

<b>Minute/Note of Meeting</b>	<b>TITLE</b>	<b>Sgoil Lionacleit Parent Council</b>		
	<b>DATE</b>	<b>Tue 15<sup>th</sup> November 2016</b>	<b>TIME</b>	<b>7.30pm</b>
	<b>VENUE</b>	<b>HE dept Room 34</b>		

<b>Present:</b>	Peter Bird (Chair), Susan MacAulay, Nicola MacIannan, Liz Dorrian, Joanna Peteranna, George McGee, Linda Johnson, Shona MacInnes, Michelle Gray, Norma MacCormick, Anne Bird, Ann MacDonald,
<b>parents/carers</b>	
<b>others</b>	Donald A Macleod, acting HT
<b>Apologies:</b>	Beatrix Wood, Dorothy MacVicar, Donald MacAulay, Fiona MacAulay, Katie MacAulay, Ishbel Walker, Bella MacDonald, Ken MacDonald DHT.

	<b>Agenda Item</b>	<b>Summary</b>	<b>Action</b>	<b>Who?</b>	<b>When?</b>
	<b>1. Apologies</b>				
	<b>2. Previous Minutes</b>	27 <sup>th</sup> September 2016, Proposed by AMacD, seconded by JP.	Submit mins to school website	PB	asap
	<b>3. Matters Arising</b>	Free School Meals, take up is only at 5% but it's estimated the entitlement could be 12%.  Homework diaries, HT confirmed that only S1 have tutor class, other years are not likely to have diaries signed by tutor teachers.  Constitution  Security provision, no response from Ed Dept as yet	Encouraging all eligible households to apply.  Encourage use of diaries e.g. for pupil targets  Circulate for info  Enquire again	HT  HT  PB  PB	On-going  On-going  before next meeting  "
	<b>4. Treasurer's update</b>	Funds have been requested to help with 6y blazers, 1y ties, welcome screen and locker latches.  HT confirmed that blazers currently intended for leaders/prefects and are not part of the wider school uniform.  Request for a donation for the School/Pipe Band Bingo next term	Arrange chq for 6y bazers and 1y ties  Consider screen and lockers again in due course.  Agree on a suitable item	JP  SLPC  SLPC	Asap  On-going  Next term
	<b>5. HT Report</b>	'Excellence and Equity in Education' is a Scottish Government initiative aimed at : • closing the attainment gap; • ensuring we have a curriculum which delivers • empowering our teachers, schools and communities There will be a review of how funding is issued, parental involvement will be a key factor. Some funding elements will be dependent on uptake of Free School Meals.			
		Remembrance Day Service: whole school event went smoothly, pupils contributed to the service in various roles.  HT went on to convey his gratitude to all pupils for their mature behaviour and respect during the assembly. HT was also impressed with the 6th year pupils interaction with the clergy and attendees.			
		Insight: an online benchmarking tool developed by the Scottish Government to assess literacy and numeracy in schools. Results for SL are generally good. Staff will be working			

		on an action plan to address some areas of concern.			
		Timetabling: review underway to see all Western Isles secondaries onto similar schedules. There will be no loss of teaching time, opportunities to utilise E-sgoil will be improved.			
		Staffing: a few changes, notably new HT will be in post at the start of term in January.			
		Question raised about choice of languages in the school – no plans to expand choices at this time.			
		360 Internet safety, there will be a meeting with Parent Council members in the next few weeks.			
		CnES visitors, a team will be visiting next week for a routine inspection follow-up visit.			
6.	<b>PC issues and initiatives</b>	Initiative to make PC meeting accessible and welcoming to all. Timing of meeting was discussed.	Continue to promote PC to other parents/carers	SLPC	On-going
		Tea & coffee will be offered to help keep meetings relaxed and comfortable for new parents.  Discussed adopting a practical 'project' within the school, or assisting pupils with a practical project.	If needed, help with pupil's tidy up of the outdoor courtyard between the library and art dept	SLPC	On-going
7.	<b>Fundraising</b>	Lots of ideas for helping towards raising funds e.g a 100 club, quiz night and a possible cycle club fundraiser event.  Ideas discussed, 'whole school events' are popular.	Look again at a '100 club' and/or a sponsored event (possibly in partnership with Sport and Rec pupils).	SLPC	Next meeting
8.	<b>Any other business</b>	Acting HT DA Macleod was thanked for his guidance and input over the last few months. It was agreed that the school has seen a surprising number of improvements in this short time.			
		Parents were thanked for assisting pupils with the Blythswood Shoebox appeal, 300 boxes have been donated from Uist and 2000 from the Western Isles overall.			
		HT advised that Groupcall is currently working well as a way to keep parents informed. There are approximately 20 families not receiving texts & email. This is making it difficult in contacting all parents in the event of short notice school closures etc. Parents are advised to contact the school office to sign up to Groupcall, there is no charge to receive txt alerts or emails from school.			
9.	Date of next meeting	Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup> January at 6.30pm			