



Sgoil an Rubha

Minute of Meeting held on Thursday 4th May 2023 at 6pm at the school.

Parent Council

PRESENT

John Moffat (Chair)
Donald MacDonald (Vice Chair)
Donna Macleod (Head of School)
Jaclyn Campbell (Secretary)
Anna Marie Paget
Rodney Jamieson
Hereward Proops
Donna Mackinnon
Annice Smith
Laura Macaulay

APOLOGIES

Anne Macphail (Principal Teacher),
Christine Reynolds, Anna MacKay, Alison MacDonald

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| Welcolme and Introductions | 1 | Minutes were sent to the members prior to the meeting and agreed by the council. John Moffat (Chair) welcolmed all to the meeting and said it was encouraging to see new faces. |
| Minutes of Previous meeting | 2 | Minutes were handed out at the meeting; one point of note was David MacKay was receiving parent council corespndence from the Education Department. (JC) will contact the Education Department to request any correspondence be addressed to the Parent council using the school address. John also wanted noted that he never attended the RSHP meeting that the representatives of the parent council were invited to attend on the 25 th of January. The minutes were agreed by the council. |
| Head of School Update | 3 | <p>Our Historical World/Wider World</p> <p>All classes worked on the theme of history/geography last term. Although the school opted not to take part in the dileab project the GM classes learned about the Metagama. They produced some amazing models which will be used in the exhibition. The school artwork board is on display in town.</p> <p>Pupils also took part in focus weeks including Safer internet day/mental health week/SnG.</p> <p>Standards and Quality report</p> <p>Was submitted before the Easter holidays. There has been good progress made towards the school improvement action plan. There is evidence that attainment in writing and maths has improved and that the poverty related attainment gap in numeracy has reduced. The final draft and the School Improvement Plan for next session will be ready in June and will be shared with all parents.</p> <p>P4 SNSA/MCNGs</p> <p>All P4s have started their SNSA/MCNG testing. Results are available to parents on request but are mainly intended for teachers to target specific areas of numeracy and literacy.</p> <p>Staffing Update</p> <p>A new play leader has been appointed in the English nursery – Catriona Smith will be starting in June due to the notice period required for her current post.</p> <p>Sports Scotland Award</p> <p>Worked with Strada to complete the online assessment and were graded as Silver. Mrs Macphail will now create an action plan to work towards achieving our gold award.</p> <p>RSHP (Relationships and Sexual Health Programme)</p> <p>Parental information session was held on Monday 17th April, which was quite well attended. Blog is now available to all parents to view; group call went out on Monday.</p> |

Teachers had started to plan a block of 4 lessons, with the intention of sharing all lesson plans and intended resources with parents, however this is now on hold following the amendment in the chamber. RSHP working group are meeting and will issue guidance for schools on how to proceed. Important that P6/7 receive some input around change/puberty, so Donna is hoping to get permission to proceed with that.

Fundraising

Pupil council raised £502 through their bake sale. P7 took part in a sponsored triathlon ½ of the money to go to turkey/Syria and ½ to school funds. Over £800 raised already, with money still coming in.

School Enrolment

The school have had confirmation of our predicted rolls for P1. There will be 12 going into EM and 7 going into GM. There are 18 EM leaving and 2 GM.

Transition

Transition is well underway. The new P1 pupils have been using the canteen for their lunch through last term and this term. They have also been visiting the P1 classroom every Wednesday afternoon, including the children who are placing requests. The school had a visit from Jen Cairns, the NI rector, she was really impressed with our P7 pupils. Erica Clark has also started a series of transition workshops with P7 pupils which will go on for 5 weeks – pupils get a lot from this session. We have been in contact with TNI for any pupils who require an enhanced transition and hope to offer them extra visits prior to the main transition days. P7 Transition - 7th & 8th June
P1/ nursery transition morning – 7th June tbc (awaiting final Mod timetable)
General transition – a smooth transition between classes is also very important and aim to have our 'moving up' day as soon as staffing is confirmed. They have started some transition activities for some children with ASN in the hope that there will not be too many staffing changes.

Key Dates to note:

Sports Day/week – w/c 12th June
P7 Trip – 3rd – 5th May
Coronation Party – Monday 8th May (pm)
Whole school outing – 20th June (PST sponsored)
Prize Giving – Friday 23rd June.
P7 Final Assembly – 27th June

Mod – 5th – 9th June

These will be issued in the newsletter later this week.

School Funding Requests

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The school have submitted a funding request for the P7 leavers hoodies at the approx. cost of £542.65 (awaiting final price to take into account delivery costs) and P7 leavers gifts (£20 amazon vouchers) at the total cost of £400. Comined total of **£942.65**.

Norrie Macdonald Cllr contacted the parent council prior to the meeting to say to contact himself or Finlay Stewart Cllr with any requests for funding for any projects that we may be considering or are underway as they are happy to support the school and parent council in any way they can.

Fundraising

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Jaclyn advised the council that Joan Morrison (Treasurer) advised the following prior to meeting – The parent council account stands at approx. £1,700 this includes the CnEs Parental Involvement grant of £789 received at the end of January.
Bingo Family night was discussed, and it was decided to ask parents to contribute items that could be used for prizes/hampers for the bingo night.
Friday 2nd June 1900-2100 hours was decided to hold the event in the school. (JC to book school). The small kitchen off the main canteen can be used for making teas/coffee. A fundraising meeting has been scheduled for Thursday 18th May to organise/discuss further – A reminder will be sent out prior to ask for assistance from parents/carers.

AOCB

RSHP Donna asked if any lessons would be planned this term to P4-5. Donna advised that there would not as once the working group has met the materials etc will require to be consulted upon and lesson plans made, and this is unlikely to happen before the end of term. However, as states previously in point 3 – P6/7 will be given information on changes/puberty and information will be shared with parents prior to this.

GM Class formula

Some parents at the meeting asked question about the formula used to decide the composition of the GM classes. They felt it was unfair as some schools had smaller class numbers with straight classes. John will draft a letter to be sent to Donald A Macleod (Head of Education). The letter is attached below that was sent.



Email to Donald A
Macleod re GME Cla

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It was agreed that:

- (1) Jaclyn to advise Education Department to change the correspondence name and address to Parent Council Chair/Treasurer at the school address **(Done)**
- (2) The council agreed to pay for the request for funding from the school (P7 hoodies/leavers gifts). **(Joan to organise payment)**
- (3) Jaclyn to book the school for the bingo night. **(Done and authorised)**
- (4) John would write to Donald A Macleod (Head of Education) to put concerns forward relating to the formula used for GM classes at the school to ensure that it is the same formula that is used across all schools. **(Done and sent- email above attached in AOCB)**

Date of Next
Meeting

Thursday 18th May 2023, 6pm – Fundraising meeting