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**Sgoil Lionacleit  
 Minute of Meeting**

<b>TITLE:</b>	<b>Sgoil Lionacleit Parent Council</b>
<b>DATE:</b>	<b>23rd October 2025</b>
<b>VENUE:</b>	<b>Sgoil Lionacleit</b>
<b>TIME:</b>	<b>6.30pm</b>
<b>DISTRIBUTION:</b>	

<b>Present:</b>	Gordon Young, Robert Gillies, Rona MacKay, Helen Bagley, David Bagley, Johanne Ferguson, Nicola Mackenzie, Ruairidh Frase, Oni Fraser, Katie Mary MacPherson, Joan MacDonald, Miss Marie Louise MacKinnon (staff rep), Susan Thompson, Ann Graham, Marion Isa Bell, Chloe Manchester Hogg
<b>Apologies:</b>	Cllr Paul Steele, Cllr Mustaffa Hocine, Heather Young
<b>Absent:</b>	

Agenda Item		Summary	Action	Who?	When?
1	Approval of minutes			Johanne/Rona	
2	Welcome & Matters Arising	None			
3	Head Teacher's Report –	<p><b>Sharing success:</b></p> <p><b>Main successes shared at this meeting as always are exam results, I have tried to balance sharing enough information without overloading, hopefully this captures it:</b></p>			

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	<p>· N5 A-D Pass rate:  · 2025 – 93% - Including lots of vocational course passes  · S4 N5 2025 A-C pass rate is 96% (rising for the last 3 years) against national average of 78%</p> <p>Higher A-C pass rate:  2025 80% - compared to 75% National average  Advanced H pass rate:</p> <p>19 Awards, 81% pass rate compared to National average of 76%. Included only 2 D's (give more UCAS tariff points than an A at Higher so still a success. Only 66 across the authority so significant portion from SL.</p> <p>Positive destinations:  98%</p> <p>Wider achievement</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The large number of winners in the Lewis and Harris Piping society Junior Piping competition.</li> <li>• Our school pipe band took part in the World Pipe Band Championships in Glasgow.</li> <li>• We hosted careers fairs in both Gaelic and English</li> <li>• We took part in Deasbad Nàiseanta</li> </ul>			

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Our pupils led Gaelic lessons for staff</li> <li>• Our Eco schools committee set up and is working well to support sustainability</li> <li>• Launching the SFL blog</li> <li>• Winning Cuach nan Àrd -sgoiltean</li> <li>• The large number of prizes won in the local Mod</li> <li>• Our S1 Animation project in partnership with Royal Conservatoire which had a Gaidhlig theme</li> <li>• Our S1 Gaelic Culture coffee morning</li> <li>• Taking part in (and winning) the Secondary schools Gaelic quiz</li> <li>• Cafaidh Neart with Ruaraidh Gray - S3 Gàidhlig pupils got the opportunity to meet former pupil, Ruaraidh Gray and ask him questions about his music, hobbies and opportunities afforded to him through Gaelic.</li> <li>• Our Intergenerational Ambassadors for Sgoil Lionacleit visited local care homes with their accordions</li> <li>• Ar Canan 'S Ar Ceol – Facebook launch</li> </ul> <p>UCAS: Managed to attend the event in Stornoway this year, cancelled attendance last year due to ferry/weather. Touch and go but we got there.</p> <p>Funding:</p>			

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		<b>Agreed to buy flooring for SFL, cheque for £130 please.</b>			
<b>4</b>	<b>Staffing -</b>	<p>Miss McSherry is still on maternity leave, and we expect her back after Christmas.</p> <p>In the meantime, we have recruited Mr Hogg into our Maths vacancy (Mr MacPhail) and between the maths department and Mrs MacSween Maths is being covered.</p> <p>S1 and S2 ICT is being covered by Science and Maths teachers this year to fill the gap until we have our 'homegrown' probationer next year.</p> <p>Mr Cosh left us in technical (moved out of teaching) but we have managed to recruit Mrs Thorpe, and she is settling in very well.</p> <p>Mrs Beaton from HEc left us at the end of the year but we managed to recruit Miss MacDonald into the post – very lucky to not only recruit a Home Ec teacher but a Gaidhlig speaker as well, she started at the start of the term – one of those rare occasions where we managed to get the timing right in recruitment for a seamless handover.</p> <p>The three probationer teachers we have are working very hard and finding their place in school – we expect to retain 2 of this next year, the other will go to Lewis and we will be expecting Mrs Macdonald back from maternity leave in English.</p>			
<b>5</b>	<b>Food quality –</b>	Grab & Go- GY spoke to Gordy & has a meeting arranged for the week starting the 27 <sup>th</sup> October		GY	
<b>6</b>	<b>Mobile Phones -</b>	Consultation -	Can we get pupils views on it. Send email to everyone at the meeting.	GY	

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7	<b>Treasures Report -</b>			
	<p>Sgoil Lionacleit Parent Council Treasurer's Report – AGM Aug 2025</p> <p>Description Paid Out Paid in Balance</p> <p>Balance in bank at AGM</p> <p>October 2024 £7061.83</p> <p>January – bus for school dance £450</p> <p>January – buses for the school dance £746 Not cashed</p> <p>February – contribution from CNES £697</p> <p>February – Contribution towards Paris trip £500</p> <p>May – Contribution towards house competition (Mr MacLeod) £500 Not cashed</p> <p>May – water fountains £746 Not cashed</p> <p>Monthly interest £93.72 paid in</p> <p>Subtotal (cash) - £950 Paid in - £790.72</p> <p>Outstanding balance in bank £6902.55*</p> <p>Actual balance at AGM August 2024 £4910.55</p> <p>· Due to Cheques still to be cashed</p>			
8	<b>AOB</b>			
	Cleaners – UPDATE – More relief staff			

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		<p>Disruption in classes – Affecting pupils, can something be done to limit the disruption.</p> <p>Vaping in toilets update – will cost at least £5000 to have up &amp; running.</p> <p>Vaping on buses – can something be done with the pupils vaping on buses.</p> <p>Cameras Update – no update</p> <p>Christmas dance food price.</p>	<p>Look at the relationship policy.</p> <p>Look into funding</p> <p>Ask bus drivers to report &amp; move the pupils vaping to the front of the bus.</p> <p>Mairi L MacKinnon to check the price.</p>	<p>GY</p> <p>ST</p> <p>GY</p> <p>MLMK</p>	
	<b>AGM</b>	<p>Rona - stepped down</p> <p>Johanne - stepped down</p> <p>Helen - stepped down</p> <p>Elected a new Chair</p> <p>Johanne Ferguson – Chair/Treasurer</p> <p>Helen Bagley – Secretary/vice chair</p>	<p>Ask Barry Coull if he would like to take on the Treasurer role</p>	<p>JF</p>	
<b>13</b>	<b>Date and time of Next Meeting</b>	<p>Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> September25</p> <p>6.30pm Liniclate School</p>			