

Sgoil an Iochdair Parent Council
AGM Session 21/22
6pm Monday 13th September 2021

In attendance

Anne Graham - Executive Head

Kay Marie MacInness - Staff

Neil Johnstone - Chair

Thomas Fisher - Vice Chair

Jemma MacVicar - Note Taker

Mel Macdonald-Butler - Parent

Belina & Robert Currie - Parent

Marion Isa Bell - Parent

Mairi & Neilie- Parent

Louise McBride Parent

Apologies

Shirley Ann

Amanda Macdonald

Christina Macintosh

Martin Butler

Fiona Macdonald

Office Bearers

All previous office bearers happy to remain and no new volunteers came forward

Neil Johnstone - Chair

Thomas Fisher - Vice Chair

Shirley Ann - Secretary

Martin Butler - Treasurer

Covid Update

Anne Graham updated all risk assessments are in place and continually reviewed. All protocols in relation to accessing the school remain in place. New warn and inform letter issued should any case affect school. Following all government guidance.

RSHP

Update from Anne Graham - Evaluation of framework to take place across all 4 Uist primaries.

Pupils, staff and parents have been issued surveys, initial feedback from pupils is positive. Wish to encourage parents to return survey, a reminder with the survey link will be sent out tomorrow.

Once all feedback received the management teams of all Uist primaries will meet to discuss and should any amendments be needed, these will be communicated to parents.

Staffing

Interviews for principal teacher and LS role to take place on 16th September

Role of Head has been shortlisted with input from Neil Johnstone and Mel Butler as parent reps, interviews to take place later this month.

Anne Graham will complete handover of both roles

Pupil Equity Fund Officer role has not been advertised and currently filled by relief staff, Anne Graham has requested this be advertised as a permanent post.

No update on Janitor vacancy, interim measure of Balivanich Janitors covering will remain in place until at least October holidays.

Cleaner position has had applicants and awaiting interview dates.

Playground

Separate meeting to be arranged shortly with Willie Macdonald CNES to discuss playpark, CCTV and parking issues.

Fundraising

Neil suggested prize bingo night. Mel, Bellina, Robert & Jemma all volunteered to help him organize.

CCTV

Neil to meet with tech services tomorrow to assess where and when CCTV will be installed and will update PC following meeting.

P7 Trip

Unknown what restrictions will allow.

Preference was for a trip to mainland but should that not be possible there are enough resources on island to make an exciting trip for P7s. Last years arrangement was well received. Suggestion was made to organize boat trips and water sports. New tents have been purchased, thanks to MacInnes Bros and ward funding from local councilors, this would allow a camping trip to be an option.

Will discuss at next meeting when hopefully restrictions are a bit clearer.

Anne Graham to check with Ann Evans on amount currently in trip fund pot. There are 10 pupils in P7.

Suggestion made that should a local event be arranged maybe have 2/3 activities on different days to limit risk of a child missing out due to having to self isolate.

Youth Club

Parents would like to plan for this to begin post October break, should restrictions allow.

Every parent volunteering must have a disclosure through school, many have already been completed when planning on setting up youth club pre covid.

Suggested it should take place on a Wednesday evening.

Thomas to draft letter to parents to gain feedback, Christina Macintosh has offered to take lead in running youth club. Jemma offered to help support Thomas in getting the club up and running.

AOCB

Question asked if any Halloween events planned. There will be a virtual Halloween parade as it is not expected parents will be allowed access to the school.

Next meeting Mon 1st Nov 6pm