



Ullapool High School Parent Council
Comhairle Nam Pàrant Ardscoil Ulapul
Minutes

Monday 12th Sep 2016 7pm, Ullapool High School

1. Present and apologies

Present:

Parent Council members: Anthony O'Flaherty (Chair), Christine Crook (Vice-Chair), Dave Maxwell (Secretary), Helen Meek (Treasurer), Sam Richards, Joany McGuire, Sot Otter, Eleanor (Nellie) Collins, Fiona Saywell, Anne Wood, Sue Pomeroy, Andrew Lintern, Janis Patterson, Stephanie Sutherland

In attendance: Cathy Higginson, Robbie McFedries (Head Teacher), Anne Hunter (Depute).

Apologies: Lorraine Thomson, Julie Allen, Ian Williams (Teacher Rep)

2. Announcements or late additions to the agenda

The PC would like to thank Cathy Higginson for her hard work as Chair over the last year.

The PC would like to make a special mention for Christine Crook who stepped down as Treasurer after 8 years on the PC (but is staying on as Vice Chair).

3. Minutes of the previous meeting (23rd May 2016)

Approved. *Proposed:* CH *seconded:* SR

4. Matters arising from previous meeting

- **Astro turf** – Funding now approved by Highland Council. Targeting Oct half term for delivery
- **Sound recording studio** – Becky Thompson and Angelica Kroeger have agreed to provide training on Friday afternoons – details are being finalised. **Action** SR to identify a contact in Feis Rios and see if there is a tie-up.
- **Community Member** – **Action** SO to contact Noel Hawkins to see if he is interested.
- **Publication of minutes** - **Action** DM to get approved by email and published in local press within 3 weeks of meeting.

5. Additional Committee Roles

- RM, AH and IW co-opted at AGM
- Pupil Reps – **Action** SR to ask Yvonne Boa for possible candidates. **Action** RM to ask Pupil Council for candidates
- MacPhail Mgmt Cttee Rep – SR + SO kindly volunteered. **Action** CH to pass on details to Pete Harrison
- Facebook Page: No change to Admin. **Action** DM to post draft PC minutes
- **Action** AO to invite Yvonne Boa to next meeting to summarise her work

6. Issues from AGM

- **School Uniform** - RM confirmed the Dress Code is included in the school prospectus and should be followed by all pupils unless a letter is provided by parents. Pupils will be spoken to by staff if code is not followed and parents will be contacted if repeated. **Action:** AO to agree wording with PC members for a reminder to be put in the Ullapool News and on Facebook.
- **Senior Leader** - **Action:** HM + SS to form sub-group to work with RM on poor take-up of Senior Leader role by pupils.

7. Review and Approval of Constitution

Carried forward. **Action:** AO + DM to review / update draft for next PC meeting.

8. Fundraising role for PC

- **Action:** HM + SO to set up Easyfundraising and explain to parents how to use it. Can we ask local companies to use it?
- Provide pre-theatre refreshments at Create show – **Action** AO to ask FS if she could investigate.

9. S4/S5 Course Reading Material

General agreement that there is an issue. **Action:** AO to ask LT to draft letter from the PC to Education Scotland. **Action:** RM to discuss options with English Dept – is this a set text?

10. Update on 4.5 Day Week

- Buses seem to be working OK including to Inverness and West Highland Colleges
- Various activities begun or being planned – Fusion for S1&S2 1pm-5pm; dedicated swim lane at Leisure Centre; Drum Lessons; Sound Recording Studio (see above); Climbing Wall Instruction (Feb 17); Rowing Club (Spring 17)
- Parents requested to come forward with other ideas – school access and free PVG checks can be arranged.

11. Head Teacher's report (RM)

Carried forward due to lack of time

12. Treasurer's report (HM)

Balance at 3rd August 2016: £551.60

13. AOB

- **DoE – Action:** AH to check with Jemma Middleton if there are any changes to the arrangements.
- **Overseas Trips** – The PC would like to thank teachers for organizing trips again this year. **Action:** Parents to feedback views on types and costs of future trips.
- **Cluster Heads for Ullapool:** RM not aware of any proposals. Meeting with HC next week. **Action:** RM to report back to PC.
- **Disrespectful Behavior towards Staff** – RM aware and has taken action.

14. Date of next meeting: Monday 26th September 2016 @ 7pm – **Note early date**