

COMHAIRLE NAN EILEAN SIAR
 Department of Education & Children's Services
Minute/Note of Meeting

TITLE	Parent Council Meeting		
DATE	18 November 2013	TIME	5.30pm
VENUE	Sgoil Lionacleit		
DISTRIBUTION	Parent Council, Sgoil Lionacleit Website		

Present:	Catherine Ferguson, Mary Bella MacRury, Bella MacDonald, Linda Johnson, George McGhee, Anne MacMillan, Margaret MacDonald, Miller MacDonald, Kenny MacDonald, Marion Morrison, Gemma Harlow
Apologies:	Roddy McIsaac, Rachel Kirk
Absent:	

Agenda Item	Summary	Action	Who?	When?
1 Matters Arising	No update on the traffic calming scheme yet.			
2 Parental Involvement	MFM came along to the Parent Council meeting as she is on the Staff Parental Involvement Working Party, she informed the Parent Council of areas discussed by the Working Party including Barriers, Communication, Distance, Satisfaction, MFM also highlighted the Local Authority Parental Involvement document and discussed ways of involving more parents in school events including parents' evenings, workshops etc. Gemma Harlow from St Andrews University discussed her role, financed by the Scottish Government to work with rural communities looking at entrance to Higher Education, she talked about entrance with the new National 4 and 5 qualifications and the New Highers. Gemma had met with all S4, S5 and S6 during the day. In conjunction with this there was discussed re the school holding a Careers Convention with Include Us. Gemma is prepared to come here and help our parents and pupils with queries or			

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	issues regarding Higher Education.			
3	Lockers The bad state of lockers was discussed, MMcD informed Parent Council that when the school was offered these lockers they thought they would be in a better state than they are, some have been removed. MMcD informed Parent Council that the purchase of new lockers was currently being looked into.		MMD	
4	Blazers The blazers have now been issued to the S6 prefects, KMcD brought a blazer along for the Parent Council to see. Blazers are now available for any pupil to purchase at a cost of £30.			
5	Director's Survey MMcD gave the Parent Council members a copy of the 2013 Parent and Carer Survey, the overall response to this survey was very low and thus not all viewpoints would have been expressed.			
6	Appointment of Clerk CF has asked Jessie Anne MacDonald if she would be willing to take on this role and this should be in place by the next meeting in January.			
7	Staffing MMcD informed the Parent Council that the authority had approved the post for a German teacher following LC leaving and that the post for Faculty PT would be advertised internally. Also that a reduction by 6 teachers over the next couple of years is planned by the LA. A new 3-3 model, S1-S3 and S4-S6 is being looked at.			
8	Entrance Work The completion date for the entrance work is 1 December, however it looks as though this deadline might not be met.			
9	Soap Dispensers RK had asked again about soap dispensers, MMacD was going to check this out and it now seems that soap dispensers are in toilets.			
10	Date of Next Meeting Monday 20 January 2014 at 5.30pm in Rm 34.			