



Ullapool High School Parent Council
Comhairle Nam Pàrant Ardsgoil Ulapul
Minutes

Tuesday 16th Sep 2021 6:30pm, by Zoom

- **Present: (PC members):** Seori Burnett (Chair), Christine Crook (Vice-Chair), Dave Maxwell (Secretary), Sue Pomeroy (Treasurer), Fiona Saywell, , Suzanne Lewis-Ing, Julia Campbell, Ann Wood
- **Apologies** Anthony O’Flaherty, Andrew MacKay, Susan McSweeney, Nadine Lunn
- **Others in Attendance:** Robbie McFedries, Jo Stewart (Depute Head), Andrew Inglis (Teacher Rep),
- **Approval of previous minutes (Mar) –** Proposed by CC, seconded by SB
- **Matters Arising from previous meeting -** none
- **Treasure’s Update** – Balance is now £3654.41 including £314 raised from “rag bag” collection. **Action:** SP to send Easyfundrasier reminder to parents
- **Head Teacher’s Update**
 - **Exam performance-** RMF presented an analysis of this years’ exam results which overall were above the National average. Details will be available via the School Website
 - **Covid–** some restrictions are still in place e.g. facemasks, limited numbers visiting the school etc. Fortunately only 1 case has been reported so far this term.
 - **Staff:** There is an on-going shortage of teachers across Highland due to Covid testing. Unfortunately, Highland Council (HC) rules prevent advertising for Supply Teachers to cover short term medical absence and no probationers are available. However, staff have stepped up to take on additional teaching hours. HC recruitment of additional PSAs and Recovery teachers has been delayed until Oct. RMF is planning to retire this year and will be reducing to 3.5d after Oct. JS will act up in the short term and HC will advertise for a new Head and Depute in due course.
 - **External Activities** – various DoE trips were completed, a Countryside Learning event, a John Muir Trust Junior Ranger activity, an Archeology activity at Inverleal, and a Developing Young Workforce (DYW) event were held. It is hoped further trips can be run in the spring/summer.
 - **Next Year’s Exams** – details will depend on the prevailing Covid situation, but expect these to be different again next year.
- **AOB**
 - **Thanks:** The PC thanked the teachers and school staff for all their hard work during this difficult year.
 - **Activities: Action** SB and other PC members to work with the school on funding external activities when rules allow.
- **Date of Next Meeting:** Tue 9th Nov, 7pm