

## **Notes from Parent Council Meeting: 3 February 2016**

Present: Kerry, Julie, Heather, Steph, Lisa

Apologies: Jacqui – Anne, Anne, Amanda, Christina, Donna

### **Cape Wrath catering**

It was agreed that the parents would do the catering for the evening event. Parents do not need to contribute towards the cost of any ingredients/food as this will be paid for from the school fund and replaced from the profits. Parents will be able to volunteer to help by cooking, transporting food to Durness and/or helping on the evening. Mrs R will speak to Katy Lee to see what the Cape Wrath committee are looking for as pasta had been suggested instead of the traditional barbecue. The catering is usually done at the Durness Hall which has a great kitchen facility and it is a really good fund raiser.

### **Parent Council Fund**

It was agreed to buy new art overalls and give £500 towards the purchase of new books for the school library. If parents have any other ideas about what they would like to see purchased can they please let school, Anne or Steph know. As previously discussed we are going to improve our outdoor area in the spring/summer and some of the money raised can go towards this.

Report from Ian Jackson about the proposed closure of Achfary

This was discussed and the parents felt that any parents from Achfary catchment should have the choice of which primary school they went to.

### **Speed Awareness Sign**

It was agreed that the sign should be positioned just before the brow of the hill. Mrs R will let Highland Council know this and hopefully it will be in place asap.

School swimming

(Please see separate note)

E-safety session for parents – it was agreed that this would take place after the February half term one day straight after school.

### **Fruit at break**

The school will continue to provide fruit at break. Nearly all children have fruit. The fruit is eaten in class before the start of break. Tuck taken in by children will be eaten during break and not in class at the same time as the fruit.

## **Staffing**

From after the half term Ms Lee will teach the upper primary class on Mondays, Tuesdays and Fridays and Mrs Morrison will teach the class on Wednesdays and Thursdays. This arrangement will continue until Miss Gounden returns from her maternity leave to take up her post. If you would like any further information please contact Mrs Robertson at the school.

Moving to a 4.5 day week closing at 1pm on a Friday

As you may have seen in the press and/or council reports all schools in Highland Council will move to a 4.5 day week by from August 2017 however some schools are moving to this from 2016. There was some discussion about this. The High School will be moving to a 4.5 day from August 2016 and while there are advantages and disadvantages the parents at the meeting would like to see the primary and secondary finish at the same time. If you have any thoughts about this please contact Mrs Robertson by Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> February to enable a final decision to be made.