

SGOIL NAN LOCH PARENT COUNCIL

Minutes of Meeting held on Monday 27th April 2009 at 8pm in Sgoil Nan Loch.

Present: Lorna Macaulay, Chair
Mairi Mackinnon, Vice-Chair
Alice Macleod, Clerk
Andrew Reeves, Headteacher
Fiona Macleod
Emia Macleod
Donna Macdonald
Raechelle Martin

Apologies: Katie Ann Macleod, Ishbel Macdonald, Rev A Coghill

Lorna welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Minutes of Last Meeting – 09.02.09

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

Matters Arising

- Occasional Holidays – Lorna sorted this out with Katie Ann. Holidays are in-line with the Nicolson Institute.
- '20' sign when heading to Stornoway is not working. The '40' signs in Leurbost were meant to be cyclist signs and not '40' signs, they are getting moved and replaced.
- Newsletter – Alice to make some changes to draft and send to Andrew Reeves for distribution via school bags.

Financial Statement

Balance at 20.04.09 is £617.68. Dictionaries are still to be paid out of this, Andrew will let Alice know cost once ordered.

School Trip – School Funds are used to pay for those who are not able to pay for the cost of the trip.

Accounts – Alice to send up accounts to Finance Department to get audited for end of financial year to 31.3.09.

Correspondence

- Scottish Parent Teacher Council – Backchat newsletter received via email and paper version. It was felt that because the Council had purchased insurance for all Parent Councils from Scottish Parent Teacher Council that we would not renew our membership with Scottish Parent Councils Association.

- Council Minutes & Agendas – Education & Children’s Services Committee Agenda & Papers – 21.4.09 were received.

Gala Day

Date was changed to Saturday 6th June because of inflatable equipment not begin available on original date and Pairc School have their Gala Day on 25.5.09. Raechelle to check regarding sumo suits for this year.

Auction items – need to get going with this. Emia to ask around.

Open Discussion

IT – 16 laptops in mobile unit and getting them set up as wireless network though school – mobile suite. Also have a video-conferencing unit.

Learning Communities - Andrew Reeves is doing an ‘Acting Head of Learning Community – Uig-Harris’. Purpose is to get all schools collaborating in practicing.

GLOW – Very good between schools – the Western Isles is at the cutting edge of Scottish Education. Glow for parents is due in the near future.

Green House/Poly Tunnel/Science Lab – hopefully will be able to sell plants etc at Gala Day. Shrub area around flagpole – telegraph pole to build up pieces of shrubbery. Gardening Group working on that and trees are coming on around the school.

Maybe the Parent Council could get the Gazette to write a piece about environmental issues from the parents perspective. Releasing smolts in the river where we do the duck race.

Gardeners Award – Environmental Projects – Parent Council could sponsor this. Umbrella of achievement, under attainment instead of attainment by itself. Academic or working in community. You always achieve, not necessarily always attain.

If a child is doing something in the Community that also covers Curriculum for Excellence, maybe that could also be recognised at the prizegiving – maybe parents could take this on. ‘Community Award’ – maybe Community Council would sponsor awards, this might encourage children to do it.

Adventure trails – trying to get some idea to create a garden for local residents – seating area, wind break behind the benches, flower beds, solar lights etc. Maybe ask Roddy Dan for recycled bus seats.

Saturday work day – parents and kids to get involved and to some work round the school.

Prizegiving – 30th June at 1.45pm. Maybe Mary Russell could present the dictionaries.

School Closes 1st July for the summer holidays.

Date of Next Meeting

Have a meeting 2nd week of May to discuss Gala Day. Andrew will get in touch with Alice.