



Ullapool High School Parent Council Comhairle Nam Pàrant Ardscoil Ulapul Minutes

Monday 26th Sep 2016 7pm, Ullapool High School

1. Present and apologies

Parent Council members: Anthony O'Flaherty (Chair), Christine Crook (Vice-Chair), Dave Maxwell (Secretary), Helen Meek (Treasurer), Sam Richards, Nellie Collins, Fiona Saywell, Anne Wood, Andrew Lintern, Janis Patterson, Stephanie Sutherland, Julie Allen, Ian Williams (Teacher Rep)

In attendance: Robbie McFedries (Head Teacher), Anne Hunter (Depute), Gina Mauger

Apologies: Lorraine Thomson, Joany McGuire, Sue Pomeroy, Sot Otter,

2. Announcements or late additions to the agenda

LT has decided to step down from the PC, but will continue to support the school in other ways. The PC would like to thank Lorraine for all her hard work over the last 4 years.

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

Corrected point 8 (Easyfundraising not yet set up) and typos (RM's initials) and approved. *Proposed: CC seconded: NC*

4. Head Teacher's report (RM)

RM summarised the S4-S6 exam results, compared the totals with previous years, and highlighted some areas teachers will be focusing on. This will be covered further in the Standards and Quality Report which will be on the school website by the end of Oct. The PC would like to thank teachers for all their hard work over the session.

5. Matters arising from previous meeting

- **Astro turf – Action** CC to draft a letter from the PC to Brian Porter (Head of Resources at the HC) about recent injuries due to the state of the pitch and to request work be completed before the winter.
- **Dress Code Letter - Action** AO to agree minor changes with RM and DM to send to Ullapool and Assynt News
- **S4/S5 English Reading Material** - IW explained the constraints of the system and how the material worked well in exams. PC members highlighted that this was no reflection on the quality of the teaching which was excellent, but felt a letter should still be written. **Action:** LT to draft letter from the PC to Education Scotland.
- **Pupil Reps** - A number have come forward. **Action:** SS and CC to work with RM and AH to agree how reps should be selected and other details.
- **Sound recording studio** – Training can be funded by the school for next term, but further funding will be required for 2017. **Action:** AW to look into self-funding options e.g. concerts, practiceathon etc. and ask FS if she can help with funding grants. **Action** NC to ask if local business might contribute.
- **DoE – Action:** AH putting together numbers for Silver award today (26th)
- **Cluster Heads for Ullapool:** RM confirmed no changes are currently planned
- **4.5 day Week:** The “lunchtime lane” at the pool will be open to 2:30 on a Friday. IW is looking into starting a Drama Club.
- Remaining actions carried forward to next meeting:
 - **Action** AO to invite Yvonne Boa to next meeting to summarise her work
 - **Senior Leader - Action:** HM + SS to form sub-group to work with RM on poor take-up of Senior Leader role by pupils.
 - **Review and Approval of Constitution - Action** AO + DM to review / update draft for next PC meeting
 - **Funding - 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 is she could investigate.
 - **Overseas Trips – Action:** Parents to feedback views on types and costs of future trips.

6. AOB – none

7. Date of next meeting: Tue 29th Nov 2016 @ 7pm