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| Attended: | Parent Reps: Mike (Chair), Elma (Treasurer), Paula, Nicola, MichelleTeachers: Mrs Hughes, Mrs Brooks, Mrs Campbell |
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| **Agenda Items/discussion notes** | **Agreed Actions** |
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| **Minutes from previous meeting*** Used to frame agenda for this meeting
 | Approved |
| **Outside Play Equipment (P1 – 7)*** Provided by Aberdeenshire Council – no additional funding required from the school
* Installation went well, with little to no disruption to the school/play times
* Kids really enjoying the new equipment
 | * Awaiting final part to be installed – date TBC
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| **Outside Play Equipment (Nursery)*** Previous Care Inspectorate has recommended the outdoor play equipment for nursey is refreshed/replaced
* Option to apply for lottery funding for this
 | Over the next 12-18 months * School to survey parents (and children) on outdoor play equipment for nursery children (May/June 2017)
* Research equipment options with various suppliers to understand costs etc
* Undertake lottery funding application – Nicola to lead on this.
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| **Outside Storage Container*** A new storage container is now located in the playground
* This will be used to store outside play equipment and other school equipment.
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| **New Bins in Playground*** Funded from monies collected from Hamper raffle (donated by Morrison’s) and Garioch Partnership Acknowledgement of new bins and positive impact they’re already having on kids and seagull behaviour
* Design of bin means that seagulls are no longer able to pull rubbish out of the bins with Colin the janitor reporting there is no longer any litter in the playground after break/lunchtime
* Hope is that schools will start to see a reduction in scavenging behaviour of seagulls now that they can no longer access the bins
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| **School Website*** New website has been created for the school and is now up and running
* School staff have been trained in updating and uploading new information/content.
 | * Mrs Hughes to add call for parents to familiarise themselves with the new website in the next school newsletter
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| **Twitter*** The school has started to more actively use Twitter to keep parents and carers informed about school activities. Most recently used to post photos of the P7 trip to Dalguise. Feedback from parents/carers on this approach has been positive.
 | * Mrs Hughes to add call for parents to follow Alehousewells on Twitter if it’s of interest to them in the next school newsletter
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| **Pupil Equity Fund*** Funding received by schools to improve attainment levels/close the attainment gap in literacy, numeracy as well as health and wellbeing. Funding can be used for the benefit of all pupils and is based on number of pupils who receive free school meals
* School received £18,000 in 2017/18
* Parent council agreed following suggested areas of spend would add value:
	+ Update/refresh reading books for all stages
	+ Purchase of new PE equipment and or lessons eg Yoga
	+ Introduction of ‘Mindfullness’
	+ Extend the licence and potentially allow home to access Expresso and/or Education City
	+ Purchase of NewMichon (maths jigsaw resource to improve learning of paired number bonds etc)
	+ Increase number of days Pupil Support Worker \*can be onsite and/or Increase availability of PSA who can take on similar role as Pupil Support Worker
	+ (\* Nicola works for Barnardos who currently provide a ‘pupil support worker’ type role to a number of schools in Aberdeen City and Banff schools. Nicola to meet with Mrs Hughes to discuss this option further.)
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| **Homework Club*** Suggestion from teachers to offer some children the opportunity to take part in a Homework Club.
* This would be aimed at pupils who were unable to complete/undertake homework activity at home and provide a learning pathway for the family – as such, participation would be by invite only.
* Suggested 30minute session could run as a Breakfast Club and include breakfast, at lunchtime or afterschool. Parent Council Members agreed Breakfast Club might be better option with Pupil equity fund used to pay for breakfast for pupils attending homework club
 | * Teaching staff to explore this option further before speaking to individual families concerned
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| **Fundraising Activities Update** | **Agreed Actions** |
| **Funding*** Currently have Parent Council fund of **£1200** to go towards school activities, equipment etc
* Parent Council to organise future fundraising events until Fundraising Committee can be re-established. If any parents want to take on the role of organising fundraising events for the school, please speak to a member of the Parent Council or Mrs Hughes.
 | Approved spend for:* P7 Tubing and cake (approx. £115):
	+ Paula to order and pick up “Good luck P7” cake from Costco
* Ice-lollies for Sports Day (cost TBC)
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| **Bingo and Quiz Night*** Organised by the school and both very successful – raised approx. £1000 in total
* Feedback from those who attended events was very positive with a suggestion that these events could run successfully in the future
 | As a result, the school have purchased:* Kazban (wooden frame) for early stages
* New listening centre for P2
* New outdoor speaker - to play music at lunchtime and other events – kids love it!
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| **Valentines Disco*** PJ theme went down well, kids enjoyed; Parent Council members together with school staff organised event as Parent Funding Committee disbanded; tickets made by Mrs Brooks
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| **Shorts n’ Shades Disco*** 8th June - P1-P3 6.30pm-1.30pm; P4-P7 7.35pm-8.50pm; to be organised by Parent Council
 | * Mrs Brooks to make tickets
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| **Disco Laptop*** Parent Council agreed it was not good economics to purchase a new laptop and software at a cost of around £800 for use 4 times per year; Solution is for pupils selection songs for playlist which can be uploaded onto a mobile device and played through the new outdoor speaker system.
 | * Mrs Brooks to speak to Mr Henderson about his continued involvement in creating playlists for this purpose.
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| **Sports Day*** Will take place on **Monday 22nd May**, with Monday 29th May as the reserve date.
* Suggestion to ask Morrison’s if they would be willing to part fund/donate ice-lollies for this event.
 | * Elma to contact Morrison’s re donation of ice-lollies then purchase ice-lollies (including dairy free options)
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| **Duck Race*** Provisional date of **Sat 9th September, from 11am-2pm** has been proposed
* This would be a smaller event with the Duck Race and BBQ as the main events. The use of a Bouncy Castle will be gifted by Buchan Bouncers (thanks Paula) and discussion over whether to include small stalls for the kids to be discussed
* Suggestion that kids could ‘design a duck’ at the start of term in August – perhaps a competition?
* NB Mrs Brooks has a Food Hygiene Certificate so is happy to supervise the BBQ – Mike has agreed to cook the burgers – additional help for BBQ to be discussed at next meeting
 | * Elma to post ‘save the date’ in Kemnay Newsletter monthly from May
* Paula to post ‘save the date’ on Facebook
* Mrs Hughes to arrange for ‘save the date’ to be posted on schools new website
* Mike to speak to local butcher and arrange BBQ
* Rhona to check availability of scouts to provide canoes and catch ducks
* Mrs Brooks to draft a proforma for various tasks/activities required to plan event
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| **Dates For Your Diary** |
| **Events*** Sports Day Monday 22nd May 2017
* Shorts n’ Shades Disco Thurs 8th June 2017
* P7 Tubing Thursday 29th June 2017
* Duck Race Saturday 9th September 2017
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| **Holiday Dates**Agreed cluster holiday dates for 2018 are* Friday 9th February 2018
* Monday 12th February 2018
* Tuesday 13th February 2018 (in-service)
* Wednesday 14th February 2018 (in-service)
* Monday 4th June 2018
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