

Minute/Note of Meeting	TITLE	Sgoil Lionacleit Parent Council		
	DATE	Thursday 31st August 2017	TIME	6.30pm
	VENUE	HE dept		

Present: parents/carers	Peter Bird (Chair), Anne Bird (mins) Linda Johnson, Lisa Woodin, Joanna Peteranna, Liz Dorrian, Beatrix Wood, Ann MacDonald, Louise Jordan, Michelle Gray, Morag Henderson, Calum Smith, Marie Nash, George MacGee.
others	Gordon Young HT, Cllr Iain Macleod, Cllr Iain MacNeil, Cllr Paul Steele, Cllr Roddy Mackay
Apologies:	Marie Clare Fergusson, Uilleam MacDonald, Cllr Uisdean Robertson

	Agenda Item	Summary	Action	Who?	When?
1.	Apologies, previous minutes (11 th May 2017) and matters arising.	<p>Minutes proposed by AM , seconded by LW</p> <p>Questionnaire for all parents and carers re views on Homework</p> <p>Article on School Meal Assistance for the Hebridean Housing Partnership newsletter</p>	<p>Minutes to be fwd to school website</p> <p>prepare</p> <p>Contact MCF for article</p>	<p>PB</p> <p>LW and SLPC</p> <p>GY</p>	<p>Asap</p> <p>On-going</p> <p>Before next meeting</p>
2.	Treasurer's report	No change since last meeting			
3.	Head Teacher's Report	<p>Estate:</p> <p>There have been changes and improvements e.g. store in courtyard, new pool tables and tables for board games are being set up.</p> <p>New lockers, 1st years have had their keys. Older pupils without lockers will be catered for in due course, maybe through fundraising and/or end-of-year spend.</p> <p>Painting of front entrance and canteen complete with new flooring at School entrance and stairs.</p> <p>S6 common room repainted and white board installed, with more study area and new bag rack to be installed for S5 area.</p> <p>Vision statement has been put up with 4 key phrases i.e.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Greatness Generator, goal is 10% improvement for 1718. • Links with Community: aiming for 2 new links in the next few months 			

- Skills: more Vocational experience will be on offer
- Powerhouse: aim is for all subjects to out-perform National Average.

Cashless-catering will be live after October hols, linked to Young Scot cards. Pupils without cards will be catered for and there will be anonymity for pupils with School Meal Assistance (but parents/carers can also top up cards with cash for extras).

The evening slot for the End of Year Prize-giving in June was hailed as a great success and will be repeated next year.

Staffing

Advert is going out for permanent Deputy Head and for a temporary DH to assist while HT supports Castlebay School.

Art: temporary staff covering for absence of Art and Tech Principle Teacher on GIFT course. Supply teacher has been recruited with a practical background. Rotation will be used to ensure all pupils get the practical input that they need.

Home Economics advert will stay live until post is filled.

Castlebay, HT going on a Friday, giving up a half day at SL and gaining a full day on Barra. Also linking up by videolink twice a week.

German: Supply teacher will stay in place until return of permanent teacher.

Learning support: changes coming up, all pupils with needs will be supported.

'Early-sitting' of N5s in S3, being discouraged by the school in line with ScotGov guidance.

Esgoil: in use for Holiday workshops, Computing, ICT some Advanced Higher Maths. aim is for Esgoil to provide an enhanced subject menu. Hub at Carinish has opened as a satellite of the main Esgoil, in use for Modern Apprenticeships.

WI Schools are now on Scottish Wide Area Network, giving a better service.

		<p>Exams: National Data will be released in late Sept. On the whole School results were ok, as predicted. Exams were taken in 22 subjects, half of which had a 100% pass rate.</p> <p>Staff have analyzed exam data and written action plans. There will be 3 Assessment and Reporting cycles: Sept, mini prelim, Dec, full prelim, Feb, final mini prelim</p> <p>Afterschool study groups: there will be further details on the website when groups are ready to start.</p>			
4.	General Discussion	<p>Pupil Council: previous Pupil Council model will be replaced by a new group with every year represented. The Pupil Led Improvement Plan will look at issues such as pupil feedback on teaching techniques.</p> <p>There will be Prefects and 4 school Captains appointed from S6, pupils are preparing their applications and will go through an interview process.</p> <p>Athletics Club: there will be one afterschool session this term with pupils encouraged to attend Athletics in North or South Uist for further training.</p> <p>Parents night: Suggestions made for improvements.</p> <p>University/College applications: request made that any information be passed to S6 and parents. HT is arranging for UCAS rep to attend the school.</p> <p>Funding: new ideas and sources needed to help pupils compete and participate in mainland events.</p>			
5.	Date of next meeting	AGM in HE dept 6.30pm on 28 th Sept.			