

SGOIL NAN LOCH PARENT COUNCIL

Minutes of Meeting held on Tuesday 15th November 2011 at 6pm in Sgoil Nan Loch.

Present: Sarah McIver – Chair
Andrew Reeves
Sarah Macdonald
Alice Macleod, Clerk
Mairi Maciver
Peter Storrow

Mairi Mackinnon
Margaret A Macleod
Fiona Macleod
Laura Lockerby
Maureen Campbell

1. **Apologies:** Stacey Glenday, Belinda Richards, Raechelle Martin

Sarah welcomed everyone to the meeting and also welcomed Peter Storrow.

2. **Minutes of Meetings – 11.10.11**

The Meeting held on 11th October 2011 were approved as an accurate record.

3. **Matters Arising**

Membership

Peter Storrow has agreed to be co-opted onto the Parent Council.

Questionnaire

Mairi Mackinnon collated responses and these were circulated. Agreed to keep it on the agenda.

Easyfundraising

Information sheet was previously circulated. Need website registration before you have access to the site, its has loads of choice and is a good way to raise money for the school.

Inter-Agency Evening

Mr Reeves has spoken to Sharon Reid at Community Education and it will take place in the new year.

PE Provision

No further responses. Sarah emailed Annie Macdonald again but still no response. Sarah & Mairi drafted a letter to ask the Council for the background on how they came to their decision. Inequality of lack of provision. Staff are trained to deliver these subject but if you have not done it for 10 years then they may have done some re-training. Traveling expenses is the problem. Balallan, Sgoil Nan Loch, Pairc, Leverburgh & Seilebost have no specialist PE Provision. Primary will not get it but Secondary will as it is a core subject. No response from parents letters. Belinda is working with the School Council which is pupil-led. They are deciding on questions to ask. Children now have questions and have a meeting on 17th November.

4. Financial Statement

Balance at 15th November was £22, waiting for annual grant from Council. The school have ordered dictionaries as they were on special offer. Alice to liaise with Joan regarding payment.

5. Fundraising Update

Fundraising

Beetle Drive - Wednesday 23rd November 2011 start at 7pm. Poster have been done and circulated. Laura, Alice, Fiona and Sarah to set-up at 5.30pm

Other Fundraising

Calendars - Margaret to follow up with School.

Local Phone Book - Maureen to co-ordinate, maybe get a sponsor, local businesses apart from Lochs Motors as they already sponsor diaries.

Recipe Book - recipe with picture.

Scottish Storytelling centre - arrange an evening - Sarah to follow up.

Film Club - school already pay license - maybe have a film night with sausage rolls/pizza etc

Mufty Day - dress down day to raise money.

British Heart Foundation - Gary Davis from Grimshader is on Mountain rescue Team. The BHF are giving away resuscitation dummies and are having a day on 24th February 2012 where they are trying to train as many people as possible in 1 day and are trying to break the world record - that could be a good fundraiser.

Garden Party - 11th May 2012

Sarah reported that Ben Fogle cannot come to open Garden Party.

6. School Update

Eco Schools Committee Mr Reeves to contact Mrs Porteous.

The nursery will have an assisted self-evaluation next Tuesday and Wednesday. 3 action points from the Self-Evaluation and children's opportunities to evaluate their own learning. Process of observing, they will ask to speak to some nursery parents. 2 officers coming from the Council.

Children in Need this week and the school are doing patterns for Pudsey.

P7, S1 & S2 - Choices for Life - they decided this year to put it on Glow and do a live stream, unfortunately this was not very good and it was a shame for the pupils that it didn't work as pupils from previous years had enjoyed attending the event in the Sports Centre.

Poly Tunnel - second one is now covered. S1-S2 elective on a Wednesday afternoon and the group are doing the John Muir award doing different bits to the environment around the school. Started growing stuff for the garden party. Hydroponics - growing plants etc without soil, all glass, its water-based. Activity trail - digger needed to level area.

Carol Concert at Christmas and Garden Party in May.

3 trips organised - P7's are going to Stirling, S1's to Scaladale and S2's to Granton on Spey.

7. Correspondence

- Thank you card received from Lorna Macaulay.
- Government letter and questionnaire – Commission for Rural Education – Sarah passed it round to get responses from parents and will collate responses together.

8. AOCB

None.

9. Date of Next Meeting

Monday 16th January 2012 7pm in the School.