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Minute/Note of Meeting	TITLE	Sgoil Lionacleit Parent Council		
	DATE	20 August 2020	TIME	6.30pm
	VENUE	V-scene		

Present: parents/carers	Fiona Ballantyne, Joanna Peteranna, Ann MacDonald, Lizzy Dorrian, Michelle Sheperd, Margaret Coull, Morag Henderson, Kenneth MacDonald, Jospehine MacDonald, Gail Robertson, Johanne Ferguson, Neil Johnstone, Morag Henderson, Alison MacDonald, Meg Rodger
others	Gordon Young HT, David Downham DHT, Robert Gillies DHT,
Apologies	Helen Bagley, Katy MacDonald

	Agenda Item	Summary	Action	Who?	When?
1.	Apologies	See above			
2.	Previous Minutes	Minutes 25 June, proposed MH, seconded MS	Minutes to School website		asap
3.	Matters Arising	<p>All matters arising moved to next meeting</p> <p>Catering, allergy information: pending</p> <p>Process of transferring to JF. Cheques for water fountain to be re-signed and issued. JP working on getting the cheque resigned.</p> <p>SLPC agreed to provide a donation of £750 in support for S2/S3 trip. Ongoing</p> <p>SLPC applied to Calmac community form to request £2000 to add to the trip in November. Should have a response by end Feb.</p> <p>Request for SLPC to run a large fundraising event eg Bingo. To be actioned after the Bingo for the Mimosa trip. Trip cancelled for now, fundraising on hold</p> <p>Good cause application to be made to the co-op. Carry forward</p>	To be followed up at next meeting	GY / JP / JF / SLPC	For next meeting asap

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		<p>Working group of parents to be established to become experts in HGIOSv4 in order to gain insight from parents and become experts in QIs. Meg Rodgers/Louise Jordan/ Johanne Ferguson/Helen Bagley will form the group. Volunteers in place, first meeting to be organised. (GY)</p> <p>Homework levels being looked at – homework pack – ongoing.</p> <p>Mobile devices, school improvement plan, development groups, substance and alcohol abuse.</p> <p>Update on the reduced ferry travel on the ferries – this is ongoing. Transport Scotland</p> <p>SLPC outreach</p> <p>Provision of devices – including situation with BnG laptops</p>			
4.	<p>Covid-19 planning 2020/2021 session</p>	<p>Full school risk assessments in place.</p> <p>Traffic management has worked well and may retain.</p> <p><u>Current status</u></p> <p>One way system in the school following national guidance. Sanitisers and a system and procedure in place to support the pupils and staff and manage the workstations and movement around the school. Entry to school restricted.</p> <p>Study hub has been established in the S6 common room. Not possible to have pupils in classes during free periods as last year. The hub is visible, next door to RG and opposite the guidance department. An element of self management and pupils will be registered in but not supervised.</p>	To be followed up	GY	At next meeting

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Consultation ongoing with SQA as regards prelim management, advisory due 31 August. Ongoing assessment and evidence gathering ongoing with teachers to support.

Parent questions:

Process for cleaning desks and equipment – 2 day cleaners are in place, cleaning hard surfaces on an ongoing basis. Wipes and sprays available for pupil and teacher’s use in class. Not able to use communal computers. Where computers are essential for their learning, desk tops have been assigned on an individual basis. Plan to issue laptops to S4/5/6 pending. Equipment needed in class is wiped down between classes eg technical and music.

Lockers out of use because they are in communal areas.

Are pupils being encouraged to wash hands instead of sanitiser – this is being done but there is a lack of sinks. School looking at sourcing barrier creams in the case of reactions.

Refund for school trips – school in touch with central contact for organising school trips. Request is that money will be refunded and this is being prioritised.

Contingency plan in place if there are targeted closures. Orders in place for more laptops in the case that this happens. Awaiting return of some machines from last year that can be re-assigned. Gaelic stream laptops have had to be brought back in and recycled in the general provision short term. Still unable to connect individually owned laptops to the school network.

Parent survey being planned to gather parent views on the experience from the lock down phase.

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Pupil water bottles will be filled by the canteen staff following hand sanitisation procedure.

If pupils have to quarantine for any reason - would be looking for esgoil teachers to fill that gap with the individual pupil. This is included in the risk assessment and will be assessed case by case. School teaching staff will be teaching in the school to classes.

Mental health impact assessment – this is being addressed in the school now that pupils are back.

Pupil status assessment will be managed after the school has settled back.

Prefect assignment – this is in process and planning is in place for this coming session.

Prelim and exam management over the coming year - concerned about the exam status on 2021 and how the SQA will manage the exams and assessment this year. More information will be available following provision of the report 31 August.

Process used to estimate grades across all subjects – consistent across the school using national criteria. Higher psychology managed by the college and their approach was outside of this process.

Multi prelim approach – this will be assessed for the new academic year once SQA approach is received.

Staffing

Maths tuition – being re-advertised. Supply teacher starting who is a maths teacher but has no experience in N5 which will be delivered via

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esgoil by an experienced N5 teacher. The supply teacher will be in the room during the delivery. Ongoing assessment will continue jointly with the esgoil teacher and the teacher in class.

Unable to deliver ICT to S1 due to lack of computers. Additional numeracy sessions being delivered in place in the available period.

3 probationers joined; Gaelic, Biology, Physics

Vacancy for business study – ongoing

Maternity cover being sought for Geography. Being re-advertised. Supported with existing staff an e-sgoil.

Results:

The headline figures are another successful year for Sgoil Lionacleit – results continue to improve.

National 5 (mean school pass rate):

2017 – 80%

2018 – 91%

2019 – 93%

2020 – 92%/96%

Higher:

2017 – 64%

2018 – 74%

2019 – 80%

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		<p>2020 – 88%/93%</p> <p>Advanced Higher:</p> <p>2017 – 6 awards</p> <p>2018 – 7 awards</p> <p>2019 – 7 awards</p> <p>2020 – 16 awards – 138% increase</p>			
5.	Treasurers update	<p>JF requires documentation confirming appointment as SLPC treasurer in order to progress bank transfer. FB to provide minutes.</p> <p>Cycle club to be reimbursed for cycle racks on provision of receipt</p>	Provide minutes	FB	asap
6.	Fundraising	Will be revisited at a later date			
7.	HT report	See above			
8.	PC Issues and Initiatives	Fundraising on hold			
9.	Councillors slot	No update			
10.	Any other business	None			
11.	Date of next meeting	Thursday 1 October, 6:30pm via V-scene. Will include AGM	Circulate date to parents/carers/Cllrs etc	FB	asap