

Ullapool High School Parent Council
Comhairle Nan Parant Ardscoil Ulapul

Parent Council Minutes Wednesday 9th October 2024 6.00pm, Ullapool High School and through Microsoft Teams

1.0 Present and apologies: Nadine Lunn (Chair), Sian Curley (Secretary) , Heather Smith (Treasurer), Tim Loftus, Chris di Rollo, Elaine Mackaskill, Caroline Boyd (Headteacher) Jo Stewart (Deputy Headteacher)
Apologies: Andrew Hayton

2.0 Matters arising from previous meetings

2.1 Assynt pupil transport

Elaine Mackaskill queried what actions had been carried out following discussion of Assynt pupil transport at previous meetings.

Caroline suggested appropriate steps are for Parent Council to discuss with Transport Department, followed up by UHS.

Action: Sian to communicate next steps from previous minutes

Action: Nadine to discuss with Seori

Action: Elaine to query with Assynt Community Council

3.0 Treasurer's Report

3.1 Heather has had a meeting with Sue Pomeroy re handover of Treasurer role.

Action: Heather to update bank account signatories to include Heather Smith, Sian Curley, Andrew Hayton; and move to online banking

4.0 Head Teacher's report

- Fully staffed across teaching, support and administrative staff
- Thanks to Julie Pyke for hard work in school office
- Welcome event for S1 parents successful
- Second year of three-year cycle on school improvement plan, see website for more details

4.1 SQA results

Jo Stewart presented data on UHS's National 5 and Higher results. Compares favourably to Highland and National averages, with some very strong individual performances.

6.0 AOB

6.1 Annual social event for S1-6 pupils

The school has held a Christmas party for the last two years but snow/ice has made it very hard to transport pupils from outlying areas. Discussion around timing of event,

Spring Ball or Halloween Party suggested (March/October) when road conditions are usually better and the event can be fully inclusive.

6.2: 25th Anniversary of present building for Ullapool High School & Macphail Centre

School & Macphail Centre was officially opened on the 7th April 2000. Discussion of a celebration event.

Action: Sian to approach alumni from the time, former staff and other people in the community to see if anyone wants to organise an event.

6.3: Parent Council email address

In a previous meeting, Seori and Sue had mentioned a locked parent council email which is meant to be the channel for all communication between school and parent council.

Action: Sian to contact Ros Bell and try to access email

6.4: Parent Council grant

This has been unclaimed for a few years due to the locked email account.

Action: Once email is unlocked, **Heather** can apply for annual Parent Council grant

6.5: PC Consitution

Constitution is very out of date.

Action: Caroline and **Nadine** to meet and review.

7.0: Next meeting

Ordinary meeting: 6pm 4th February 2025, UHS Geography Room/Teams

Meeting closed 18.55pm