

Dunvegan Primary Parent Council Minutes

Date: 26th June 2019

Time: 3:30pm Dunvegan Primary School

Agenda Items	Minutes	Action
1. Welcome, Apologies and Thanks	<p>Present: Daniel Wood (Chair), Vicki Parfitt (Head), Mali MacKenzie, Marion MacGregor, Laura Wood, Katyana Ranicar, Nell Day, Blair Hunter-Davies, Laura Kater, Catherine Matheson, Lucy Salter, Mhairi MacDonald</p> <p>Apologies: Elgar Finlay</p> <p>VP introduced the Parent Councillors to Mhairi MacDonald, the Head of Struan and Carlost Primaries, who will be overseeing the running of Dunvegan school during Vicki's leave of absence next year.</p>	
2. Minutes from the previous meeting	<p>The minutes from the meeting 8th May 2019 were checked and signed.</p> <p>Proposed: DW 2nd: MMK</p>	
3. Finance	<p>MMK gave a finance report.</p> <p>The Parent Council made payments towards the P7 trip for all pupils this year. This money should be reimbursed by the Dunvegan Trust, as part of their 3-year funding agreement. MMK noted that there is still money allocated for trips this year that has not been used; staff will look into planning curriculum-based trips in liaison with the pupil council to ensure that these funds are used.</p> <p>MMK noted that money from fundraising events should be paid into the PC account and then halved with school fund rather than vice-versa, as this will help to demonstrate that the school is actively fundraising for projects when submitting applications for grants/funds from outside agencies.</p> <p>The PC account stands at £1851. VP asked if funds could go towards continuing to update the library books and a picnic bench outside; this was agreed by PC members.</p>	<p>Staff to plan trips with pupil councillors</p> <p>VP to ensure monies from fundraising are passed to PC to be banked.</p>
4. HC New School Proposal	<p>The issues around the plans for a new school in Dunvegan were summarised for MMD.</p> <p>The HC are having a meeting tomorrow, where £1.5 million of Early Learning funding is being recommended to be allocated to Dunvegan school. This would pay for Phase 1 of the new build,</p>	

	<p>which would contain the nursery rooms, canteen and sports hall. Allocations of capital funding will not be decided until the HC meeting in September, however the PC are hopeful that, once Phase 1 is underway, we will be in a good position to argue for more funds to complete the build.</p> <p>VP noted that the planning team had already visited the school site, so hopefully detailed plans should be drawn up soon so that the planning application process can start.</p> <p>Concerns were raised about the Football Team objecting to the plans. At our last joint meeting, the HC offered the Football Club the possibility of linking the development of a new pitch to the school rebuild, however the club have not explored any other sites to develop & are still insisting that the school pitch is their only option. PC members agreed that, at the point of the planning application being submitted, we should encourage all community members to write letters of support for the project.</p> <p>DW stated that the Football Club members had been contacting him personally about the pitch; the PC advised that their queries should now be made towards the Highland Council, as it will be their members leading the redevelopment process.</p>	
<p>5. Projects</p>	<p><u>Music Tuition</u> - parents were asked about whether their children would be interested in music tuition if it could be organised and part-funded by the Parent Council. At least six children have expressed an interest in drumming lessons, and the same for fiddle lessons. Drumming lessons could be held at Macdiarmid school with their visiting music teacher, so children would need to be transported there and back.</p> <p>A fiddle tutor has offered lessons after school hours, however times/days for this are yet to be confirmed.</p> <p><u>Arts Workshops</u> MMK informed the PC that we have £1666 towards arts workshops for the 2019 year. This is usually split into 3x£600 workshops, with visiting tutors running a series of sessions for all pupils. PC members were asked to explore possibilities for singers or artists to run workshops & to report back at the next meeting with any contacts.</p> <p><u>Plastic Free Schools</u> KR had sent the link for this to LK at the last meeting. Hopefully this will get underway in the new school session as part of the school's Eco projects.</p>	<p>VP to confirm drumming lesson times so transport can be arranged.</p> <p>All members to look for local arts providers to book for sessions.</p>

<p>6. AOB</p>	<p><u>Art Exhibition at Aros</u> This was really well received and had lots of positive feedback from Aros staff and members of the public who went to view the work. Cards of the artworks are still for sale at Aros, and VP is ordering another set to be sold in Dunvegan Post Office. The PC discussed what to do with the original artworks; it would be good if they could be sold or auctioned to raise money for the school.</p> <p><u>Website</u> Local businesses were asked last year to donate towards the school's website costs. Those that did should have their name or logo added to the website somewhere as a thanks. The Parent Council Facebook page should also carry links to the school website and class blogs to allow parents to access information as easily as possible.</p> <p><u>Minibus</u> DW was approached by another north Skye school to see if the PC would like to jointly raise funds for a shared minibus. PC members agreed that, as we have free use of the Dunvegan Community minibus, raising funds for another wouldn't be a priority for us.</p> <p><u>Four and a half day week</u> VP asked the PC for their views on changing to a 4 ½ day week in the future, in line with the High School and some other Skye primaries. This is a question raised each year, to re-assess parent's views about changing the school hours. PC members felt that childcare on a Friday afternoon and the day length may be prohibitive. VP agreed to put a poll on the Facebook page to get the views of all parents.</p> <p><u>Staffing</u> As the numbers in the Gaelic Medium have risen, the class will be split next year into P1&2 and P3-7 classes. Lorna Taggart will be the new teacher for the P3-7 class; she will be visiting on Tuesday to meet the staff and pupils.</p>	<p>LK and MMK to approach local galleries to see if they will display the artworks to sell.</p> <p>VP to put poll on Facebook</p>
<p>7. Date of the next meeting</p>	<p>TBC</p>	

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