



# Sgoil an Rubha

## Parent Council

Minute of Meeting held in the school, on Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> January 2023 at 6.00 pm.

<b>PRESENT</b>	Donna Macleod (Head of School) John Moffat (Chair) Donald MacDonald (Vice Chair) Joan Morrison (Treasurer) Jaclyn Campbell (Secretary) Annice Smith Louise MacKenzie Anna MacKay <b>APOLOGIES</b> Alison Macdonald
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<b>Welcome and Introductions</b>	1	John welcomed all to the meeting
<b>Minutes of previous meeting</b>	2	Minutes were sent to the members prior to the meeting and paper copies available during the meeting. There is one outstanding item from the previous minutes -David MacKay is still listed as a signatory, paperwork needs to be completed to have him removed.
<b>Head of School Update</b>	3	<b>Christmas Events</b> Donna thanked the parent council for covering the costs of the Christmas gifts, Christmas parties all went well, and pupils very much enjoyed themselves. The older pupils opted for a party rather than a social. The school will continue to allow the pupils to vote on whether they prefer a party or social next Christmas.  <b>Our Creative World</b> The pupils really enjoyed getting creative and preparing for the Christmas show. Lots of drama and technology outcomes covered in the lead up to Christmas.  <b>Staffing Update</b> Donna advised the group that the school are delighted that Nadine Murray has been appointed as nursery manager and took up the post on 5 <sup>th</sup> January. She will be assisting in other nurseries but will be mainly based in Sgoil an Rubha. Annabel Campbell has been appointed as a new sfla and started on 5 <sup>th</sup> January.  <b>Gaelic Support</b> Donna is pleased to share that they will have Mairi Macleod, Gaelic support for learning teacher, working in our GM classes for the next 6 weeks. Maia Pickering, the new Gaelic Language Acquisition Practitioner, has also started working in the GM1-4 class and will be with the school for this term, with a focus on play pedagogy.  <b>Play Pedagogy</b> The school have been successful in applying for funding to help develop the concept of learning through play at the early stages. Donna Munro-Macleod and Joanne Macdonald will be given time to develop their own professional understanding of play pedagogy with a view to a more play-based approach being introduced at P1 next session.  <b>Gaelic Promotion Event</b> Will be held on Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup> January at 2pm to talk to parents about the benefits of Gaelic Medium Education.  <b>Afterschool Clubs</b> Georgia Macleod, EAA, has been busy organising afterschool clubs for this term. They will run on a Mondays and Wednesday for P4/P5, permission slips have been issued.

Eric Macleod, Active Schools Co-ordinator, has also established a group of parent volunteers who are willing to run some more active after school clubs. They are currently waiting for PVG paperwork to be sorted and will then share details of the clubs with all families.

CNAG afterschool will continue to run on Mondays and Tuesdays, from next week.

### **Lunch Clubs**

Running on Mondays for P1-3 and Wednesday for P4-7 pupils. Looking to get pupils involved in running some more lunch clubs, under supervision.

### **Anti-bullying Policy**

The school have begun work to refresh their anti-bullying policy. Staff have worked together to review the existing policy which was written in 2018. Next the pupils will be consulted about what they think should be in the policy and then they will gather the views of parents.

The refresh of this policy will lead into the development of a positive relationships policy which would replace the existing behaviour policy.

All staff will receive further training in restorative approaches and the bullying and equalities app.

They are introducing playground buddies this term, who will help to ensure that everyone is included by organising games.

Donna printed some copies of the policy for the group and would appreciate some feedback from the PC about what they would like to see included in the policy. Any questions, comments or suggestions should be sent to the school as soon as possible.



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bullying policy 2018

### **Writing Policy**

As part of the school improvement plan, they have had a big focus on writing. They have increased the amount of time spent on writing in every class in the school, they have formalised the frequency of writing assessments, good pieces of writing are celebrated, we have revised the approach and resources they use for writing, and they have used any additional teaching time to target pupils who require support with writing. As part of this they have refreshed our writing policy, below is the Policy and will be available on the school website in the next few weeks.



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### **RRSA**

The school are now working towards our gold accreditation. There will be RRSA steering group elected tomorrow who will work on planning activities for the rest of the session and on gathering evidence towards gold. They were told that we were very close to gold on our last visit so are optimistic that they can achieve it in the near future.

### **Connecting the Climate Change Project**

The school have been asked by Maria Finnegan the PSDO, to be part of this project which will involve making a link with a school in Nepal and investigating climate change and campaigning for positive action. P5/6 and the eco-committee will be involved.

### **RSHP (Relationships and Sexual Health Programme)**

Meeting of PC chairs to be held on 25<sup>th</sup> January 4pm – 5:15pm– important that someone from the PC attends.

Twilight for staff 24<sup>th</sup> January and session for chaplains

Info afternoon & evening for parents (date tbc) where they can see the lesson plans and resources for their children.

Rolling out of programme this term.

John (Chair) asked for a volunteer to attend this meeting and there were no volunteers due to the timing of the meeting being at 4pm. John has agreed to go along to the meeting to represent SAR.

### **SNSAs (Scottish National Summative Assessments)**

Will be administered to all P7 pupils in the next couple of weeks. Results will be analysed by teachers and used to inform planning for the rest of the session. Results can be requested from the class teachers.

P4s will also sit SNSAs towards the end of the term.

### **Reporting to Parents**

Report cards will be issued at the end of this term and parents are able to request an appointment with their child's teacher if they wish.

### **Pupil Choice Groups**

Every fortnight on a Friday afternoon there will skills clubs running. The groups will be made up from pupils from different classes so they will make their choices tomorrow about which group they would like to join for this term. Next term they will have the opportunity to choose another skills group. (Articles 12 & 15)

Fun 31 will continue on the alternate Fridays.

## **Fundraising**

Joan (Treasurer) updated the group on finances - After the Christmas raffle a total off **£2,269.14** was raised.

The Christmas gifts for the pupils came to a total of **£1712.81**, a cheque has been written to the school to cover this cost leaving a remaining balance of **£1822.96** in the parent council bank account.

John asked for any fundraising ideas this term. It was suggested and discussed to hold a Family Bingo evening in the school on Friday 24<sup>th</sup> March 7-9pm with prizes and a tuck shop idea.

Various tasks have been delegated to the group and are listed below. The group will meet on Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> March at 6pm to plan the bingo night.

## **School Funding Requests**

John asked Donna if there were any funding requests from the school. Donna advised the group that FES bought the microphones that were needed in the school as this was mentioned to the group previously the funding request was not required.

Donna mentioned that they were waiting on a quote for new ipads for the school and will get back to us at a later date.

## **AOB**

The group agreed to pay £712 for Christmas gifts for the pupils.

Donna asked our thoughts on "Feel Good Friday" where pupils dress down and can donate an optional £1 if they wish. The group felt that "Feel Good Friday" should continue as the pupils enjoy it and look forward to it and to stop the optional donation of £1 for the time being.

Joan asked Donna if there was an update to the box in the Joanne Fotheringham garden- Donna has submitted a building request for to Education Dept but has had no response yet.

### **It was agreed that:**

- (1) David MacKay to be removed as a signatory on the PC bank account.
- (2) Parent Council members to feedback to Donna on the Anti-Bullying Policy.
- (3) £712 approved by the group for Christmas presents for pupils.
- (4) Jaclyn to request school let for Bingo night – *Done 16.01.23*
- (5) Jaclyn to draft letter to businesses to ask for donations – *Done & sent 16.01.23*
- (6) Anna MacKay to create poster for the bingo night.

Date of Next Meeting

**Next Parent Council Meeting-** Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> April 6pm