

KINLOCHLEVEN HIGH SCHOOL PARENT COUNCIL

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 21st June 2018

PRESENT: Dave Shepton, Carol MacKenzie, Rebecca Machin, Ilona Munro, Margaret Sinclair, Gordon Milne, Ilona Munro, Tara Livornese, Caroline Brennan, Andrew Baxter

APOLOGIES: Eileen Blair, Katie Small, Frances Dent, Jenny Ward, Graeme Martin, Thomas Janzen

PREVIOUS MINUTES: Approved with amendment: re Gaelic School – M.S. stated that as far as she knew that free transport was not an option in accessing Duror to Appin Gaelic Medium.

Fundraising Review: The Pre 65's raised £1285 (but will get exact report on this)

We have increased our fundraising by over £1000 this year. Having one person/team in charge of each event was great. The use of the App and social media really helped.

Skyline Event: MS said she would lead on this event. There are three nights booked, which are split with Kinlochlovin'. There will also be music. This year is the world championships, so lots of volunteers are needed.

For the next agenda could we please have who leads which event again?

Head Teacher's Report: Staffing- Helen Roberts, Art, has a new job. The School has an ATR – Authority To Recruit. Eilidh Stewart will return in a temp position until October. Interviews will be held at the end of the summer.

Gordon Milne will retire in October.

We did not get a Tech. probationer.

Chloe Putton is working towards dual qualification but this will not be in time for the 2018.19 session for S4 plus.

MS brought up the issue around a possible unequitable system with SQA, regarding lack of teachers. There is now no appeal system with regard to prelims. There was a discussion regarding this and a response around "resilience".

Cosmetology: The course Tutor pulled out at short notice. Graeme Martin will be a verifier for this course for level 5 SQCF and Level 6 units. Pamela Griffin will teach part of the course with two industry tutors taking other sections.

Management of Schools/Sustainability of Schools: Councillor Andrew Baxter went over the historical information on the ASG and unanimous vote, over 2 years ago. When he took over as Chairman of the education committee, he asked for a new look at this with regard to proper time and resources. He asked for 5 ASG's (not 12). He also asked for alternative models to be considered, and that no one model should be forced on communities and parents. AB would like to lead from the front on this and find a way to make it work.

The council is facing £13 million in cuts next year. AB stated that this was not about closing schools, and the solutions would be different in different places.

CB asked what the parameters were. They were mentioned at the meeting but not explained. There is no date yet for the second meeting. A long term policy is needed and not a short term knee jerk reaction.

School Improvement Plan: This has been postponed to the next PC meeting.

Treasurer's Report: Confirmed £1285.57 raised at the Pre-65's.

Frances is stepping down as Treasurer. A big thank you to Frances for "nailing jelly to a wall"!

New members: Place on next agenda. Please note that the two year post is up for the Chair, Dave Shepton and the Secretary, Ilona Munro.

Correspondence: All via email to DS

AOB: Buses: CM enquired if the new bus plan was in place for next term.

Shuttle busses have been used in the exam period, which was manageable with school role being down during the exams. However, the contract not fulfilled for Transition Week. RM has been driving all over South Lochaber to check on buses and to ferry children.

Stagecoach services have been unacceptable: driving with standing children, without wing mirrors and a non-shutting emergency exit. The School has "bought" 88 seats but tourists were allowed on at various points leaving children without a school bus seat. RM emailing Linda MacQueen. AB has asked for a copy of email. He also asked RM to email Mike Cooper, Transport Officer. Mike has asked parents to email him too.

Date of Next Meeting: Thursday 30th August 2018, 7pm at Kinlochleven Library