



Sgoil an Rubha

Parent Council

Minute of Meeting held in the school, on Thursday 3rd November 2022 at 6.00 pm.

PRESENT	Donna Macleod (Head of School) John Moffat (Chair) Joan Morrison (Treasurer) Jaclyn Campbell (Secretary) Ailne Macaulay Annice Smith Louise MacKenzie Anna MacKay
APOLOGIES	Donald MacDonald (Vice Chair) Anne Macphail (Principal Teacher) Esther Molla (Parent)

Welcome and Introductions 1 John welcomed all to the meeting

Minutes of previous meeting 2 Minutes were sent to the members prior to the meeting and paper copies available during the meeting. The (SQUIP) Standards & Quality report and School Improvement Plan are available on the school website to view. Donna has sent the document and it can be viewed below.



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Head of School Update 3

Joan Morrison is now a signatory on the bank account for the parent council from the 27th of October. David MacKay is still listed as a signatory but will be removed in due course.

Our Healthy World

Whole school IDL was very successful. It was fantastic to welcome partners back into the school to enhance the pupils' experiences and we very much enjoyed having the parents in on the Friday of Health week. Some of the learning from last term will feature in the school spotlight section of this month's Events newspaper.

Peat and Diesel

The term got off to a fantastic start with our P6/7 pupils having the opportunity to attend the Peat and Diesel concert in Back. The rest of the pupils didn't miss out and were able to watch the concert on the live stream.

Swimming Update

Pool is closed for at least 3 weeks. EMP4 pupils still have lessons to complete, will continue with the Friday slot when the pool reopens. GM4 pupils will start their lessons as soon as the pool reopens, this will be on a Wednesday. School will update parents as soon as we have had confirmation from the pool regarding reopening.

Staffing Update

Mairi Fraser has been appointed as EAL teacher in Stornoway Primary, so will be leaving her post of Nursery Manager on 11th November. Mairi has worked extremely hard in improving our nursery provision and we are sorry to lose her. The post has been advertised, the closing date was Monday 31st October, so hopefully they will have someone in place very soon.

Emma Condy (sfla) has left her post and been replaced by Rebecca Catterall.

Georgia Macleod has changed role and is now an EAA, the interview for her post will take place on the 15th November, there have been a number of applicants and they are confident that the post will be filled.

Attainment

At the end of last term, Donna met with each class teacher to discuss pupil progress and attainment. Interventions have been planned and will be implemented this term for any pupils who are not on track to achieve their expected levels. The school is fortunate to have some additionality in the EM and GM and will be using this to target groups of children to raise their attainment.

Comic Con

Worked with pupils from P4/5 and P5/6 as a result of successful bids by the class teachers to have them in. The pupils attended the workshop and now have to produce comic trips which will be put together and published.

Parents' Evening

Parents' evenings are scheduled for next week 8th and 9th November, appointments were issued last Friday.

Afterschool Clubs

In her new role as EAA, Georgia Macleod will lead afterschool clubs on Mondays and Wednesdays. She will start with P7 and P6 pupils, information was issued yesterday to the relevant classes and clubs will start next week. All classes will get an opportunity to take part over the course of the session.

Our Creative World

This term's theme will be 'Our Creative World'. The main focus will be preparation for the whole school Christmas Concert and technology experiences and outcomes. Curriculum overviews will be issued by class teachers next week.

P7 Trip

PST have very generously agreed to meet the costs of the P7 trip, which means that parents will not have to contribute anything to the costs, which they are delighted about. There will be some fundraising activities to finance other P7 activities and to make pupils aware that they need to get involved in raising money for events.

CAT Tests

Will be administered to all P5 pupils from next week. Results will be communicated to parents as soon as they are available. They use these scores to analyse whether pupils are performing in line with their cognitive ability.

Cost of Having Fun at School

Following the report published by Child Poverty Action Group earlier this year the school are much more aware of how fundraising activities are approached in the school: Donations for FGF (Feel Good Friday) are not required and are dropped in a money box as children come in so that it is not obvious who is donating and who is not.

When they have events where there are items for sale, any children who do not have money are still able to have what they want.

Dress up days are always optional – we have some costumes, clothing items for those who haven't dressed up/down and want to.

Other measure to help with cost of living:

School uniform at front entrance – very popular

Promotion of FSM and clothing grants

EAA supporting pupils (transport, activities, food parcels) who may be experiencing poverty

Food cupboard – purchased and hoping to site in memorial garden.

The school would welcome suggestions from the PC and wider Parent forum on how else we could potentially help to minimise the cost of the school day and support families who are struggling.

Here is the document Donna mentioned during the meeting



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Fundraising

John suggests that we carry out some fundraising this term and continue into next term. He asked the group for ideas. These are as follows:

Bingo Night, Hamper Theme Raffle, Eurovision theme, Bottle Raffle, Dad's football event and a Penny War.

It was decided by the group to organise a number of hampers so that each class had a theme for their hamper and raffles would be sold to raise funds. (1 item per pupil suggested for the hamper) Tickets £1.

Anna MacKay will put a flyer together so the school can send out to all parents.

Hamper Theme details –. Movie night in, Christmas, Toy, Pamper night, Sweetie Hamper, Alcohol Hamper and Food hamper. Items to be donated to school by Thursday 17th November and members of the group will then meet to put the hampers together.

Raffles

To be sold at the Becon Café (Aird Hall) 11-3pm (**confirmed**)

Joan will ask if we can sell raffles at Bhu Rubha on the run up to Christmas and the school will also send out raffles in the school bags to give parents the choice to purchase.

The group will meet at the school on **Thursday 17th November** to put the hampers together, Jaclyn will send out a reminder to all via email and the Parent Council Face Book Page.

School Funding Requests

Two requests for funding have been received by the school. The first one is the Pantomime in January (P4-6) pupils at a total cost of £870.

The second request is for Wet playtime resources for all classes totalling £985.29 A total of £1855.29.

John advised that there is not enough in the parent council account to cover both requests and that we need to fundraise sooner rather than later.

It was agreed that the school would pay for the above requests and then ask the parent council to reimburse the school once funds have been raised. The Chair and those present agreed.

AOB

It was noted that an update to Seesaw made it trickier for some parents to use. Donna advises that seesaw use is being reviewed by the Exec heads across the Western Isles schools and that a procedure would be issued around April time setting out clear use of the application for parents and teachers.

It was agreed that:

- (1) Donna to send the (SQUIP) standards and quality report, and school improvement plan to the Parent Council for circulation. **(Done)**
- (2) David MacKay to be removed as a signatory on the PC bank account.
- (3) The school will pay for the 2 funding requests and then ask parent council to reimburse at a later date.

Date of Next Meeting

Next Parent Council Meeting- Thursday 12th January 6pm