

<b>Minute/Note of Meeting</b>	<b>TITLE</b>	<b>Sgoil Lionacleit Parent Council</b>		
	<b>DATE</b>	<b>Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> May 2017</b>	<b>TIME</b>	<b>6.30pm</b>
	<b>VENUE</b>	<b>HE dept</b>		

<b>Present: parents/carers</b>	Peter Bird (Chair), Lisa Woodin, Joanna Peteranna, Liz Dorrian, Beatrix Wood, Ann MacDonald, Louise Jordan, Marie Nash, Anne Bird (mins)
<b>others</b>	Gordon Young HT, Marie Clare Fergusson,
<b>Apologies:</b>	Ken MacDonald DHT, Linda Johnson, Michelle Gray

	<b>Agenda Item</b>	<b>Summary</b>	<b>Action</b>	<b>Who?</b>	<b>When?</b>
<b>1.</b>	Apologies, previous minutes (16 <sup>th</sup> Feb 2017) and matters arising.	<p>Minutes proposed by JP, seconded by LW</p> <p>Funding for video – BW has secured £1k from BBC Alba, JP has been looking for support and has had a range of responses, JP preparing applications for top-up funding.</p> <p>OHCPP, view was all schools should be doing a video to promote education on the islands.</p> <p>Project could tie-in with a similar project in progress for UHI.</p>	<p>Minutes to be fwd to school website</p> <p>Continue to explore possibilities</p>	<p>PB</p> <p>JP</p>	<p>Asap</p> <p>On-going</p>
<b>2.</b>	Head Teacher's Report including E-sgoil update.	<p>PB intimated that parents have raised concerns that it is unclear how often and how effectively Esgoil is being used.</p> <p>HT gave an update on a range of school issues;</p> <p>Staffing: waiting to hear re anyone choosing early retirement.          Probationary teachers: further info on allocation is due next week.          Timetabling: adjustments in progress.          Estate: school have adopted a brighter colour scheme, Courtyard is being kept tidy, new Pool tables and lockers have arrived. New power washer has been purchased.</p>			

		<p>E-sgoil is being used in several ways e.g. to co-ordinate Internet Safety day. Some issues with protocols are being ironed-out and E-sgoil should now perform better for Uist and for Barra.</p> <p>E-sgoil has been used successfully over the Easter break to support pupils on their home computers in Physics and Maths.</p> <p>The Dept of Ed have funded an independent consultant to identify whats good about E-sgoil and what needs to be fixed.</p> <p>Sgoil Lionacleit currently has more teachers than it's allocation. Incorporating Esgoil should be more feasible when staffing chages are in place and new timetables are settled. HT confirmed that parents can expect to see more use of E-Sgoil to enhance the Choice/Options forms next year.</p> <p>MCF advised that they are trying a Gaelic project in the Primaries to gauge how Esgoil can be used effectively there.</p> <p>Pupil leadership, Focus Group with senior pupils has given a new perspective. Pupils have designed questions and are interviewing S1-S3 with the aim of developing clear leadership pathways.</p> <p>Gaelic Medium Education meeting went well, a steering group is forming consisting of staff, pupils and parents.</p> <p>Newsletter, pupil's many successes in and out of school are celebrated in the School Newsletter which is being circulated in the School and to the wider community.</p>			
3.	'Show my Homework' app	Homework, SLPC has been asked by DHT to consider if the 'Show My Homework' app would be useful. This led to a wider discussion re Homework and to what extent it helps with learning.	Prepare a questionnaire for all parents and carers re views on Homework	LW and other members of SLPC	On-going
4.	Introduction to Marie-Claire Fergusson, Senior	MCF is responsible for Uist, Barra, Harris and some areas on Lewis. She is based at the Liniclate Education Centre.			

	Education Officer	<p>MCF was involved in the 2016 School Review, report will be available in the new academic year.</p> <p>MCF also has a role with the Area Parent Council, next meeting in November.</p> <p>On-going initiatives include developing 'Hubs', grouping schools together, Hub C is Uist and Barra. In each Hub schools work together e.g. recent project has been developing an Early Years Framework.</p> <p>Next project is Development Pathway in Health and Well-being for pre-school to S6.</p> <p>Pupil equity fund: extra funding is being accessed to help close the attainment gap, uptake of School Meal Assistance is being promoted.</p>	Explore idea of placing an article on School Meal Assistance in the Hebridean Housing Partnership newsletter	MCF	On-going
5.	Treasurer's report	Forms to be signed for bank mandate.			
6.	Any other business	Prizegiving: event will be held in the evening this year to allow more parents to attend. Issue raised re number of prizes, perception that some subjects present more prizes than others.	Look into issue and prompt SLPC to donate a 'new' prize if needed.	HT	Before prize-giving
		Thanks have been extended to out-going Councillors	Invite new Councillors to next meeting	PB	For next meeting
		Substance misuse: parents and school have been alerted to presence of alcohol and possibly drugs at a recent non-school event for under-18s. School is liaising with Police who are planning to come in once a month to discuss Drugs Awareness with pupils.			
		SLPC voiced its appreciation of repainted areas, improved pupil facilities and new parking arrangements at the front of the school i.e. sufficient space for Blue Badge parking.			
7.	Date of next meeting	August 24 <sup>th</sup> Thu 6.30, AGM in Sept.			

