

SGOIL NAN LOCH PARENT COUNCIL

Minutes of Meeting held on Monday 2nd November 2009 at 7pm in Sgoil Nan Loch.

Present: Lorna Macaulay, Chair
Mairi Mackinnon, Vice-Chair
Alice Macleod, Clerk
Andrew Reeves, Headteacher
Fiona Macleod
Raechelle Martin
Margaret A Macleod
Katie Ann Macleod
Rev A Coghill
Joan Ann Smith, Teacher
Margaret Martin, Teacher
Sarah McCarthy
Stacey Glenday

Apologies: Ishbel Macdonald, Marion Wilson

Lorna welcomed everyone to the meeting. It was agreed to mark Donna Macdonald's service on the Parent Council with a small token of our appreciation.

Welcome also to Sarah McCarthy and Stacey Glenday attending from the Parent Forum. Sarah & Stacey both agreed to become members of the Parent Council.

It was acknowledged that the Parent Council have not been particularly successful in properly engaging the wider Parent Forum and further discussion /work needs to be done in this regard. The Head teacher and staff however thanked most sincerely the many parents who do support the school and its various events.

Minutes of Last Meeting - 27.4.09 & 18.5.09

The minutes of the last meetings were approved as an accurate record.

Matters Arising

- Occasional Holidays -SnL holidays are aligned with the Nicolson Institute. Members were happy for this to continue and remitted it to school staff to inform the Local Authority of the arrangements.
- Traffic Calming measures - The 'flashing 20' signs still are not working in the mornings and after school. Lorna has spoken to Kenny Maclennan, Comhairle Safety Officer several times about this matter. The recently installed '40' signs in Leurbost were meant to be cyclist signs and will possibly be relocated in due course. It is hoped that red tarmac warning of cyclists will be completed soon to highlight where pupils leave/join the cycle track/main road.
- Lighting at entrance gate still considered inadequate and viewed by parents and staff to be a serious safety issue. Rev Coghill is to write to Education Committee as well as Lorna speaking to Kenny Maclennan again.
- Publicity -the Stornoway Gazette were to do an article on the schools impressive environmental projects- Lorna to chase up.
- Gala Day - was a great success, thanks to all involved.

Financial Statement

Balance at 02.11.09 is £621.22. Dictionaries were purchased for the prize-giving. The tea money from the gala day was given to the School.

Audited Accounts were circulated for end of financial year to 31.3.09.

It was agreed that the PC would fund from its reserves pupils individual subscription fees to Grid Club and Education City. This will allow each child full access to these web based resources and enable them to complete homework on-line. It was thought that Education City is £2 per child and Andrew will advise of the costs for Grid Club before proceeding.

AGM

As technically this meeting was also the AGM of the Parent Council. Those present were asked and agreed to continue to serve on the PC. Sarah & Stacey were co-opted as new parent members. Lorna & Mairi agreed to stay as Chair & Vice-Chair respectively.

Correspondence

- Council Minutes & Agendas – Education & Children’s Services Committee Agenda & Papers were received.
- Letter received from the Education Department requesting dates of our next meeting. As Joan Mackinnon is now Director, Donald A Macleod has taken over this role but was unable to attend tonight

AOCB

- The School Website is currently undergoing maintenance and as a result it has not been updated recently. Andrew informed parents that Policy documents etc are being updated and will shortly appear on the site. . The website also had Parent Council section and Parentzone.
- It was suggested that maybe we could introduce a ‘friends of Sgoil Nan Loch’ discussion board and also invite ex pupils to offer ideas as to how we make the site more dynamic and ‘pupil friendly’.
- Co-opted Members –members were asked to give thought to any individuals who may be able to bring new/different skills to the PC. Young adults who are also ex-pupils now living in the community and Ken Roddy Mackay were considered as possible co-optees.
- Homecoming Scotland Event – 1.12.09 – cup of tea and baking, also displays and entertainment, fashion show.

GLOW Session

Mr Reeves did a GLOW session with those present.

Date of Next Meeting

Meeting regarding Homecoming Event. Date to be confirmed.