

Dunvegan Parent Council Meeting

09 November 2023

Attendees;

Sam Muir (SM)– Head Teacher

Anna Campbell (AC) – Chair person

Hayley Finnin (HF) – Secretary

Jeanette Slater (JS)– Treasurer

Katyana Ranicar, Corrie Robertson, Rachael O'Connor, Sarah Allan, Mary Lockhart, Marion MacGregor, Paul Curtis, Anna Wright.

Apologies;

Mali Maclennan & Spap Morrison

Confirmation of previous meeting minutes proposed by Marion, seconded by AC.

Financial Report

Update from JS - We now have the missing invoice from the Dunvegan Hall.

Total is £1940.53 pending a cheque to be given and cashed to Katyana.

Stakeholder Meeting

The recent news was not unexpected but nonetheless very sad to hear.

The stakeholder group is due to meet again next week.

Enabling works to the road and access are due to go ahead in preparation for when work does commence on the school (Funds for this will come from the School build budget and not money allocated to the school for improvements)

Applications for sports pitch improvements are still continuing and the housing is still going ahead - the continuation of these puts the school in good stead for when the newbuild gets the go ahead.

SM to submit a list of desired improvements with a focus on health and safety. These include; new heating, flooring, drainage, landscaping, damp-proofing in the basement, improvement to changing facilities, car park improvement, nursery floor changes and dishwasher, painting the interior and exterior. Please let SM know if you have any further suggestions

HF - asked for possible improvements to the gate to help keep it closed as the younger children can easily get out into the busy car park.

AW - Asked if Sgoil Araich could have the use of the two rooms again? SM explained that this is not possible due to the capacity and staff required to cover the space.

AC - Looking into the possibility of having a community meeting about the next steps to take towards funding a school build. AC will speak to Mali about the best way to reach out to the community

Fundraising

Various things happening over the next two months:

Wreath making - 25th November in Glendale Hall (Dunvegan hall is unavailable)

Christmas Cèilidh - 9th December in Dunvegan Hall. Proposed times would be 5-6pm for food and Dancing after until 11pm The Community Council to contribute funds. Helpers needed please - if you can help please speak to Katy.

School Christmas cards

Christmas Concert - 13/12th

Previous meeting updates

School transport

Rachel O'C previously queried having one larger vehicle taxi run to Harlosh and Roag to avoid 2 taxi runs and children getting home late. R o'C looking to gauge other parent's view on the matter and if it is worth raising with Highland Council. She will put a post on FB.

Canteen

Some feedback that the canteen is too cold. SM had also picked up on this and will put in some portable heaters.

More information requested about Squads in the canteen. SM explained that they are to encourage better canteen behaviour and improve manor while earning points for their squads. This includes saying a blessing (not a prayer) to say thank you for the food. SM will seek pupil feedback on this.

Pupil canteen cleaning - Some parents requested more information about this and the impact on social/play time. SM explained P5-7 children are rostered to this twice a month and she had not had any direct negative feedback from the children, however an assembly may help to refresh the situation.

Parents have asked that changes like this are communicated to them in order to help support the child at home.

AOB

Vice chairperson URGENTLY needed. If a new vice chair is not allocated at the next meeting AC will have to step down as Chair. HF to put together a poster/comms to attract someone to the position and hopefully attract more attendees to the PC

Queries regarding having goals on the pitch. SM confirmed their goals already in place.

Facebook page has been changed to Bun Sgoil Dhun Bheagain. School staff can now use it to promote the school but it will not be used for communication purposes. New PC page to be created.

Date of Next Meeting –18th January at 6pm