

Dunvegan Primary School

Parent Council Meeting

Minutes– Thursday 25th January 2024

Attendees: Anna Campbell, Anna Wright, Mali MacIennan, Paul Curtis, Corrie Robertson, Katy Ranicar, Bekah Day, Sam Muir, Marion MacGreggor, Kristina Macleod Kontou, Mary Lockhart, Sarah Allen, Rachel O'Connor, Hayley Finnin

- Minutes from the last meeting

Anna proposed and seconded by Corrie

- Finance update

Last balance was £1940.53 following Christmas costs.

It was confirmed that Dunvegan Trust funds go directly to the school. The Parent Council can apply to the trust if they require funds from them. The school has received its 1st instalment from the Dunvegan Trust

- Updates from the school

It's been a good start to the year.

Thank you to the parents who answered the inspectorate questionnaire and met with the inspectors. It went as well as expected and should receive the report in a few weeks.

Sgoil Araich - a Gaelic speaking EYP position is open

Mr Urquhart has joined the teaching staff

Enrollment is open and those parents with any questions about GM are encouraged to reach out to Mrs Mcleod.

The Christmas show was a success and the school is looking forward to the upcoming Burns supper and ceilidh.

FilmG was a great success and thank you to all the parents involved.

The school improvements are on track.

Sam Muir has met with the estates team to establish the priority areas for the fabric improvement of the building. Despite the Highland Council having budget issues they are keen to move forward. The main areas for improvement are: Drainage, carpark, fencing, smart boards, heating, flooring and paintwork.

Enabling works for the new housing are to still go ahead in the summer of 2024

- A.O.C.B

PC agreed to fund the leavers hoodies. Leona to find prices.
Mrs McLeod has put together a Gaelic choir. It is for all pupils GM or EM. They have asked for a supply of white shirts and ties to be kept in the school - requested PC to fund these. PC has asked for a quote.

The Facebook pages for the school and council have changed. Sam asks that PC and school pages remain separate however PC business can be shared onto the school page.

School transport - Rachel O'Connor updated us on the Harlosh arrangements. As the children seem happy there is no need to change anything at this time.

Canteen - since the issues of the canteen temperature were raised at the previous meeting, the canteen is now warmer. Thermometers have been put in and children are reminded to close the door if needed. They can take their coats and wear them if needed.

Anna Campbell asked for a vice chair. Hayley Finnin and Kristina McLeod Kontou have offered to share the role. It was also suggested that an email is sent to the parents/carers to encourage PC attendance.

Gary Wilson is restarting a Boys Brigade over Easter (girls are also welcome). They are looking for volunteers to help.

Possibility of another Easter Hunt - Anna Campbell and Katy Ranicar to discuss further.

- Date of the next meeting

25th April at 6:15pm