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<b>Minute/Note of Meeting</b> <b>TITLE</b>	<b>Sgoil Lionacleit Parent Council</b>		
	<b>DATE</b>	<b>2 May 2019</b>	<b>TIME</b> <b>6.30pm</b>
	<b>VENUE</b>	<b>HE dept</b>	

<b>Present: parents/pupils/carers</b>	Peter Bird (Chair), Helen Bagley, David Bagley, Joanna Peteranna (Treasurer), Ann MacDonald, Morag Henderson, Louise Jordan, Gail Robertson, Kenneth MacDonald, Michelle Gray, Anne Bird (mins).
<b>others</b>	Gordon Young HT, Heather MacDonald DHT, Sheena MacMillan, Mhairi Boyle, Diane Campbell
<b>Apologies</b>	Robert Gilles DHT, Johanne Ferguson, Linda Johnson, George McGhee, Marie Clare Fergusson, Willie MacDonald, Fiona Ballantyne, Meg Rodger, Cllr Roddy Mackay, Cllr Iain M Macleod, Cllr Iain A MacNeil, Cllr Paul F Steele, Micheal MacCormick, Liz MacDonald, Rev Calum Smith, Michelle Shepherd, Lizzie Dorrian, Beatrix Wood, Lisa Woodin.

	<b>Agenda Item</b>	<b>Summary</b>	<b>Action</b>	<b>Who?</b>	<b>When?</b>
<b>1.</b>	<b>Previous Minutes</b>	Proposed by JP, seconded by AMacD.	Minutes to School website	FB	asap
<b>2.</b>	<b>Matters Arising</b>	<p>Homework questionnaire to be revisited: Issues are being considered in Quality of Teaching working group.</p> <p>Smaller focus groups to increase engagement: some groups have started; others are being set up.</p> <p>Calmac Community Board: youth membership/consultation: GR reports that possibility has been discussed by the board. Further discussions to be held.</p> <p>Calmac Community Board: reduced fares for youth groups: along with other groups, SLPC has supported the proposal.</p> <p>Friends of Sgoil Lionacleit: Consider setting up a</p>	<p>on-going</p> <p>on-going</p> <p>on-going</p> <p>ongoing</p>	<p>GY</p> <p>GR</p> <p>GR</p> <p>LJ/FB/JP</p>	

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		<p>group on FaceBook.</p> <p>Adult Learning: Audrey Watt, CnES Support Worker has advised that Community Learning are currently reviewing the management of adult learning incl demand and provision of classes.</p> <p>SusTrans funding for Bus shelters, investigate.</p> <p>Consider options for new S1 pupils who have done French in primary.</p> <p>Catering – next item on Agenda.</p> <p>Sharing experience of Apprenticeships: interaction between previous apprentices and prospective new apprentices will be incorporated into next year’s FA and MA recruitment.</p> <p>Uist Flags: S5 pupil Andrew Muncaster is pupil rep in the group and flags competition is about to be launched.</p>	<p>ongoing</p> <p>on-going</p> <p>on-going</p>	<p>PB</p> <p>JP</p> <p>GY</p>	
<b>3.</b>	<b>Catering</b>	<p>Sheena MacMillan, Mhairi Boyle and Diane Campbell from Catering attended.</p> <p>Concerns from parents that budget cuts are putting services under pressure.</p> <p>DC responded that this is not the case.</p> <p>Further discussion covered labelling, choices, dietary requirements, single-use plastics, vegetarian menu, school produce, healthy options, after-school choices, cash-less catering, vending machines, food</p>	<p>Liaise with vegetarian pupils re choices.</p> <p>Finalise 4w menu rota and make available online.</p> <p>Make Dietary Requirement forms available to existing pupils.</p> <p>Dietary Requirement forms to be circulated to new S1 parent/carers.</p> <p>Consider a chart in the kitchen to help staff</p>	<p>SM/DC/ MB</p>	<p>On-going</p>

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		<p>waste,</p> <p>Several suggestions and commitments were made.</p> <p>Parents expressed their appreciation of the Lionacleit catering staff and stressed the key role they play in the pupil's school day.</p>	<p>recognise pupils with dietary requirements.</p> <p>Ensure all labelling requirements are met.</p> <p>Consider if fruit can be made available in the vending machine.</p> <p>Consider reducing the use of white carbs in favour of wholemeal options.</p> <p>Contact cashless catering provider re setting up 'low-funds' alert for users.</p> <p>Promote the use of school-grown produce.</p> <p>Consider more healthy options for after-school.</p>		
4.	<b>Treasurers update</b>	<p>Bank account is up to date. No movement.</p> <p>Email from Cllr Ian Macleod proposing that each of the U&amp;B Cllrs give £150 from Ward funding to the school for new drinking fountain(s).</p>	<p>Write to U&amp;B Cllrs with thanks and asking for them to make the payment into the School Fund.</p>	PB	asap
5.	<b>Esgoil</b>	<p>GY advised on ongoing engagement around the planning for next session timetable, expecting input for Higher Psychology and have put in requests for a number of other subjects with very small numbers.</p>			
6.	<b>School Estate</b>	<p>Budget has been released to HT level again which is welcome. The flowers at the front of the school are in bloom and this makes a difference to the entrance.</p> <p>Water fountains, planned to phase out single-use water bottles. Agreement from SLPC to contribute</p>	<p>Arrange a payment to the School Fund.</p>	JP	asap

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		£1500 to drinking fountains	Write to Community Councils asking for £100 contribution towards the water fountain(s)	PB	asap
7.	<b>Staffing</b>	<p>Biology - new biology teacher Heather Robinson has arrived.</p> <p>Chemistry – Ms Zina Johnson has been unable to continue working due to ill health, this has been sent through to vacancy panel.</p> <p>Music – Continues to be covered by specialist teachers.</p> <p>PT Faculty social subjects/RE – currently a live interview process.</p> <p>Maths – preferred candidate has GME and will be appointed subject to references and other checks.</p> <p>Another advert is up for a full time permanent maths teacher as Mr MacDonald is retiring this summer.</p>			
8.	<b>Other issues from HT</b>	<p>Education Scotland carried out a thematic review first week of term, feedback as follows:</p> <p>Strengths -</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Relationships with young people.</li> <li>2. Pupils were polite, respectful and hard working.</li> <li>3. They observed good practice around pupils leading their own learning.</li> <li>4. Family learning events are increasingly being driven by data.</li> <li>5. The use of and understanding of data in the</li> </ol>			

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		<p>senior phase.</p> <p>6. Comment was made on the impressive improvement in attainment we managed to leverage last session.</p> <p>Areas for development -</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Continue to embed HGIOS 4 at a departmental level.</li> <li>2. Be more explicit about transferable skills in the 4 contexts for learning, ensure young people are aware of the 4 contexts for learning.</li> <li>3. Major focus of Education Scotland in inspections and therefore our main development point is pace and challenge in the BGE.</li> </ol> <p>All areas for development will be addressed in the School Improvement Plan for next session and a number of things are already underway:</p> <p>The cross party groups for the 'Big Conversation' will be underway during study leave, except for the 'quality of teaching' group which have already met</p> <p>Mon 24<sup>th</sup> June is Activities day, organisers requesting a contribution from SLPC.</p>			
9.	<b>PC Issues and Initiatives</b>	Reducing single-use plastics in school, Water fountain installation in the school (see above)			
10.	<b>Councillors slot</b>	No Cllrs present			
11.	<b>Any other business</b>	Anti-bullying policy: GY advised the draft policy is in the final stages. Currently liaising with the working group. Should be completed this term and info sessions for parents and pupils are planned			

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		<p>involving Police Scotland.</p> <p>Usual response to a serious incident in school is that Police will be informed at an early stage and involved in a risk assessment. In some cases a multi-agency consultation is used.</p> <p>Concern raised re inappropriate use of mobile phones in school. GY advised that revised Mobile Phone policy is also being prepared.</p> <p>Thanks extended to SLPC members who may not be attending another meeting due to children leaving school.</p>			
<b>12.</b>	<b>Date of next meeting</b>	Aug Thu 29 <sup>th</sup> Thursday 6:30pm	Circulate date to parents/carers/Cllrs etc	FB	asap