

**Ullapool High School Parent Council
Comhairle Nan Parant Ardscoil Ulapul**

Parent Council Minutes Tuesday 21st May 2024 6.00pm, Ullapool High School and through Microsoft Teams

1.0 Present and apologies: Seori Burnett (Chair), Sian Curley (Secretary) , Nadine Lunn, Chris di Rollo, Caroline Boyd (Head Teacher), Jo Stewart (Deputy Head), Andrew Inglis (Teacher Representative)

Apologies: Suzanne Lewis-Ing, Susan McSweeney

2.0 Minutes of previous meeting (Wednesday 22nd February 2024, 6.00pm)

Proposed by SB, approved by NL

Actions arising:

2.1: Ragbag

Tesco is unable to host a Ragbag.

Action: Janis Patterson to enquire about land by Chinese Takeaway. (ongoing)

2.2: P7 transition

Action: £295 contribution approved (see Treasurer's report)

2.3: Assynt school transport

Action: Sian Curley to raise with Assynt Community Council, Seori Burnett to raise with Lochbroom Community Council

3.0 Treasurer's Report

Balance at 21/5/24 £3195.82.

Actions: Payments approved by committee:

£295 to transport for P7 transition

£230 for S2 Lagganlia trip

Up to £700 for BE Healthy week activities

£250 for Macphail Centre drama workshops

4.1 Head Teacher's report

Staffing

Miss Buick, Clerical Assistant, is unfortunately leaving us on 31 May. The post will be advertised in August.

We have also been informed by Skills Development Scotland (SDS) that Ms Hume will be moving to another school from 1 st June. Our new SDS Advisor will be Mr Fraser. We look forward to welcoming him to the school.

Mrs O'Leary, PT SfL, retires at the end of session. We wish Rosemary all the very best for her retirement.

Ms Clarke was successful at interview for the post of PT SfL. She is joining us from St Paul's Academy, Dundee. Ms Clarke's provisional start date is 19 th August (subject to the usual reference and pre-employment checks).

Activities beyond the formal curriculum (since the last PC meeting (23/02/24))

Spring concert

Senior Phase rugby trip to Murrayfield

Rossshire/Sutherland swimming gala and cross-country championships

S5/6 Road Awareness talk by Fire and Rescue Services (PSE)

S3s Hospitality luncheons for staff

S3 Geography overnight field trip – Lochview rural training croft

The John Muir Junior Rangers have taken part in a range of activities including deer management at Glencanisp, tree nursery, birds and woodland at Culag Woods

S2 Culloden trip

S2 DYW trip to Reay Forest Estate and S3 DYW trip to Morefield Quarry

Newton Rooms S1 and S2 (STEM)

Cura Guardian dance performance with Sita (with some S1 pupils performing)

Our S2s are also heading off to Lagganlia in June.

It is great to be able to offer our young people such a range of activities and experiences.

Senior Phase assessments

A big thank you to Mrs Stewart and the invigilator team for all their hard work organising and facilitating the assessments and to Mrs O'Leary and the PSA for all their support for our young people during this time.

School Improvement Priorities 2024/25

Next session will be the second year of a 3-year improvement cycle and as such our school improvement priorities, next session, will remain the same as this year, namely:

School Improvement Plan Priorities 2024/2025

Improvement Priority Title

1. Improve our approaches to Learning, Teaching and Assessment.
2. Review and improve/extend our curriculum offer.
3. Embed 'Our Ullapool' (whole school approach to wellbeing, equality and inclusion).
4. Raise the profile of Gaelic across the school.

These improvement priorities were also ratified by HMle during their inspection. Further information will be shared at the start of next session.

4.2 OUR ULLAPOOL

Andrew Inglis summarised planned activities of pupil-lead Health & Wellbeing group, OUR Ullapool:

- Colour run on 24th June
- Sports taster sessions 25th June
- OUR Ullapool health event 11th September

Actions: Nadine Lunn to approach Tesco and Jojo for ice-cream donation/contributions
Seori & Andrew Inglis to promote Colour Run via Ullapool News & Facebook
Parent Council to run stall at 11th September event

4.3 SQA & Curriculum

Joanne Stewart reported that students felt positive when leaving exams, no nasty surprises.

5.0 Save Our Rural Schools campaign

5.1 Offer of meeting with Jenny Gilruth, Education Secretary

on 20th or 27th June

Action: Nadine Lunn to represent UHS Parent Council

5.2 Closure of feeder schools

Badcaul Primary is currently mothballed and will face consultation for closure.

Action: Seori to circulate to parent councils of feeder primaries

6.0 AOB

Treasurer and Chairperson will stand down at next AGM. Volunteers urgently needed to replace.

PC Consitution review needed

7.0: Next meeting

AGM: 11th September 2024, 6pm, UHS Geography Room/Teams

Ordinary meeting: 11th September 2024, 6.30pm, UHS Geography Room/Teams

Meeting closed 19.30pm