**Grandtully Primary School Parent Council**

**3rd May 2022**

Attending

Anna, Rachel, Vicky R, Miranda, Gillian, Isabel, Chris, Marion, Matthew, Sean, Nicole, Vicky P, Carol, Jade, Robin.

Apologies

Carol P, Donna, Elizabeth, Colum, Robin, Claire, Suzanne, Lio, Jo, Ross, Ciara

Approval of minutes – proposed by Chris and agreed by Matthew.

1. **Yurt - an update on progress with funding - an update on suppliers and costs and recommendation on next steps. We will be asking for agreement to move to the next stage now we have the funding in place and know the situation re planning etc.**

Update from Anna. Outdoor classroom proposal driven by pupils and taken forward by staff and PC.

Funding is substantial and in place, we are ready to go including wood burner, maintenance and cleaning and an outdoor kitchen.

Update from Sean. Quotes all similar. Rachel explained Dragonfly Yurts (Pitlochry) initial quotation in line with competitors.

Plan to gift yurt to school – covered under insurance. We would put in place manitenece and cleaning agreements and write these into the PC Constitution as part of the longer term legacy, Cleaning solition to be found.

Proposal to work with Dragonfly as local company and to go back to them for a final detailed quote.

Anyone wanting to see and experience a built example please let Rachel know.

ACTION

Contract for maintenance and cleaning / Summer holidays – Rachel to take forward with Dragonfly or question.

Check flooring/decking requirement/cost of wood – Rachel.

All - Anyone wanting to see and experience a built example please let Rachel know.

1. **Wee Robbie date, plan and medals**

Update from Isabel. Joint event at Kenmore. 10.30am arrival – 12.30pm. Lunch. Team games and sports in the afternoon for the pupils. Looking for parent volunteers. Kenmore PC will donate refreshments. School working on transport. Bus quoted at £350. Logistics to be finalised.

ACTION

All - Parent volunteers needed. Ten required. Email Isabel.

Anna - Transport solution to follow up on Whats App. Can we get kids and bikes there ourselves

Anna – update on medals cost from Kenmore likely to be around £90

Isabel – to look at diamond extension and report back.

Gillian – to engage p7s in possible diamond extensions.

1. **Ukrainian children including update from school, uniform, backpacks, buddies and kindles**

Update from Anna and Isabel.

Highland Perthshire Welcomes Ukraine – several Ukrainian families have moved here. Two groups hosted here in Grandtully/Strathtay. Two boys have joined school. One more to start imminently. Successful first visit. Will be attending afternoon sessions, soft start focussed on relationship building and having lunch together. Boys have no English but school have had advice on welcoming Ukrainian arrivals. -language, literacy and all kinds of background info. Support worker visit planned. Gillian explained sport and forest school are working well.

PC have funded back packs and some uniform.

Anna expressed disappointment in council resourcing and desire to be ambitious in our requests.

Rachel confirmed £200 personal local donation.

ACTION –

Anna discuss with school potential for compatible devices with staff

Rachel/Matthew to organise purchase

All – engage with host families as well as new people

1. **Change to the school day hours - Vicky P**

Pre covid – changes to school day were made. We used to finish at 3.20pm – the lunchtime was shortened and the finish brought forward to 3.10pm which helped with behaviour management. Vicky keen for discussion. Isabel – decision made a couple of years ago around the length of the lunch hour. Challenges around transition /settling down children after a break which is why Grandtully don’t have an afternoon break.

ACTION

Anna/PC will revisit this in six months but remain the same for now.

1. **Sports day - plans and date**

Update from Gillian. Date is Monday 13th June. Afternoon. This year is Commonweath Year. Different sports and teams of children. Points for each activity. There will be a lunch or picnic for all.

NO ACTIONS

1. **Showcase - plans and date**

Update from Gillian. Very exciting planning session with the children. Working to create songs, dance and music with a big performance! 21st June. On the longest day. Themed around Lost Words/Spell Songs. Likely to be outside.

ACTION

Gillian/Isabel - Times tbc

All – contribute to end of term celebration.

1. **End of term - Vicky r**

Proposal to have an end of term celebration – quote is in £200.

After school bouncy castle, candy floss and all…

Thanks to Vicky for quote but agreed to focus on showcase date instead.

ACTION

Vicky to go back to Jamie to thank him but politely decline this year.

1. **Gala - Vicky r**

Gala day ran by Grandtully Village Hall. Vicky R is working with them.

School will do a plant stall. Money raised will go back to school.

Shaping up nicely – races, games, bake off, lots of great

ACTION

All - Save the date 12th June

All – if anyone wants to run a School stall please share in WhatApp

All -contact Vicky If you’d like to be involved in Bake Off.

Vicky – confirm stall costs for school if any

1. **Update from headteacher**

Delighted to welcome you into school 2-4pm INSIDE SCHOOL! Come when you can and if you can.

Busy term ahead visits and visitors, looking forward to welcome new P1s (five confirmed).

Thinking about School Improvement for next year – overview to be shared and contributions sought.

School role including new families will be around 35/36 for next year!

ACTION

Anna – please be mindful of continued school role and sing the praises of Grandtully far and wide!

1. **Treasurer update / bank balance**

Healthy balance this year TOTAL 19.061.52 with most (£11K) committed to Yurt (Basil Death £2000, PKC £400 and SSE £9,000).

Continued commitment to tuck…

ACTION

Matthew to bank remaining cash from Thrift Shop

Marion/Miranda – do we have Thrift Shop this year?

**11. AOB**

Parking - Joanne Taylor (update from Anna)

Suggestion to give way/ park from the front to the back.

Vicky R – request to turn off engines idling

ACTION –

All follow Jo’s suggestion and be careful!

Carol – is there any room for an afternoon snack? Yes on a case by case basis.

ACTION – Carol to follow up.

**Next Date 31st May times tbc**