

<b>COMHAIRLE NAN EILEAN SIAR</b> Department of Education & Children's Services <b>Minute/Note of Meeting</b>	<b>TITLE</b>	<b>Parent Council Meeting</b>		
	<b>DATE</b>	<b>18 January 2016</b>	<b>TIME</b>	<b>6.30pm</b>
	<b>VENUE</b>	<b>Rm 34</b>		
	<b>DISTRIBUTION</b>			

<b>Present:</b>	Miller MacDonald, Linda Johnson, George McGee, Catherine Ferguson, Libby Patterson, Ann MacDonald, Anne Bird, Lizzie Dorrian, Beatrice Wood, William MacDonald, Tracey Wright.
<b>Apologies:</b>	Kenny MacDonald, Peter Bird, Mairi Nash, Ishbell Walker, Michelle Gray
<b>Absent:</b>	

Agenda Item		Summary	Action	Who?	When?
1	<b>Previous Minutes</b>	Previous minutes agreed.			
2	<b>Chairperson Resignation</b>	Howard Warner has resigned his post as SL Parent Council Chairperson as he no longer has a child at SL and he is not working in Uist anymore. A new Chair is being sought and Catherine Ferguson has agreed to be Acting Chair in the meantime.	Seek new Chair.	PC	At the rest of this year's meetings.
3	<b>Facebook</b>	PC discussed the setting up of a new Facebook, although there is an existing Facebook it was agreed that in light of comments previously made this would be deleted. The new Facebook account will be viewed regularly to ensure comments are appropriate, it was agreed that Facebook could be a good forum to add positive comments. HT informed Parent Council that this is a good way of communicating to other parents. HT also informed Parent Council that Sgoil Lionacleit website uses elements of social media, SL of course, have to seek permission from the Local Authority, however the school website enables the archives for pictures with no names and free storage with a few terrabytes.			
4	<b>Tanzania Coffee Morning/Afternoon</b>	Ms Boyle thanked Parent Council for their help during the recent fund raising Coffee Morning/Afternoon for the Tanzania trip.			

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5	<b>Joint PT Maths</b>	William MacDonald, Education Department attended the meeting to seek the views with regards the proposal for a joint PT Maths between Sgoil Lionacleit and Castlebay school. He informed Parent Council of the difficulties recruiting and said this post was also being considered with an enhancement of £8000 to encourage people to apply. He also highlighted the fact that there is currently a national shortage of Maths teachers. Elearning was also discussed re Advanced Higher courses and the fact that Health & Social Care is currently being delivered from Stornoway to Sir E. Scott and Castlebay schools by this method.			
6	<b>Respect</b>	Ms Wright (Acting DHT) raised the recent questionnaire of the issue "Respect", pupils and staff had been asked to complete a questionnaire and parents had been issued with a questionnaire, some parents at the meeting didn't know anything about the questionnaire although it had been sent home with pupils. It was agreed that the questionnaire would be issued again to parents and a Groupcall sent informing parents. HT informed Parent Council about HGIOS4 and recommended parents read the section on Family Learning.			
7	<b>Christmas Dance</b>	Parents had commented on the great success of the Christmas Dance, HT agreed, however informed Parent Council that more fundraising was needed to sustain the dance.			
8	<b>Film G</b>	HT informed Parent Council of SL's success with Film G and the fact that the latest voting was still open.			
9	<b>Date of Next Meeting</b>	Date of next meeting Monday 21 March 2016 at 6.15pm in Room 34.			