

SGOIL NAN LOCH PARENT COUNCIL

Minutes of Meeting held on Monday 19th April 2010 at 5.30pm in Sgoil Nan Loch.

Present:

Mairi Mackinnon, Vice-Chair
Alice Macleod, Clerk
Andrew Reeves, Head Teacher
Katie Ann Macleod, Depute Head Teacher
Fiona Macleod
Rev A Coghill
Sarah McCarthy
Stacey Glenday
Raechelle Martin

Apologies: Lorna Macaulay, Marion Wilson, Margaret A Macleod

Mairi welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Minutes of Last Meeting - 01.03.10

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

Matters Arising

- *Traffic Calming Measures*
Several Parent Councillors have now lobbied various contacts in Technical Services on this matter. Rev Coghill has also written to the Director of Education seeking her advice on the matter. Responses have indicated that a fix to the 'flashing 20 mph' sign is imminent and that only an expensive engineering solution such as a right turn filter lane would solve the issue of speeding cars overtaking on the straight stretch of road. It was agreed that a letter would be sent to all 3 local Councillors inviting them to meet with Parents and school staff on this matter. **Action: Lorna**
- *Weather at Start of Session*
Following the extreme weather conditions over the Christmas and New Year holiday period, Parent members expressed concerns as to the safety of the school access road and grounds on the morning of the school re-opening on Thursday 7th Jan (2 days later than scheduled). School management outlined to the PC the sequence of events leading up to the situation that parents witnessed on the Thursday morning. The meeting felt strongly that the Head Teacher should have had autonomy to make a localised decision to remain closed based on the unsatisfactory preparation to clear the school access and grounds in time for the children to arrive at school. It was agreed that the PC would write to the recently established Severe Weather Action Group (SWAG) to make known our concerns. **Action: Lorna**
- *Publicity - carry forward.* The Gazette are waiting for information from us. The school are holding an event on 14 April 'Crofting Connections'. Margaret Bennett is taking a group from Quebec (chef, musician) they will be doing a show. Get publicity for event. **Action: Lorna**

- *Education City* – Parent Council have purchased a subscription for homework element for 1 year. P2 & P3 and Upper Primary have been given homework on the site as a trial to see how they get on.
- *Raasay Trip* – P7's from Sgoil nan Loch and Pairc School are planning a trip to the Outdoor Pursuits Centre in Raasay in May. It is a one-off trip. The Parent Council agreed to give £100 donation towards the trip. The Parent Council will make an approach to Angus Campbell, Lochs Services asking if he would donate the fuel for the minibus towards the trip. **Action: Lorna**
- *Friends of Sgoil nan Loch* – Co-opted Members, if you have any ideas of who could contribute to the Parent Council in any way, let Lorna or Alice know and they can be invited to the next meeting of the PC.
- *Co-op Dividend* – Emia suggested writing to them. Applicants must outline what exactly the funding is for and how much is required. It was unknown if Tesco's offered a similar scheme. **Action: Emia.**

Financial Statement

Balance at 15.02.10 is £397.02. It was agreed that our on-going commitments were to purchases dictionaries for the prize-giving and clerk fees. It was agreed to give £100 to Raasay trip so balance would be £297.02. The accounts will require to be audited after 31st March.

Correspondence

- Community Engagement Feedback – was circulated.
- Information for Parents – hoping to have a link on website rather than sending out letters in school bags.

AOCB

- Sgoil nan Loch Facebook Page – Parent Council is happy to maintain a Facebook page, but questions about security etc were raised.
- Vision & Values Questionnaire – Mr Reeves thanked all who replied.
- GLOW Session – Hoping to do a GLOW Session after Easter Holidays, could have 2-3 parent sessions to show them how it works. Also do a session on Education City before end of April.
- Suitability Assessment Questionnaire to be completed. Consult with stakeholders regarding the use of the building etc.
- Assisted Self-Evaluation of School is on 22-24 March, this will be undertaken by Education Department. 2 Quality Improvement Officers and 1 Head Teacher will be in attendance. The Little Lochies are also having a visit from the Care Commission on 2nd March 2010.
- Learning Communities – there are 5 areas. Person to be appointed in April to cover areas 2, 3, & 4.

Date of Next Meeting

Monday 19th April 2010 5.30pm in School.