

PC- Meeting 15/02/2022 Agenda:

1. Apologies
2. Minutes from last meeting
3. Update from School/Education
4. Update from Stakeholder Meeting
5. Finance
6. Projects/Fundraising
7. AOCB

Minutes:

Present: Anna Campbell Chair, Don Esson, Dorothy Gibb, Marion MacGregor, Catherine Matheson, Samantha Muir Acting Head, Mali Messent Treasurer, Katyana Ranicar, Isabelle Florin, Leonard Cohen, Sandra Morrison, Anna Wright,

Apologies: Lucy Salter

Last meeting's minutes proposed by Mali, seconded by Catherine

Treasurers Report: Current Balance £2083.23

- Don Esson gave an update on the situation with the Head Teacher Vacancy. Samantha Muir will be acting head until a new HT is appointed. Position will be advertised at the end of next week with closing date 7-10 days from there. Applications will be reviewed with HC and PC chair, First interview would with HC staff, next would be a panel interview with 2 reps from each PC in the cluster. All going well Realistic timeframe would be that a new HT will be installed by after the Easter Holidays.
- LC raised concerns about the continuity of learning within the EM class as a result of the class teacher's absence; Samantha Muir stated that though it took a bit of time to adapt to the new situation there is now a progression plan in place for the class, so that in the event of supply teachers having to step in there is a clear plan in place to keep pupil on track with their learning.

- LC raised concern about the quality of communication following the commencement of the 2 teachers' absences. Don Esson explained the challenges faced when trying to communicate an ever changing situation and juggling personal privacy and a need for communication, but tried to reassure that everyone was doing their best.
- SM expressed how confident she was in the quality of teaching and the school spirit, and enthusiasm for how much time the kids spend outdoors. They are missing forest schools, but their teachers are taking them out as much as possible in the time they would normally be spending outdoors for FS. Discussed possibility of working with Matt from ACE target Sports to keep some more structured forest school going but this would be restricted to the older groups and also would need to be based at his site in Portree so would not be so practical. SM would like to know if the PC can make a donation to ACE for an impromptu trip the EM class made- MM will liase with her and the PC and agree an amount,
- Dorothy Gibb gave an update on the school progress. Enabling works for access to the sight has gone into planning along with the houses to speed things up as opposed to putting enabling works in with the school planning application. The school planning application has taken a bit longer because of the more complex nature of the project but it will be in soon and enabling work for access will begin this summer. The school will be of a passive house design, with the nursery being self contained so that they can have more constant access to the outdoors without affecting the ambient nature of the rest of the building.
- MM gave financial update. Good balance in the accounts at the moment after Wreathmaking and Calendar fundraising and a reimbursement from the trust for School trips. The older GM and EM classes have hopes for School Trips this year so MM is going to confirm with the Trust that we still have some funding which can be spent on this, and confirm a rough price for the EM trip with SM. The minibus as a community asset came up a few times including We still have some calendars left so MM is going to post a calendar to Edinbane, Waternish, Struan, Carbost, Broadford, Sleat and Portree Primarys as a gesture of goodwill.
- MM asked if the PC would be interested in teaming up with Grow Dunvegan to submit an application for 10 bat and 10 bee hotels around the village, including 1 of each at the school. Everyone was amenable. SM keen to get the group and the wider community sharing their green fingered expertise with the children. CM and MM mentioned possibility of a Gardening club either after school or during golden time on a Friday, not necessarily every week.
- Skye Cycle Network: MM passed on a proposed Safer Route to Schools map which has been developed by The Skye Cycle Network and Dunvegan Community Trust with input from the School and Ms Parfitt. MM is going to email it to Leona to forward on to parents and also put it on the FB page for perusal.

- It is proposed that our World Book Day Theme be one based around Sue Wood's children's book . AC keen to get this idea out in the public domain so parents can plan
- AC suggested a tea party potentially in May to get the school together, since it has been a while!