

Invergordon Academy Parent Council Meeting  
INVERGORDON ACADEMY – CONFERENCE ROOM  
TUESDAY 04.06.13 @ 7pm

**Present**

Mr Steven, Mr McGregor, Catherine Richmond, Hilary Peters, Lianne MacDonald, Fiona Dane, Anne-Marie Wallis, Karen Mackay

**Apologies**

Andrew Pennington, Sally Northern, Alyson Cartwright

**Last minutes**

- Agreed as accurate - all outstanding items were on agenda

**School Matters**

**SSER**

- Community consultation is in place which ends at the end of June. Pupils will be involved in consultation.

**2013 S1 intake**

- 57 pupils will be joining S1 in August 2013

**Academy website**

- Mr. Aitchison is leading on the website at present. Websense is at present blocking the website and this is waiting to be unblocked. The PC will be given a section of the website

**Highland Games**

- This year the games will be held in the proposed Incinerator site and the Academy have offered the use of their mini bus to transport people back and fore to the games

**Fields review**

- Looking at the standard of the field. Lots of incidences of dog excrement littering the fields - councilors will be contacted in writing to act on these complaints

**Rugby**

- More boys taking part in rugby and the school will buy rugby strips for the pupils after requests from them

## Hockey

- New hockey strips which are lovely. P7's will be invited to join last 2 practice sessions prior to the holidays to gauge interest.

## Football

- New strips have been bought which have made a huge difference

## Biomass

- Lots of work going in to this and as yet it is not signed off. Work to be carried out regarding lorry access and the school have no control of the heating at all

## Staffing

- Alison Brown is returning to school this month
- Mr Scott, Mr Finlayson, Mr Morris and Ms Parkin are all retiring
- Joan Anderson PSE is going to Inverness for 1 year
- 3 probationers are coming - 1 female for physics, 1 male for art and one female for art
- An ASN audit will decide the requirements for filling Mrs Andersons post
- Mrs Braddick will go on maternity leave
- Ms McKinnes - English will take special leave
- computing interviews are on Thursday and have 2 candidates

## Leadership

- Lots of new leadership programmes planned for 6th years, reading with primary and sports leadership. Ms Barr has been excellent in taking this forward and will continue working at the school in a combined post of PE and leadership

## Skills course

- For S1 and S3 years at present.
- Ms Barr to pick up 2nd year programme in health and wellbeing - taking forward the responsibility for learning and community involvement
- there will be certificate opportunities - for example this year all S1 have dynamic youth award and 3rd year have been profiling

## Senior school

- there will be a 4 period leadership programme
- teams and leaders
- looking at self and what you can give to the community
- 6 pupils have enrolled at present

### **Sports ambassadors**

- Sky sports - great achievements been made here and has a commonwealth games link
- Duke of Edinburgh -which includes and expedition
- CSLA - sports leader
- SQA certificates = wider development
- Sent 26 S1 boys to Allandale to look at ownership and belonging - all gained John Muir award and came back very positive
- There is work underway at looking at running and conference about building confidence, interviewing techniques etc - will look at taking in outside presenters and looking at venues

### **Finance**

- Annual grant now is only £540 after deductions by Highland Council
- total in bank is £2,336
- Money will be given to 6th year outward bound course

### **School trips**

- 2 planned
- Italy Ski Trip December 2013
- Summer trip to Barcelona 2014

### **Curriculum for Excellence**

- Faculty heads at present looking at implementation plan and improvement plan - problems at new course material is not available until August
- 6th year - Driving ambition - taking in Police, Fire, mechanics and driving instructor - includes a hard hitting DVD to start the programme and all relates to safe driving
- 5th year - risk day - sexual health, drugs/alcohol, University talk, Albyn Housing

### **Parent contact sessions**

- Staff keen to trial 4 - 6 pm session - to possibly trial this after asking parents. Attendance at parents night is between 70 - 80 %
- School is looking at setting up focus groups and taking parents in to discuss - planning to make this a social event and will replace questionnaire feedback

No correspondence received

### **AOCB**

- Advanced Highers discussed and the need for some pupils to go to another school to study advanced Highers

### **Next meeting**

10th September at 7pm at Invergordon Academy Conference Room