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Ullapool High School Parent Council Comhairle Nam Pàrant Ardsgoil Ulapul

AGM Minutes 27.09.23 6.00pm Geography room UHS and online by Teams

1.0 Present: Seori Burnett (Chair), Sue Pomeroy (Treasurer), Suzanne Lewis-Ing, Nanette Gourley, Siân Curley, Adam Pellant (Teams)

Apologies: Nadine Lunn (Vice-chair), Susan McSweeney, Kirsty MacLeod, Elaine MacAskill, Andrew Hayton, Lorna Hayton, Poppy Lewis-Ing

2.0 Minutes of 2022 AGM: Proposed by SP, seconded by SLI

3.0 Report on the work of the Parent Council by chair

Since the last parent council AGM in September 2022 there have been two formal parent council meetings and a number of informal discussions. Meetings have returned to face to face with an online hybrid element available.

Over the year the Parent Council received regular updates from the new headteacher and staff. The PC has liaised with the school over a number of concerns raised within the wider parent forum relating to subject choices and the way the curriculum is delivered. It is generally understood that a falling school roll and consequent cuts in funding from Highland Council mean that UHS faces a particularly challenging environment as we move forward.

Directly in response to these concerns UHS PC and Gairloch PC have held an initial meeting to discuss the common challenges we face and the perceived lack of commitment from Highland Council to properly resource schools in outlying areas. We have also made contact with Kinlochbervie and we have a further meeting arranged with Gairloch.

The intention is for the PCs to discuss a way forward, in conjunction with senior staff at the schools so that positive proposals and strategy ideas can be put to the education authority rather than a series of complaints.

In addition to these core educational issues the Parent Council has funded the following:

DofE -£1,200

Donation to each department (£100) - £1,100

Film Group trip - £100

Xmas Ceilidh - £250

We look forward to funding further school activities in the forthcoming session.

Thanks to Sue Pomeroy the 'rag bag' collection facility has continued to generate funds for

the PC to help support school activities. A further 'rag bag', to be located at Tesco has been agreed in principle.

4.0 Appointment of new Parent Council

Chair: Seori Burnett – proposed by SP, seconded by SLI

Vice Chair: Nadine Lunn – proposed by SB, seconded by SP

Treasurer: Sue Pomeroy – proposed by SB, seconded by SLI

Vice treasurer: Suzanne Lewis-Ing - proposed by SB, seconded by SP

Secretary: Siân Curley – proposed by SB, seconded by SP

The chair welcomed Nanette and Siân to the Parent Council and thanked Siân for agreeing to serve as secretary.

Name	Role	Area	Child's year
Seori Burnett	Chair	Dundonnell	S6
Nadine Lunn	Vice Chair	Elphin	S2
Sue Pomeroy	Treasurer	Dundonnell	S6
Suzanne Lewis-Ing	Vice treasurer	Ullapool	S6, S4
Siân Curley	Secretary	Elphin	S1
Janis Patterson	Member	Ullapool	S3
Kirsty MacLeod	Member	Lochinver	S5,S2
Susan McSweeney	Member	Dundonnell	S5
Elaine MacAskill	Member	Inverkirkaig	S4
Andrew Hayton	Member	Ullapool	S5,S2
Lorna Hayton	Member	Ullapool	S5,S2
Nanette Gourlay	Member	Lochinver	S5
Andrew Inglis	Teacher Rep		
Poppy Lewis-Ing	Pupil Rep		

SB to ask Janis Paterson whether she wishes to continue on the PC and Gaelan Burnett if he would consider attending as the other pupil rep. (post meeting note: Janis would like to remain on PC)

5.0 Approval of the accounts

Account details and annual audit to follow.

6.0 Date and time of next AGM

TBA Early September 2024