

SGOIL NAN LOCH PARENT COUNCIL

Minutes of Meeting held on Tuesday 6th September 2011 at 5.30pm in Sgoil Nan Loch.

Present: Andrew Reeves, Head Teacher
Stacey Glenday
Sarah Macdonald
Alice Macleod, Clerk
Mairi Mackinnon

Sarah McIver – Chair
Margaret A Macleod
Fiona Macleod

1. **Apologies:** Mairi Mackinnon, Raechelle Martin, Maureen Campbell, Emia Macleod, Laura Lockerby.

Sarah welcomed everyone to the meeting.

2. **Minutes of Meetings – 10.5.11**

The Meeting held on 10th May 2011 were approved as an accurate record.

3. **Matters Arising**

Gala Day

Gala Day was a big success with last year being a transition year for the Parent Council to take over the running of the Gala Day. Approximately £2300 raised.

Poly Tunnel

The School Janitor is starting work on the poly tunnel today.

Questionnaire

Received from the Pupil led Parents Evening.

Charity Click

Stacey to follow up. Problems finding where the school can join/register.

4. **Financial Statement**

Accounts are at Auditors.

5. **School Update**

This year will be a big transition year as we will be losing P7, S1 & S2 pupils, 50 pupils and 8-9 staff. Balallan is also closing, pupils will either go to Pairc School or Sgoil Nan Loch. Lots of transitions and need to make sure that it is as smooth as possible for pupils. Looking to have a Garden Party next summer working to enhance the school environment. Have a couple of marquees and incorporate Gala Day and Sports day. Buffet for children. Hoping to have 3 residential trips P7 going to Raasay with Pairc School, S1 trip to Garrannan Blackhouse and S2 trip to Edinburgh. If these trips are going to happen, parents need to know about it just now and fundraising is spread over the year.

Informal evening – prize bingo night and involve Pairc & Balallan.

Staffing – PE Staffing – our Specialist PE teacher has now moved to the Nicolson. We no longer have itinerant specialist staff, PE will be done by the class teacher. Sgoil nan Loch and Harris schools don't have a PE teacher. Discrimination of schools that don't have a PE teacher.

This also affects Art, Music & Home Economics. Home Economics has already gone, and Music and Art are at risk. Keep website moving and keep it up to date. Going to set-up a Kids Zone for homework and also for pupils to put their own work on website.

Parent Council doesn't meet as often as necessary. Get parents to understand that they are an important part of their child's education.

6. AOCB

- Thank you notes were received from Katie Ann Macleod and Rev A Coghill.
- Resignations received from: Ishbel Macdonald, Lorna Macaulay and Emia Macleod. Agreed to get a 'name a rose' tree for each of them as a token of appreciation for their support to Parent Council.
- Received a copy of the 'Parent & Teacher Magazine' and Fiona agreed to review for anything we may want to discuss at the next meeting.
- Community Learning Evening Working Group - had a meeting in June.
- Arrange to have a Community Event - Inter-agency evening in November 2011.
- PE Provision - meeting in Balallan School this evening with Allan Smithyman and Bernard Chisholm to discuss PE provision.
- Parents Needed - Sarah to summarise the comments from the Questionnaire and circulate. Sarah suggested setting up a Facebook Page for the Parent Council. A welcome letter to go to Nursery & P1; P2-P6 and P7 - S2 to ask parents for support and join the Parent Council.
- Winter Fundraising - Suggestions to have a Curry Night, Beetle Drive, Italian Night and a Family Quiz Night.
- Do up a flyer to update parents and to show difference between Forum and Council.

7. Date of Next Meeting

Tuesday 11th October at 5.30pm in the School.