**Present**

Claire Horsburgh (Chairperson) Fiona Devlin (Co-Chair), Judith Anderson (Treasurer), Katie Banks, Chris Turner, Donna Bannerman, Fiona Mackay, Melissa Mitchell, Carlie Davidson, Mhorag Drew, Rebecca MacLeod, Holly Ross, Sarah MacLennan, Karen Mackenzie, Carol MacManus, Elaine Smith, Catriona Gray, Jenna Gray, Sarah Francis,

Trish Robertson (Councillor),

**Apologies**

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| Agenda Item and Discussion | Action |
| Update from PC  Welcome to new faces – thank you for all coming along.  Leavers Hoodies  CH had a conversation with Mr Grandison – P7s always get a ‘leavers’ hoody and have been working on making sure the hoodies are sustainable, which does mean an increase in cost. Asking PC to fund the difference between the normal cost of hoodies and the new price - £180.  Kings Coronation’s Coins  Parent had come to PC with a thought for each child to get a commemorative coin for the upcoming Coronation – 66p per coin and can be covered by PC.  FD – a nice idea but think money could be better spent.  CG – is there an option for parents to buy one from us if they want one?  CH – discount if bulk bought – 66p per coin if large order put in  JG – nice idea to have, I have a Jubilee one which is a nice memory  SM – can we bulk order to get the discount and parents pay the 66p?  Vote:  Fund – 3 Out to parents for order through PC – 13  Against - 2  JG – have the tracksuits been ordered yet and taken out of the money pot?  FD – left with Mrs Parke to order.  Office Bearers  Posts available:  Deputy Chair working to support CH as Chair  Treasurer  Disco – 30th March  Ear defenders for children who struggle with noise – 4 pairs have been ordered  CH will be looking for helpers and post on Facebook page. | *Letter from P7 shared across members and vote taken – majority vote in favour of funding difference in price.*  *Info to be put out to parents and PC will order and facilitate buying of coins*  Rebecca MacLeod & Holly Ross take Joint Deputy Chair  Carlie Davidson takes Treasurer |
| Head Teacher Update/Report |  |
| AOCB  Gardening Club - Elaine  Noticed that the gazebos and benches are wobbly and coming away from wall, not been maintained. Gazebo rooves were felted pre Covid.  Feel they are becoming quite unsafe.  ES - Is it the school’s responsibility to have it checked for safety?  *TR – no, it is Highland Council’s responsibility.*  CG – they (HC) normally will say it is not safe and then remove it, school will have to maintain safety to ensure it is kept.  *SF – what is the legality behind having people/volunteers to help maintain it?*  SM – we’ve had this before and tried to have a group of volunteers and it never happens. Or it happens a few times and that’s it.  *ES – the issue is it doesn’t have any proper foundations.*  FD/JA – they are close to 10 years old.  *ES/CM – they need proper shelter that will also put up with the wear and tear with the children and weather.*  CH – worth noting and will take to AM as a conversation going forward.  SM’s husband can suggest costings for equipment if needed  Trim Trail  ES - When are we getting the new trim trail?  *FD - AM has sent out a classroom post to current P7s on their Leadership group to think about games equipment rather than trim trail as been let down previously*  KM – Cradlehall PS have a good one  *TR – there seems to be an issue with school getting playground equipment*  FD – companies unwilling to come and install equipment as it is coming from down south. We have ordered trim trail equipment before but when it arrived it was adult sized so had to be sent back. Unfortunate that the kids who were heavily involved in the fundraising will not get to see the outcome of raising money.  ES – can we have a fundraiser for maintaining gardening?  *TR – Highland Council still have some funding and money left over from COVID budget for health and wellbeing*  FD/CH – we are hoping to have an annual day for doing up the playground like we had last year  Security Gate  CG - can it be opened for coming in? Cars are parked on the side of the road or stopping in the middle of the entrance and its not safe for children who are going on the road to then come in the main gate.  *FD – we have the extra challenge of no FSM to open/close gates*  CG – also no security for Nursery children, just a low gate so if a child gets out then they can easily leave the premises  *DB – large adult sized hole in the gate at the side of the large fence (Janitor is allegedly aware but HC have to fix it – AM has been in contact with Council numerous times about getting it fixed)*  Parking  CT – can we speak to the police about the cars or have parents standing with a high vis jacket to move parents on?  *CH – we’ve had police in before to try and manage situation*  FM – are we allowed to take pictures of cars that are speeding or unsafely parked?  *CH/JA – yes, police have been round to houses before*  CH – not sure about allowing parents, because it may end in a confrontation, and we don’t get enough volunteers to carry forward. Tried previously with school staff but they no longer have time and did not help. We have been in touch with road safety team and can’t have double yellow lines or a yellow box as its technically not legal. Mr Aitchison does put cones out to stop people from parking but these don’t seem to be working.  *ES – could we have a Facebook post reminding parents to take photos and send forward?*  CH – will get in touch with the Community Police again, an ongoing issue that always comes back  *TR – every school are having problems with this, and no one is applying for jobs as traffic patroller as it no longer a funded post*  When new build was happening, AM asked for a drop off bay in line with side path to school but was told there wasn’t funding for it.  ES - A wider problem of children being on the premises throwing flares into the MUGA area, no Janitor to stop this from happening  *AM late to meeting due to having a meeting with new Nursery parents, was briefly informed of concerns regarding gazebos:*  AM – I do a walk round of the school on a Monday morning and noted a seat had come up but there were no visible splinters on gazebos. Do Parent Council want them removed?  CG – cordon them off if they are unsafe? Don’t want to lose them as well used by both parents and children.  AM – if not suitable or dangerous, don’t want chn using them. We don’t have a janitor and janitor will not be replaced which was part of elective members decision. Will cordon them off this evening and make everyone aware they are out of bounds, don’t know how it will be policed at the moment.  SF – message put out on socials and chn told not to use them until a group can be put together to fix them?  SM – do not understand what is happening with FMA, has this been discussed at previous meeting?  AM – not allowed to put online as it was a political decision. David Aitchison will be off for 9 months and will not be replaced for that time. All we have is someone opening and closing the gates and I is chasing up everything else. FMAs will be shared between schools going forward, and these decisions/budgets cannot be reversed.  *CG – will there be an impact on Lets as well?*  AM – depends on the revenue, at the moment the Brownies is being covered. I have covered them in the past to make sure kids can still use space for different activities and don’t lose out. | FD to ask AM for an update on equipment and where to go with playground equipment, bring on to next agenda  TR will take any questions or suggestions to relevant person in the council  CH to put message out and get a sub-group together. |
| Date of Next Meeting  Attendance tonight is great – do we need to change day to allow for this many members? | Poll on Facebook page for which day suits best |