

# SGOIL NAN LOCH PARENT COUNCIL

Minutes of Meeting held on Monday 12<sup>th</sup> November 2007 at 8pm in Sgoil Nan Loch.

Present: Lorna Macaulay, Chair  
Rachelle Martin  
Denise Thornton  
Donna Macleod  
Ishbal Macdonald  
Emia Macleod  
Mairi Mackinnon

Andrew Reeves, Head Teacher  
Katie Ann Macleod, Depute Head  
Alice Macleod, Clerk

Apologies Fiona Macleod

## **Introductory Letter to Parents**

Draft letter, as circulated to go out to parents in school bags as soon as possible. Hope to have a Parents Meeting at the beginning of December once the declaration of Consultation is out.

## **CNES Review of Schools - Update**

The Education Committee had a meeting last Friday morning, no outcome received yet. Councillor Annie Macdonald has verbally said that she wants to keep the school open. We have not formally asked Councillor Norman Macdonald and Councillor Alex Macdonald about their views on the school.

**Action: Lorna**

## **Meeting with Parents/Wider Community**

A meeting will be called when the time is right and we have some answers to give parents. We need to co-opt other members onto the Parent Council.

It was agreed that all 3 councillors should be invited to attend Parent Council meetings in the future.

**Action: Lorna to write to them  
Alice to add them to mailing list**

## **Parent Council Administrative/Finances**

Emia - Fundraising Treasurer

Alice - Clerk and general running of parent council account

The old School Board account will be closed and the monies transferred to the new account for Parent Council. Three signatories are required to operate account with two out of the three signatures on cheques. It was agreed that Alice, Mairi & Emia would be authorised signatories.

**Action: Alice**

### **Scottish Parent Councils Association**

Correspondence received from SPCA and it was agreed to become a member of the Association.

**Action: Alice**

### **Support to School Activities**

#### Burns Supper

Friday 25<sup>th</sup> January 2008 (ticket only). S2 pupils are doing an integrated project on Robert Burns. Costello & Lochs Gaelic Choir are booked for the evening.

#### Parents Evening

Same format as recent S1 introductory event to be used. PC to have a presence.

### **Parent Council Logo/Website**

#### Parent Council Logo

It was agreed that the Parent Council should have an appropriate logo and would run a competition for the pupils to design the logo. A flyer should go via school bags as soon as possible with a closing date of the start of the new term in January. The PC logo would be at the top and the School Logo at the bottom.

#### Website

It was agreed that the PC will create an information page which will be linked to the school website which is currently under development. The page should incorporate general information such as PC contact details, agendas and minutes, correspondence etc. Alice to send information up to Gavin Earons.

**Action: Alice**

### **Any Other Competent Business**

#### Constitution

PC Constitution states that we have no more than 10 members. At present we have nine members. It was agreed to approach the following to see if they would be interested in being co-opted onto the Parent Council:

Chrissie Macleod, Leurbost & Tony Wade, Uig

Lorna agreed to approach both and report back to next meeting.

**Action: Lorna**

## Correspondence

- Coca-cola 7's Competition - school have already submitted a team.
- Parental Involvement - next steps, introduction to parents regarding Parent Council. Copy for information.
- Area Meeting of Parent Councils - Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> November 2007 at 7pm in Council Chambers. This meeting is open to all members of the Parent Council. Lorna agreed to attend.

**Action: Lorna**

- Local Improvement Objectives of Education Department - document available from Council website which details 9-10 areas of improvement - comments welcome.
- Issue of Bullying - term is used in the wrong way. School would like to find out what parents views on the topic are. It was suggested to facilitate a workshop on 'bullying'. Teachers have done a session with S2 pupils and none had identified a bully, but that depends on what the child's perception of a bully is. The school operate a 'No blame policy' - get people involved together and decide who was at fault. A leaflet on bullying to be sent out to parents. It was suggested to ask Donald Macleod, Education Department to do a session on Bullying. Have a Multi-agency evening the same as before and have all the agencies involved.

**Action: Andrew/Lorna**

- The key aims of the parent council would be to adopt and aim to underpin what the school already does. Also to put a plan of activities together and the School will guide us.

## **Date of Next Meeting**

It was agreed to have a meeting at the beginning of December to discuss the consultation and also plans for the Burns Supper. Next Meeting will be on Monday 10<sup>th</sup> December 2007 at 8pm in the School.