder that the next Inside Inchture meeting is being held on Monday 10th February at 9:15. The will be discussing the Positive relationships policy which is being updated to reflect recent changes including introduction of Decider Skills. The next Decider Skills workshop for parents will be on 20th March at 13:45.

The Community Link team were positive about the children learning Decider Skills.

On 13th May there will be a Metaskills day for Nursery to P7, led by the Skills squad. Classes will each lead on a different metaskill.

P1 Induction is on 19th June. Jo would like a member of PC to speak at it. Fiona B might consider doing so.

30th May is Sports Day and Nursery Sports Day is 6th June.

Funding requests:

For Metaskills day Mrs Bell requested £180 (£20 per class) towards this. Agreed to support this.

Right's Knights have been working to improve the playground and Mrs Bell asked for a "holding request" to go towards making further improvements such as basketball nets, markings, balls, parachutes and other outdoor equipment. It was hoped that the children would be involved in making choices about what to buy. It was suggested we could consider using the money raised from the Sports Day raffle to buy active equipment and setting a target would be a good idea.

Glee is fundraising for outfits for their performance, if staff need support with events they would approach Mrs Bell. Funding for a small group does not benefit many children or with longevity.

Movie night was discussed. Next time we need to ensure pick up times are clearer and that the information on Facebook advert matches the information on tickets.

Quiz Night is being arranged for 28th March at the Inchture Hotel. Stef has been very helpful in organising and he will run the quiz for us. £20 per team of 4. Mrs Bell happy for us to sell tickets in the playground. There will be football squares sold at half time with prizes for the winner. Sheila Hume has kindly donated hampers to raffle, and Inchture Hotel has kindly given a voucher. The teams can be made up of people from the Community, not just school. Ten teams are needed to go forward. There will be a trophy and a wooden spoon, sponsored by Parent Council.

PC are sponsoring a trophy for the Prizegiving under the heading of "Innovation". Scott to clarify which trophy was decided upon and order it please.

Fiona B updated the meeting with results from our post-Christmas appeal for pre-loved Christmas jumpers, plastic tat and raffle prizes. While there have been donations of all

these items there was not a huge number of things suitable for the sports day raffle. We also have a Spar voucher and a voucher for Inchture Hotel. To try and increase the number of prizes, Emma suggested doing a colour raffle as she had seen this done successfully elsewhere. Mrs Bell thought we could do a 4 house colours one for Sports Day. Each house to bring in an item of their house colour to make up 4 hampers to raffle. Mrs Bell suggested that the children could do a dress down day to bring in an item in their house colour. These items could then be put together into hampers and raffled on sports day as additional prizes. To be discussed at next meeting. Parent council may be able to provide boxes and coloured tissue paper to match the house colours.

CCTV was discussed considering the Christmas tree/lights damage. The police are visiting the school on 17th February, although generally vandalism is not a huge issue generally. CCTV is not straightforward. There are issues with the legalities of recording others and GDPR, not to mention needing someone to man it. Motion lights were suggested as an option. It was queried whether this could be considered as a grant application for next financial year. Mrs Bell will investigate, although may wish to pursue grant application for playground improvement. Claire suggested that we may not be limited to one application only. Fiona B thinks that Invergowrie Primary puts off their lights to deter people coming into a dark playground. She will find out for the next meeting.

Tayside Contracts are the contact for anyone dissatisfied with school meal choices or sizes. Has been discussed previously.

Pounds for Primaries is running again in February. Claire is going to ask Church, Livvis, Dollys, Spar and the Post Office if they would be willing to act as collection points for tokens again. Scott has printed out the posters which Claire will take and Adrienne will add information to Facebook page.

ASDA cashpot money is due at the end of March.

Rob Cassidy has agreed to make a plinth for the cow statue.

There have been some issues with parents reporting difficulties getting logged in to new Learning journals. School were not aware of this – to get in touch with any issues.

Date of next meeting is 14th May.