

COMHAIRLE NAN EILEAN SIAR Department of Education & Children's Services Minute/Note of Meeting	TITLE	Parent Council Meeting		
	DATE	2nd September 2013	TIME	5.30pm
	VENUE	Rm 34		
	DISTRIBUTION	Parent Council, Sgoil Lionacleit Website		

Present:	MB MacRury, L Johnson, G McGee, A Brass, A MacDonald, B MacDonald, R MacIsaac, K MacDonald, M MacDonald, A MacDonald, R Kirk,
Apologies:	S MacInnes, M MacDonald, C Ferguson
Absent:	

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1	Matters Arising	Water coolers are now here. There is still a lack of soap in the toilets, toilet does not locking, seats broken. KMD spoke with Donald MacLellan who explained that the toilets are the next area for improvement once all the windows have been fitter.	HT will speak with Mari Boyle to arrange toilet checks throughout the day.		
2	Staffing	Mr R Tallach started as Maths teacher today. Mr M Murphy will start his post of Head of BCE/Maths Faculty on 9 th September. Mr R MacNeil will take up post of Technical Teacher at the end of the month. Mrs Z Johnson has been appointed Acting PT Science. This post will be made permanent in the new year. C Walker is currently covering classes in the Maths Department. Some maths classes have had general supply but this will change as of today. C Carlin has been employed 2 days a week to cover some Science and Advanced Higher classes.			
3	S5/6 Choices	Some parents concerned that choices were limited and some classes running that pupils were not given the choice of uptake. Why did Business Management not run when 5 or 6 pupils choose it but a course that wasn't even on the curriculum has been allowed for one pupil? HT explained that due to staffing Business Management could not run. The other course was requested by pupil and parent. HT would like to tailor for all			

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	<p>pupil's needs but this is not always possible. However in the case of this course, it was possible to allow it to run. There are pupils taking courses that were not available through the Scholar website.</p>			
4	<p>Lunches</p> <p>Some parents concerned that on some days their children are still eating at 1.10pm when the bell rings and that some pupils getting into trouble with their teachers when they arrive at class late. KMD explained that we are still have teething problems with getting everyone through although no pupil has been through after 1pm, which is allowing them 15 minutes for lunch. It is when pupils are paying that is slowing down the queue. There is a cashless system being used in Stornoway that could be developed here.</p> <p>There is also a concern that the menu is not child friendly. KMD said that there is soup, a pasta dish, a meat dish, a vegetarian dish, fresh fruit, rolls and sandwiches everyday – plenty to suit all.</p> <p>There are no prices against the meals.</p> <p>There will be a healthy tuck-shop starting at the end of this week. There are also bake sales several times throughout the month.</p>	<p>Prices to be included on menus. Speak to Walter Smith.</p>	<p>KMD</p>	
5	<p>Resources</p> <p>Some pupils have been informed that financial cuts are impacting on purchasing books etc. Could parent council look into fundraising to assist the school make additional purchases? HT explained that some departments have been asking pupils for book deposits. This will ensure that pupils return the book when they are finished the course as books are getting more and more expensive. SMT agreed with teaching staff that deposits would be at a set amount of £5.00 per book. Parents will be notified re deposits. Pupils and staff will sign a deposit pro forma. AB suggested having a book amnesty.</p>			

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	Due to financial cutbacks there has not been a lot of money available to buy new books.			
6	Road Safety HT would like Parent Council to support his campaign of reducing the speed limit outside the school to 20mph and 40mph to Creagorry. Due to changes in transport for pupils under 3 miles to school, more and more pupils are either walking or being dropped off. HT has written to Director of Education. There is a Government budget ' safe routes to school' which can support this.	Write to Malcolm Burr, Chief Executive		
7	SQA Results HT explained the SQA results tables to the Parent Council. It shows that we are in the top 30% of schools in Scotland. There has been an improvement in results this year. Appeals are changing next year. No evidence will be accepted. There are also changes to the Alternative Assessment Arrangements. Parents have been informed of both changes in last parent letter.			
8	Fundraising Parent Council members discussed ways of fundraising to help with projects in the school. The newly appointed Pupil Council will also help with this. It was suggested that the Parent Council do something at the upcoming S1 Parents Evening.			
9	Date of Next Meeting Monday 30 th September at 5.30pm in Rm 34.			