

Aviemore Primary Parent Council Meeting

Date: 15/05/2025

Location: The Legion

Time: 20:00

Attendees

- Kenny Rogan (Chair)
- Chenelle McMaster & Jess Creber (School Staff)
- Andy Norrie, Fiona Green and Laura Ross (Parent Council)
- Fiona McGhee, Martina Norrie, Jane Gillies, Shona Allan (Parents)

Introduction

KG welcomed everyone and outlined the purpose of the Parent Council:

- Supporting education
- Fundraising
- Assisting the school community

School Update – Presented by Chenelle

See the separate report

Finances

- £215 spent on leavers' hoodies
- Quiz night raised approx. £70
- Litter pick raised £115 from People's Fundraising website. Cash still to be received.
- Funding approved for school trips again this year
- Sports day kit funded by William Wilson: funds in reserve to be spent on netball kit
- £5,000 Tesco grant application submitted
- Shinty team will be fundraising for new goals with a cake stall at the sports day

Summer Fun Day

- Main fundraising event of the year. Plans include:

- Timed assault course
- Highland Slice pizza will be there
- BBQ (food hygiene required)
- Cake stall
- Coffee van - JG following up with KJ's Bothy Bakery
- Fiona to contact Burger Box
- Miele's selling ice cream
- 9 stalls booked (no tokens to be accepted by non PC stalls)
- Additional: games, plant stall, second-hand and bottle stalls
- Sponge-the-teacher activity (or similar, CM/JC checking)
- Tokens: £1 each or 11 for £10 in advance. Fiona Green has these and they will be sold at the Sports day, and in the library between 2:45-3:15pm

School Screen Policies

- CM and JC feel that there are very few practical issues with phones seen in the school currently. However, some parents are aware of children being distracted by beeps from phones/watches.
- Phones not allowed to be used in classrooms (they stay in bags)
- Smart watches permitted but not to be used, Chenelle notes they should be set to 'school' mode if one is available which limits the function when in the classroom
- Chromebooks are used in various ways, depending on the teacher, but Securely Classroom should be used for monitoring at all times and the kids know they are tracked.
- Computer use is planned and has specific learning aims such as microbits (electronics) and Canva (making presentations)
- Suggestion to standardise chromebook use policy further from new term, including stricter rules on youtube and use during Fun31
- Newsround viewing was questioned. Chenelle noted it is used by some teachers as a way to get kids into the class and settle quickly. It's not 'passive viewing' and aims to kick off discussions and other activities.

Class Choices

FM raised pupil preferences for class formation. Asking if there is a way pupil preference and friend groups can be worked in.

CM: placements consider ASN, ability, friendships and more. Parents should Email early if they have concerns

Closing

Thanks from Kenny to all attendees for their time and support.