

## Dunvegan Primary Parent Council Minutes

<p><b>Date:</b> 30<sup>th</sup> November 2020  <b>Time:</b> 7pm via online meeting</p>		
Agenda Items	Minutes	Action
<p>1. <b>Welcome, Apologies and Thanks</b></p>	<p><b>Present:</b> Anna Campbell (Chair), Mali Messent (Treasurer), Lucy Salter (Secretary), Catherine Matheson, Marion MacGregor, Vicki Parfitt (Head), Corrie Robertson, Katyana Ranicar, Fleur MacAskill</p> <p><b>Apologies:</b> Leona Coull, Daniel Wood</p>	
<p>2. <b>Minutes from the previous meeting</b></p>	<p>The minutes from the meeting held online on 1<sup>st</sup> July 2020 were checked and signed by LS on behalf of the proposer and seconder.</p> <p>Proposed: AC  2<sup>nd</sup>: MMG</p>	
<p>3. <b>Actions from previous meeting</b></p>	<p>Mhairi MacDonald was thanked for her hard work as acting Head looking after the school during Mrs Parfitt's absence, and VP was welcomed back.</p> <p>Money from the cancelled Raasay Trip has now been refunded to parents and the PC.</p> <p>Children have now returned to school after the lockdown, with a variety of measures in place to reduce the risk of Covid-19 being spread, including classes being kept in smaller 'bubbles', extra cleaning during the school day &amp; hand washing and good hygiene being practised by all.</p>	
<p>4. <b>New School update</b></p>	<p>Some PC members were invited to an online meeting with the HC and football club on 29<sup>th</sup> September 2020 (see attached minutes). At this meeting the HC showed plans for adding housing around the school site and confirmed their commitment to pressing ahead with the build. The update promised by Robert Campbell at this meeting had to be chased and finally arrived today, stating that timescales for the new build will be decided by the council at a meeting on the 17<sup>th</sup> December. VP hopes to hear more from him and the HC after this date.</p> <p>Two demountable units will be supplied to Dunvegan school to house the nursery and P5-7 class as a stop-gap whilst waiting for the new build to be ready. These should be installed early next year.</p>	<p>VP to keep the PC updated with communication from the HC</p>

	<p>VP is continuing to log all problems with the existing building and is keeping pressure on the maintenance team to keep the current building as safe as possible.</p>	
<p><b>5. Finance Report</b></p>	<p>MM presented the current PC finances (see attached report)  The PC account balance stands at £2284.82  This term the Dunvegan Trust has granted £11,541.60 for a polycrubb in the school grounds, LS to run Forest School sessions every week throughout the year, and ICT provision for all pupils. This was planned to be used for Chromebooks for all children, however these are now being provided by the Scottish Government for free to every child in school, so the funds will go towards smart TVs for classrooms to replace the failing Smartboards.  The PC will still need to raise extra funds (approx. £3000) to cover the costs of these projects, however there is money available in the account which should cover much of this.</p>	
<p><b>6. AOCB</b></p>	<p><u>Return to School</u> - Staff were asked by PC members how they feel the return to school has been since the lockdown &amp; with new measures and restrictions in place. VP reported that staff and children are beginning to feel fatigued and that there is a higher-than-usual level of anxiety, however most children and staff are glad to be back in school and are coping very well with the new ways of working. The children are not under pressure to perform in class, with the emphasis being on outdoor learning, Literacy, Maths and Health &amp; Wellbeing. MMG added that although some children had gaps in their learning due to the extended time out of school, these were not significant for most.</p> <p><u>Parental Engagement</u> - When asked how parents can engage, VP noted that the HC is trialling ways of virtual online parent/teacher meetings being held, and that this system will be rolled out to all schools when a secure and private system can be agreed on. The school is moving to online profiling for all children, meaning that parents can see what the children have been doing in school using Google Sites for older children and Seesaw for the younger age groups.</p> <p><u>New Chromebooks</u> - these are being provided free of charge by the Scottish Government for all primary pupils and should be in school before Christmas. While P6&amp;7 pupils will be able to take theirs home, younger pupils will only use theirs in school for the time being.</p>	

	<p><u>Extended Christmas break</u> - reports on the news have started rumours of an extended Christmas break to allow families to isolate after visiting relatives. VP confirmed that this is currently being discussed by the Scottish Government but that nothing has been confirmed yet.</p> <p><u>Christmas lunch/presents for children</u> - FM asked if the PC could donate towards some of the decorations and crackers provided to children as part of their Christmas lunch at school. The PC confirmed that they would cover the cost of the annual Christmas present which Santa usually delivers at the end of term party - this could be given at the Christmas lunch this year instead as Santa will be unable to visit. VP said that expenses for crackers could be taken from school fund.</p> <p><u>Gaelic Books</u> - AC said that a relative had published a set of children's stories in Gaelic, and copies would be donated to all younger Gaelic learners in school (Nursery to P3) when they were available.</p>	
<p><b>7. Date of the Next Meeting</b></p>	<p>The next meeting will be held online at 8pm on Tuesday, 26<sup>th</sup> January 2021</p>	

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