

Parent Council Meeting 21.01.26

Present:

Lee Coutts (Head Teacher)

Joanne Stewart (Deputy Head)

Nadine Lunn , Katrina Geissel, Heather Smith, Cara Smith (Student rep), Elaine Macaskill (via Teams), Tim Loftus

Apologies:

Geraldine Murray, Boyd-Hagart Alexander, Andrew Inglis

Minutes from last meeting approved (note apologies from Elaine Macaskill to be included)

School Bus Issues:

Impact from adverse weather noted

Nadine Lunn will take this forward - to contact Highland council. Consider involving community council, MSP etc

Explore option to use Inverkirkaig route as alternative option, discuss getting buses upgraded

Elaine Macaskill willing to attend meetings etc also

Lee Coutts will express concern to H. C transport Dept on behalf of school

School are recording pupil absences due to transport failure separately

Treasurers Report:

Income

Interest: £3.22

Comm, Benefit Fund (for Novo scotia trip) £ 2,500

Rag Bag £70

Total: £ 2573.22

Expenses

£99 Study skills event

£100 Xmas party

£2,500 Nova Scotia Trip

Total: £2699.00

Bank Balance: £1266.76

Rag Bag has been discontinued due to transport cost so no longer available as a source of funding

Easy fundraising: increased uptake, Dr Coutts will place reminder for this in Newsletter

Note: Dr Coutts reminded all staff not to approach Parent Council directly for funding- this has to go through Head/Deputy/Teacher Rep first for clinical government purposes

Update re emails to Parents: now going to both sets of Parents

Boyd-Hagart Alexander has advised that he is not in a position to contribute to secretary role at present, KG to continue in secretary role. KG to be added as bank account signatory

Cara Smith: hand drier broken in Girls toilets, Dr Coutts will raise with caretaker, Ms Stewart reminded that pupils can raise issues at any time with school staff

See Headteacher update which has been forwarded to all parents

Note that when school is closed for Adverse weather, pupils are expected to continue with school work, teachers will be available for consultation during timetabled lesson time (however not possible for those outwith the classroom to join remotely if school is open due to union issue)

Small maths groups to start up again next week

Study skills sessions for parents- lack of uptake for last session, may be options in future, see newsletters for details

Parents evenings: S3 next week, senior phase on 11/03/26.

KG to reply to PH regarding Macphail Management committee- Tim Loftus happy to continue as representative from parent council at present (next meeting 3rd of March), Nadine Lunn and Heather Smith may be able to attend in future

Heather Smith to follow up re fundraising: EDF fund, Tesco Stronger Starts, Lochbroom Community Benefit Fund, Highland council Fund, Possibly Harbour Trust also

For discussion next meeting:

- Funding

- Recruitment for parent council- all roles now filled but minimal representation from other parents

Next Meeting:

Tuesday 24th February 2026 17.00- 18.00