

INVERGODON ACADEMY PARENT COUNCIL

Minutes of meeting held on Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2008.

Present: Lesley Sanderson, Julia Entwistle, Andrew Pennington, Deidre Bews, Anne-Maire Wallis, Chris Godley, Jim Steven, Sandy McGregor, Catherine Richmond, Norma Higgott, Ian Higgott, Hilary Peters.

1. Welcome – A warm welcome to all.

Apologies:- Councillor Maxine Smith, Councillor Martin Rattray, Alison Drew, Christine Sutherland, Miranda Moodie, Tatiana Tsarmaklis.

2. Adoption of minutes: Minutes of last meeting adopted.

Proposed by Anne-Marie Wallis, seconded by Deidre Bews.

Matters arising: Cath Richmond to arrange further contact with Inspector Rees.

Cath to visit multi-user facility at Milton. School awaiting meeting with Andy McTaggart.

3. Pupil Council: have not yet met this term. However, some progress to report regarding Travel Plan. The bike shelter upgrade has been approved and is awaiting tender. Maxine Smith/Cath Richmond have initiated contact with the Social Club regarding use of their car park. Use of the Leisure Centre as a 'Park and Stride' by some parents is ongoing and beneficial. A speaker from Police H/Q in Edinburgh visited the school and spoke to younger pupils about road and rail safety. Further discussion about possibilities for parking.

4. School.

-Cleaning cuts: Jim Steven reported on cuts of 10% imposed by Council and their implications for the Academy. The Parent Council will write to Hugh Fraser regarding this issue – Chris volunteered.

-ICT provision 2009-2010: Mr Steven reported on the forthcoming change to current ICT provision. The probable consequence is that the current level of provision will not be maintainable and the school may not be able to meet future recommendations (GLOW). More information will be available at the next school council meeting.

-School Improvement Plan: Handouts were provided and explained by Mr Steven and Mr McGregor. The plan will also be added to the school web site. Further consultation with

council/parents and pupils will be forthcoming.

5. Councillor's Report: Councillor's unable to attend. Report at next meeting
6. Treasurer's Report: Balance of £816.60 in account. This session's grant should be arriving shortly – Hilary Peters to check with Highland Council. Members of the school council wishing to attend relevant training, conferences, etc may access money.
7. Correspondence:
  - Curriculum for Excellence information and DVD – available for perusal.

Parent Forum and Parent Council members are invited to respond to “A consultation on the next generation of national qualifications in Scotland” via the website

[www.scotland.gov.uk/consultations](http://www.scotland.gov.uk/consultations) .

8. AOCB:

-AGM scheduled for November, as the parent council was not established until November last year. Officers are able to hold their posts for 2 years before re-election.

-Anne-Marie requested prices of school canteen food be advertised in the newsletter for parents to access . Some pupils have suggested that supplies in the canteen are insufficient – to be taken up by Pupil Council. Discussion regarding possibility of banning pupils from leaving school at lunchtime – agreed to be unworkable.

-Home Economics – Mr Steven informed the Parent Council about the difficulties of recruitment in this department. Possibility of parental involvement agreed in theory.

-Cost of school uniform – discussion. Parents are able to hand in unwanted items to the school office for re-distribution. Also, Mr McGregor has a supply to distribute as required – the parent council may wish to donate funds to this in future, if required. The Pupil Council have discussed the option of providing school badges to attach to non-uniform items, but agreed that this was not desirable.

-Thanks to the Academy and staff for the use of the school and their services for the very successful P7 Prom which was held in June.

9. Date of AGM/Next Parent Council Meeting Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> November at 7pm in Conference Room.

Meeting closed at 20.20hrs.