



Ullapool High School Parent Council Comhairle Nam Pàrant Ardsgoil Ulapul Minutes

Tue 14th Jan 6:00pm, Ullapool High School

- **Present: (PC members):** Seori Burnett (Chair), Gina Mauger (Vice-Chair), Sue Pomeroy (Treasurer), Fiona Saywell, Christine Crook, Anthony O'Flaherty, Andrew MacKay, Andrew Lintern, Suzanne Lewis-Ing
- **Others in attendance:** Robbie McFedries (Head Teacher), Anne Hunter (Depute Head), Andrew Inglis (Teacher Rep), Leah Cunningham (Pupil Rep), Nadine Lunn (Parent)
- **Apologies:** Dave Maxwell
- **Approval of previous minutes (12thNov)** – Proposed by SP, seconded by AO'F
- **Matters Arising from previous meeting**
 - **Youth Space** – 4 potential spaces have been identified, Seaforth upstairs, Church Hall, Radio Station and Health Centre. Next step is to let the youth have a look and make suggestions. **Action:** AO'F to keep the PC informed.
 - **PC Funded Activities** –
 - Climbing: FS to contact Tim. **Action:** FS to progress a 6 week climbing block when possible. Kayaking: **Action:** CC to contact Will Copstake
 - Football/Netball strips: **Action:** CC to contact SB with date of next suitable game. SB to co-ordinate a presentation with Wester Ross and Gina for photo op.
 - **Action:** CC to run "Doodle Poll" of parents for other ideas to be published in weekly update and PC facebook site.
 - **School Meals** – Pupils looking at selection of preferred choices to consult with catering staff to see how it can be achieved. **Action:** AH
- **Fundraiser Feb 8th**
 - The fundraiser is to be an 80s themed night with live music, free buffet and complementary drink courtesy of the Seaforth, donations and raffle tickets on the door.
 - It was agreed to ask Iain Murray to do a music quiz and if he is not able to do it to organise an alternative quiz. **Action** AO'F to contact IM
 - It was agreed to start at 6.30pm with the quiz at 7.00pm and the buffet at 8.30pm. Also raffle prizes to be requested from parents and community through weekly update and facebook sites. **Action** AO'F, SB
 - Once format is agreed produce flyer/poster/ad and publicise on facebook sites and in UN **Action** Ad SB, Facebook sites by those local to area
- **Parent/Staff Learning support group** - AH reported that last term this group had focused on study skills and revision techniques and had produced an information leaflet which had been successfully promoted to parents at the S4 parents evening. This term the planned theme is sleep and use of technology. The group plans to produce a further information leaflet and promote awareness at 3 forthcoming parent evenings this term.
- **Head Teachers Update** - RMF
 - **Staff**– RMF reported that he had received a formal resignation notice from Anne Hunter. RMF thanked AH for her contribution over the years to UHS. RMF will advise PC of their involvement in the recruitment process for a replacement deputy headteacher once the process has been established. **Action** RMF
 - **Inter school liaison** – Liasion has been ongoing between schools in the local area. Senior pupils have been conducting peer to peer interviews to learn about working relationships and different practices within schools.
 - **Staffing and funding** – falling school roll has an impact on staffing levels. RMF will be in meetings soon with Highland Council to determine next year's allocation.

- **Treasurers Update** – The current account balance is currently £2,312.79. This money is available for financing the climbing and kayaking sessions once these have been arranged. SP reported that previously available Highland Council annual funding had not been drawn down as the PC seemed unaware of notifications. SP has completed the required forms and is talking to Ros Bell to see if we can access back dated monies. We will also have to set up access to the school gmail account which is the HC preferred route for communications.
Action SP
- **Date of Next Meeting:** w/c 20th April exact time and date TBA: