



Ullapool High School Parent Council
Comhairle Nam Pàrant Ardsgoil Ulapul
Minutes

Tue 3rd Sep 6:00pm, Ullapool High School

1. **Present: (PC members):** Seori Burnett (Chair), Gina Mauger (Vice-Chair), Dave Maxwell (Secretary), Christine Crook, Anthony O'Flaherty, Fiona Saywell, Andrew Lintern, Andrew MacKay
2. **Others in attendance:** Robbie McFedries (Head Teacher), Anne Hunter (Depute Head)
3. **Apologies** Sue Pomeroy (Treasurer), Sot Otter, Janis Patterson, Suzanne Lewis-Ing
4. **Approval of previous minutes (13th Jun)** – Proposed by AO'F, seconded by GM
5. **Matters Arising from previous meeting**
 - **HC Chief Exec Invitation – Action:** SB to try again to re-arrange.
 - **Youth Space** - AO'F, RMF, Dave Crook (Teacher), Ben Williams (UCT) and Yvonne Boa (Youth Co-Ordinator) met to discuss. A temporary space is being investigated in the short term. A new UCT Officer is joining Ben and will assist. The will be covered at the UCT board meeting next week.
 - **PC Funded Activities –**
 - Climbing: Action: CC to contact Will Copstake and Jules Macleod about Kayaking – carried forward. Action: FS to contact Tim to progress a 6 week climbing block in Sept.
 - Fusion club equip: Some equip has been purchased. Action SB to check with Yvonne about payment.
 - Football/Netball strips: GM ordered 32 strips paid for by a sponsor. Action: SB to write, thanking sponsors on behalf of PC and suggest a presentation and photo op when the strips arrive.
 - Action: CC to run "Doodle Poll" of parents for other ideas – carried forward
 - **Pupil and Teacher Reps:** Teacher Rep now confirmed – Andrew Inglis
 - **Parent Fundraising Social** (after Oct) – Will be on Sat 8th Feb. Action: AO'F to work with AM to agree details.
 - **MacPhail:** GM volunteered to join the Mgmt Ctte. Action AO'F to see if AW is interested
 - **Developing Young People –** DM and CC met Ashely and agreed ask recent leavers to put together profiles. Action DM+CC to follow up with parents and RMF. Also could ask local businesses to consider working more closely with the school – carried over.
6. **Head Teachers Update - RMF**
 - **Exams** - RMF provided a detailed update on the S4/5/6 exam results compared to previous years. Overall v.g. results with strong "value add"
 - **School Improvement Plan** – linked to Scot Govt priorities including Mental Health. A new MH counselor has been employed to visit the school 1d/week. Mr Ingles is also starting a MH workshop focusing on how pupils can help each other.
 - **Minibus** – This will now be leased from Highland Council but is more expensive than hoped. Usage prices may have to increase and/or additional fundraising carried out each year. Additional drivers are required, but note the course takes 5 days (less if driving test passed before 1997). Action: parents who are interested in helping with driving, please contact RMF
 - **Staff**– The new French teacher, Ellen MacGregor, starts in mid-Sep. Marie-Pierre is covering the gap.
 - **Xmas Party** – this will be a whole school event as last year. A post-exam event will be arranged in the summer for S4-6
7. **Treasures Update** – See AGM minutes
8. **AOB**

- **Winter Lights** – GM spoke to Robert Hicks regarding help from Pupils/Teachers/Parents with village winter lights – **Action:** GM to provide details to AH.
 - **Wylde Swan** – Thanks to the Harbour Trust for helping with funding the very successful Wild Swan trip and to Kevin Peach for helping with transport.
 - **In-service days** - 2 in Sep and 2 in Nov
 - **Home Framework for Pupils** – AH asked if parents would be interested in agreeing a common framework for pupils relating to time and space to do homework, screen time, building resilience etc. **Action:** SB, CC and AO'F to discuss further with AH
9. **Date of Next Meeting:** 6pm Tue 12th Nov.