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| **Present** | **Apologies** |
| Sarah Williamson | Bryan Tainsh |
| Ms Margaret McMillan (HT) |  |
| Linzie Ellis |  |
| Katie Wilson |  |
| Angela Reid |  |
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| **Item** | **Subject** | **Action by** |
| 1. | The Chair welcomed those in attendance.  **Apologies:** Bryan Tainsh |  |
| 1a. | **Quorum:**  The revised constitution is now in force therefore a quorum is 3. As more than three people in attendance the meeting proceeded. |  |
| 2. | **Head Teachers Report:**  **School Improvement**  Education Officers from PKC observed a writing lesson this term to look at how the new approaches are working and discuss future developments. This was a very positive experience for both children and staff, with improvements clearly evident from the data being collected.  We are embedding the UNCRC articles covered last term into our curriculum through directly highlighting them in lesson across the school. We will go on to look at articles relating to identity.  We continue to gather evidence for our Digital Schools award having created our digital strategy. We hope to improve our digital communication with parents following some consultation.  The results of the Parent Questionnaire and Pupil Forum are contributing to work being undertaken by the School Council and staff.  Our Eco School action plan received very positive feedback from the Eco Team and we are progressing well with the targets set out. Most recently we have set up recycling points in the school for batteries, crisp bags and pens. The group will also be applying to the Highland Spring community fund for some items shortly.  **Staffing/ Absences**  Mr Gibson returned to the school this term as our Area Support Teacher.  Ms Rennick our Active Schools coordinator is currently absent.  Due to a variety of viral infections and chickenpox we have had a lot of absences this term however this is now improving.  **Industrial Action**  We anticipate the school being closed on 28th Feb and 1st March.  **Upcoming events…**  We will be taking part in local heats of the Rotary Quiz and Euro Quiz this term.  We will also be having a village litter pick and be visiting Highland Spring to hear about and use their reverse vending machine.  P4/5 will be starting their Forest School sessions next week.  P6/7 continue to go swimming weekly and will be having curling sessions.  Some P7 children will be heading off to Nethy Bridge in March for a weeklong residential experience.  We will be involved in the community lunch Singalong on Friday which is proving very popular.  All classes will be taking part in a music workshop run by members of the BBC Symphony Orchestra in conjunction with Perth Chamber Music and Strathearn Music Society. This will have an ecological theme and we will also have member of the Marine Conservation Society sharing information as part of the event.  **Gala**  After discussions with Gordon Roy we have decided to attempt an outdoor ceilidh due to the restricted numbers at the hall. In the event of bad weather, it will be cancelled.  **Funding priorities for discussion…**   * Forest School * Transport for trips next term * P7 Hoodies * Shelter Shed renovation * Accelerated Reading books/licence |  |
| 4. | **Treasurers Report:**  Angela Reid provided the following summary –  Our bank balance 1st of December £2070.62  We received-   * £1240.50 from Raffle ticket sales   We spent-   * £132.00 Printing of raffle tickets * £30.00 Flowers for Mrs Mathews   Total expenditure £162.00  This makes our balance £3149.12  Tulibardine are donating £1,000 for forest school. We have not yet had the bill from Karen. |  |
| 5. | **Outstanding points from previous meeting:**  None. |  |
| 6. | **Fundraising Update:**  We discussed the Council grant for the parent council, we decided we couldn’t justify that amount for stationary so agreed not to apply. Something for the future to think about is costs of Zoom should we need it.  Blackford Community fund- Margaret cant think of any big community projects that can be done using the grant money so will not be applying.  Highland Games- 27th of May , we will fundraise here, will discuss at the next meeting.  Bingo- we decided to wait until after the summer holidays before running this, will be discussed at next meeting. |  |
| 7. | **AOB:**  Gala- We decided the float was a lot of work and maybe just having a theme for the children to dress up as and walk together would be a nice idea. Linzie suggested we use our Facebook page to create a poll asking parents what’s theme they’d like to do to encourage them to get involved.  Bank account- the paper work has now been handed in to the bank to add/change the signatories for the account.  Easter- The school are going to run a few competitions and Parent council will provide the prizes, Linzie offered to get the prizes.  School gates- Angela asked about the gates being locked and children not being able to get in if they are late. Margaret explained the reasons behind locking the gates for the children’s safety and has previously asked parents to call ahead if their child is running late so the school can look out for them. Margaret will remind parents of this.  Shed- Margaret has asked if we can help fix it up, Katie has asked Kevin to have a look on Friday to get a rough idea of what is needing done.  Buses- Margaret has asked us to fund the buses for the school trips, she will let us know how much.  P7 Hoodies- The school will find out sizes etc of hoodies then the parent council will order them from simply sparkling, the sooner the better so children can get their wear out of them!  Accelerated Reading books/licence- This is something Margaret would like us to help develop, after the above priorities.  Meetings will be continued to be held by Zoom. |  |
| 8. | **Date of Next Meeting:**  Tuesday 9th of May 2023 at 6:30pm via Zoom. |  |