

## SGOIL NAN LOCH PARENT COUNCIL

Minutes of Meeting held on Monday 21<sup>st</sup> March 2011 at 5.30pm in Sgoil Nan Loch.

**Present:** Andrew Reeves, Head Teacher  
Lorna Macaulay, Chair  
Stacey Glenday  
Emia Macleod  
Alice Macleod, Clerk

Raechelle Martin  
Sarah Maciver  
Margaret A Macleod  
Laura Lockerby

1. **Apologies:** Katie Ann Macleod, Mairi Mackinnon, Fiona Macleod, Sarah Macdonald, Maureen Campbell

2. **Minutes of Meetings – 22 November 2010**

The Meeting held on 22 November 2010 were approved as an accurate record subject to the following correction, item 7 'It would be parents choice to send them to the Nicolson Institute either at P7 or S1.

3. **Matters Arising**

Lights at Entrance to School - response from Councillor Annie Macdonald. Brighter light bulb at the entrance, run a wire and put another lamppost up.

Little Lochies - Pat Macaskill to go to Tong Nursery to help out. Isabel Macdonald has come to help at Little Lochies till June 2011.

Hoodies – are very popular.

'The Blue Crystal' School Play was an excellent performance.

The School have received £10,000 grant from the Community Wildlife Grant Scheme and they are planning to do an activity trail round the pitch.

Staffing – Miss Macqueen working 3.5 days & Miss Coleman – 1.5 days to cover Miss Earons sickness absence till after Easter.

Pupils moving to S1 will stay in Sgoil nan Loch till the Nicolson is ready. If it is ready for them doing into S2 then they will start S2 in the Nicolson.

4. **Financial Statement**

Balance is £247.76 at 16<sup>th</sup> March 2011. Received the second instalment of our grant at the end of the year.

5. **School Update**

At the end of next session we will be losing 6 members of staff from Secondary most of whom have over 11 years of service.

There will be a pupil led Parents Session on 28<sup>th</sup> April 2011 in the afternoon. A letter will be sent home and parents to respond to say if they are coming. The parents are invited to see what and how their children have been learning. There will be 4 demonstration classes for secondary,

looking at computer work etc. There will also be capacity for parents to attend in the evening if they cannot make afternoon session.

Gala Day - Agreed that it should be in May this year. 21<sup>st</sup> or 28<sup>th</sup> May 2011. Have a separate meeting to discuss Gala day.

Website - handbook now on website.

School Council has a healthy tuck-shop, has to be stuff that you buy in. Andrew to ask school council.

Mod - very good entry. The School got 1 1<sup>st</sup> and 3 3<sup>rd</sup> place prizes.. Considering taking them to National Mod.

'dads and lads' Day - An approach to get dads into the school. Maybe a Saturday morning/afternoon to do some graft. Work needs to be done on Poly Tunnels to get them covered and hoping to get that done soon. We need to have a warm day to put it on properly so that it expands.

Ask the School Council to come up with a suitable name for the day.

Crofting Connections - moving into Primary. Looking to apply for financial assistance to employ someone to look after the area for us, working with the pupils in the month of June and then maintaining it over July & August. Ness has a group that employs someone for 2 hours a week. Make a connection with the local community, would community council fund this? Parent Council members to let Andrew know of any groups that would support this financially.

#### **6. Appointment of Chairperson**

Lorna has tendered her resignation and Sarah McIver agreed to become Chair.

#### **7. Correspondence**

Parental Checklist - Lorna received this at the Joint Parent Council meeting that Alan Smithyman held received. Encouraged to do as a group. Some questions could be put into school survey.

#### **8. AOCB**

Communication - Christmas Party - parents felt they need more information for parents i.e if outfit is required for the day. Suggestion to use Groupcall to send this information to parents.

Tesco vouchers - the school are collecting these.

Stacey to set-up the scheme where the school, gets vouchers when you purchase from certain website.

School Trip- ongoing fundraising. They raised £1300 at the event last week.

#### **9. Date of Next Meeting**

The next meeting will be on Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> April 2011 at 5,30pm to discuss the Gala Day.