

Dunvegan Primary Parent Council Minutes

<p>Date: 29th January 2020 Time: 3:30pm Dunvegan Primary School</p>		
Agenda Items	Minutes	Action
<p>1. Welcome, Apologies and Thanks</p>	<p><u>Present:</u> Daniel Wood (Chair), Mali Messent (Treasurer), Lucy Salter (Secretary), Mhairi MacDonald (Headteacher), Marion MacGregor (Staff member), Corrie Robertson, Anna Campbell, Katyana Ranicar, Leona Coull, Lisa Coughlin, Suzi Campbell, Paul Curtis, Jeanette Slater, Jennifer Carke, Piero Sanguini</p> <p><u>Apologies:</u> Catherine Matheson, Laura Wood</p>	
<p>2. Minutes from the previous meeting</p>	<p>The minutes from the previous meeting on 4th November 2019 were checked and signed.</p> <p>Proposed: DW 2nd: JS</p>	
<p>3. Finance Report</p>	<p>MM gave a full finance report for the year at the AGM held directly before this meeting, so finances were not re-discussed in detail. Although the PC bank account is currently at around £200, we are about to pay in money from the Christmas Fair and concerts, as well as receiving Trust funding to cover the P7 trip costs.</p>	
<p>4. Fundraisers</p>	<p>The next fundraising event will be a Spring Fair held at the school on 26th March. This will coincide with an open afternoon for parents to see their children's work and meet their teachers in class. LC asked if parents would like children to design a tea-towel to be printed and sold at the Fair, this received a positive response.</p>	<p>LC to organise fundraising tea towel</p>
<p>5. New School</p>	<p>BBC Alba have contacted DW to ask for an interview about the new school development in Dunvegan. The PC were happy for DW to give the interview, stating that the HC have given the go-ahead for the new development, but nothing has been done by the HC since! It was suggested that the interview take place in front of the crumbling nursery demountable building rather than on the top pitch.</p>	<p>DW to contact BBC Alba for interview date.</p>

<p>6. AOCB</p>	<p><u>Music tuition payments</u> LC will give MM a list of children taking music lessons so that the PC can organise a reimbursement for parents. The PC had previously agreed to fund £10 a month towards music lessons for those taking them up. There are currently 7 children taking either strings or drumming lessons, and more are interested to join.</p> <p><u>P7 Trip payments</u> The PC will pay the next two instalments for the P7 Trip to Raasay. This money will be reimbursed to the PC from Dunvegan Trust, as part of our three year funding agreement with them.</p> <p><u>Minibus licence</u> Although the school have been using parent volunteers to drive the minibus, our insurance requires that drivers have Midas training. DW recently took the training at a cost of £100. The school staff have long expressed an interest in taking the training; the PC agreed that they would fund up to 6 school staff to take the training so that the Community minibus could be used easily for school trips and outings. Parents requested that they be informed about who is driving their children on trips, eg. whose car/taxi they are going in or who is driving the bus. LC agreed to post transport lists on the PC Facebook page, although it was noted that these were subject to change due to children being absent etc. It was noted that all parents offering lifts for school events should have Business Insurance; this usually doesn't cost any more to add to an insurance policy. A form should be completed in the school office with the drivers insurance details before parents provide transport.</p> <p><u>School Website</u> This is currently down as the hosting agreement has lapsed - the reminder emails may have been sent to Vicki Parfitt (who is on a leave of absence) and may have been missed. LC will chase this up. MM will send the logos of local businesses who donated money for the set-up of the website so that these can be displayed on the site when it is up and running again.</p> <p><u>Carseats</u> Glendale parents were in attendance as they had been sent a letter from the Highland Council saying that car seats would no longer be allowed on the school run. When they contacted the Council about this, they were told that it was a decision made by the school and taxi</p>	<p>DW to find out trainer's details and pass on to Head</p> <p>LC to post transport lists in PC FB page</p> <p>All parents offering lifts to complete form in office</p> <p>LC to contact web hosts</p> <p>MM to email logos to LC</p>
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	<p>company, however the school had not been consulted. Parents argued with the HC that the carseats were essential for their children's safety in the taxis, and then received a second letter stating that the taxi company would provide booster cushions for the children to use. The parents present stated that they were not happy with this compromise, and wanted full sized car seats to be used for all journeys. MMD has informed the HC that school staff are happy to get children in and out of car seats at the school end, and that the school has no issue with car seats being used. Lisa Coughlin stated that her next step would be to go to the press to highlight that young children were going to be transported daily with inadequate safety seats; she asked if she would have the support from the Parent Council. The PC agreed that it would support the maintenance of the current system, where children use their own car seats in the taxis. In the meantime, Glendale parents will have to choose whether to use the taxi-provided booster seats, or to drive the children to school themselves.</p>	<p>Glendale parents to meet to draft press statement</p>
<p>7. Date of the next meeting</p>	<p>The next PC meeting will be on Wednesday 26th February at 3:30pm</p>	

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