Parent Council Meeting Wednesday 14th May 2025

Present:

Jo Bell (Headteacher)

Fiona Bienkowski

Fiona Callaghan

Sara Cassidy

Louise Chalmers (Deputy Headteacher)

Jenna Gallazi

Scott Headley (Treasurer)

Laura Malloch

Emma Mathieson (Secretary –Minutes)

Dawn North

Tasha O'Hare

Jordan Russell

Apologies:

Claire Brough

Adrienne Miller McLaughlin

Minutes from the previous meeting had been circulated and were approved. These have been uploaded to the School website.

Parent Council Treasurer's Report May 2025

Balance at end of last update (29th Jan) = £4,092.14

Funds on hand 14th May 2025 = £5,651.95

Events/Miscellaneous Income:
Scotfast Netball Sponsor = £585.00
Easy Fundraising = £158.01
Perth & Kinross Annual Grant = £450.00
Quiz Night = £797.00

Total = £1,990.01

Expenditure
Raffle Tickets = £52.00
Netball Equipment = £60.00
Netball Equipment = £511.50
Trophies = £68.50
Envelopes = £9.20
Bonus Ball = £150.00

Total = £851.20

Bonus Ball: All balls now sold!!
February – £147.00
March – £147.00
April – £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 on to the bank account as Tricia is still on it.

o I will start this process this week 😊

Headteacher's Report:

Improvement Plan priorities for the upcoming year are learning and teaching, pace and challenge in the curriculum, numeracy in nursery. Inclusion, values and thoughts.

There as an unannounced visit to Nursery from the Care Inspectorate in February following an anonymous concern regarding child supervision. It had been reported that children had been left in soiled nappies, injuries had not been reported and that a child had left the setting by themselves. A very thorough inspection was carried out, records and documentation reviewed, including risk assessments, incident reports and nappy change charts, staff and management were spoken to and observations carried out. There was no evidence found to uphold the concern. The Care Inspectorate found the nursery to be a calm and engaging environment, which was supportive to the children. Staff were well deployed to supervise the children, in identified areas of responsibility on a rota which was well planned. Ratios of staff to children were ok and it was obvious that the children were known well by the staff. Children were observed to be having fun and were engaged in play. Mrs Bell was keen for parents/carers to speak to the staff in the Nursery or the School management team about any concerns in future.

At Parent's night there was a parent questionnaire completed on ipads and the results which were relevant to Parent Council were shared. The question asked if parents felt encouraged to participate in the work of the parent council. 88% agreed, 12% disagreed. The second question asked if parents felt they were kept informed about the work of the parent council. 91% agreed, 9% disagreed.

Mrs Bell wanted to thank parents for donations for the Sports day raffle which have been used to make up hampers in the colours of the 4 house teams. Spar have kindly donated the lollies for sports day and Laura will bag these up into classes. Unfortunately, there will be no BBQ option this year at Sports Day as Invergowrie Sports Day is taking place on the same day and Tayside Contracts are unable to cater for both. A family picnic is the alternative.

Funding requests. Parent council members voted to support the request to supply the drinks and sweets for the P7 Leavers Party. This is a family experience for the leavers and their parents, not siblings. Mrs Bell will arrange the purchase and invoice the PC. P7 leavers have had their Dalguise trip, leavers' hoodies, yearbook, P7 show and leavers' assembly at the end of the year which celebrates them. P7 parents are also organising a party.

We also agreed to support the purchase of 4 new IPADS to replace those that had become obsolete. The bonus ball funds are dedicated to the purchase of new IT equipment.

As part of the goal of developing outdoor learning as part of the curriculum some of the children have devised a Playground Charter. At an Assembly the children were asked what they would like to see in the playground. The introduction of scooters has already been popular. Some suggestions were – painting in the playground, more footballs, basketballs and nets, playhouse, skipping ropes, body boards and den building. Jenna mentioned that Pitfour FC have a line painter machine which they may be willing to lend to the school to paint the lines for a netball pitch in the playground near the Nursery. Jenna will make enquiries. Mrs Bell suggested the Potato factory may be able to donate some large potato boxes which could be made into a den. Sara's husband is a joiner, and she said he may be able to help with this. Scott will organise the purchase of footballs, skipping ropes, basket balls etc and will invoice Parent Council. Mrs Bell would like to use some of the donated cable drums to make into tables with lego boards on top. Laura volunteered her husband to make these. The tickets for the Sports Day raffle have been specifically advertised to raise funds for playground improvements.

Mrs Bell asked for Parent Council members to consider funding towards training courses for staff on outdoor learning for school and maths and outdoor learning for nursery. Each course costs £600 as a one off and would be for all staff. This ties in well with the improvement plan. The plan would be to do the training at an In-service day, possibly November. Parent Council members agreed to provide funding for the 2 courses at a cost of £1200.

Mrs Bell is keen to introduce Scrap Antics to the school. This involves promoting loose parts play in school to encourage creativity. There is a yearly subscription which costs £1000, and the school will receive 4 deliveries a year of new play materials, meaning that resources will be refreshed each term. Laura Malloch, who runs Inchture Wraparound Care. Has also been planning to introduce Scrap Antics and is willing to share the costs with school. Parent Council happy to fund this for this next school year, no ongoing yearly commitment.

Aberlour Children's Charity representative

Clara Cromar from Aberlour Childrens' Charity came to speak to the member of the Parent Council. She asked us to share information with the parent group about the service they offer. You qualify if you live in Perth and Kinross and have a child under the age of 18. They take referrals from anyone and offer help and advice with things such as financial matters, mental health, neurodiversity, signposting and access to other services, relationship building, form filling and practical help such as finding a dentist and getting heating working again or decluttering if this is affecting a family. Importantly she wanted us to note that no social work input is required, anyone who has a child and needs help with something can apply. To make a referral people can self-refer or ask someone to do it for them. Teachers can refer with the family's consent. The only information they need is your name and a contact email address.

Clara said the Charity often attends transition evenings for parents for nursery, P1/P7 to spread the word of their service. She asked us to share her leaflet on our PC Facebook page. Scott will arrange for her to come to new P1 Parents' information evening.

Chairperson's Report:

Thanks to Adrienne and Jordan for organising our first very successful Quiz night. The plan going forward is to do this annually. To speak to Inchture Hotel to see how it was for them. They were very helpful, and the event went very smoothly.

Tickets for the Sports Day raffle have gone home this week with the oldest child. Hampers are looking great, thanks to those parent council members who helped put these together.

Our Next Fundraiser will be the Hallowe'en Disco, planned for Thursday 30th October 25. Sara and Fiona B offered to take the lead on this, supported by other members. Unfortunately Gav who DJ'd at the last two discos has moved away so we will need to investigate other options for DJs. Jenna's friend is a DJ, she will ask him if he is available and about costs.

The Christmas Light switch on was a success last year, hope to repeat. Ask Claire if the Reindeers might be able to come again. Livvis had said last year they might be willing to support in the future so contact them to find out if they are interested. Also to ask Inchture's Little Shack.

The two trophies purchased by Parent Council to recognise Innovation are ready for the end of term. One for upper school and one for the lower school.

There is no remaining stock.

PVG's. There is new legislation surrounding the requirements of Parent Council staff to have a PVG. Fiona B attended the meeting and fed back to the meeting. From 30th June 2025 all adults involved in direct contact with children will need to have one, if you have "power" or "influence" over them. The rule states that a separate PVG is needed for each role, so people who already have one for their job or other volunteer role will need one specifically for Parent Council or they cannot attend a fundraiser such as the Hallowe'en party in a Parent Council role. This includes volunteers who volunteer regularly. The Parent Council has already been registered with Volunteer Scotland and applications are free for volunteers and last for 5 years. Dawn has already submitted the applications for members who have provided her with the relevant information. As a result of the change in legislation surrounding PVG's the child protection and social media policies have been updated and accepted

Lorries continue to regularly pass the school at drop off and pick up times. Mrs Bell has been in contact with the IPL site manager about this matter previously and was assurred that the voluntary arrangement with hauliers to avoid these times still stood. Mrs Bell will get back in touch with them and ask how we notify them of any breaches of this agreement. Dawn asked for her to copy in parent council to the letter/email.

Next meeting will be the AGM- date 17th September 2025 at 18:30