

**Sgoil an lochdair  
Parent Council Meeting  
Thursday 25th January at 7:00pm**



**PRESENT** Joan MacDonald – Head of School  
Mel Butler - Chair  
Martin Butler – Treasurer  
Louise McBride – Parent  
Bellina Currie – Parent

Andrew Shaw – Parent  
Louise McBride – Parent  
Kay Marie MacInnes –  
Parent/Teacher

**APOLOGIES** Donna Wilson – Secretary

**1. Treasurers Report**

The bank balance is £4054.20. It was decided to use online banking with the bank of Scotland.

**2. School Update**

Joan Macdonald shared the draft policies on relationships & behaviour and Equality and parents contributed their comments and suggestions. These will be updated and shared on the website. <https://blogs.glowscotland.org.uk/es/sgoilaniochdaireileansiar/parantan-parents/school-handbook/>

**3. Playpark/Playground**

Joan has been assured by Tech Services that the plans to renovate the playpark is to out for tender soon in time for a late spring / early summer start. This is to allow for grass to be planted as part of the upgrade. Joan to contact again for a date for tendering.

**4. Fundraising/Funding**

Rising costs while wanting to keep the cost of the school day minimal means that the contribution parents pay towards the healthy and rubbish free snack (crackers / crackerbread / toast) doesn't cover the costs.

Mel to apply to Tesco's for funding towards snack.

Joan to contact Lovats re their Making a Difference Fund.

AnnMarie Johnson offered to support a fundraising Bingo if and when appropriate. It was decided to leave a Bingo till next year.

A family Quiz to take place on Friday 15th March at 7pm in Sgoil an lochdair. Mel to create questions. Teams of up to 4 adults – plus children. Parents to contribute to the teas.

**5. Youth Club Update**

Good numbers in attendance. More parents encouraged to volunteer. PVG forms available from school office for parents who are willing to be on the rota.

**6. Football Update**

Louise, John & Robert successfully took part in SFL training online organised by Christine MacQuarrie. Balivanich Football Club applied for funds to pay for this. Louise, John & Robert to claim the costs back via WJ Monk. Martin offered to pay from PC funds if there were any delays.

Following the training the parent helpers plan to meet with young leaders to create a varied plan for each week.

**7. Uniform**

Young Leaders have discussed starting a WOW Wednesday initiative where full uniform including ties are worn each week. Pupils also keen to wear ties on Fridays too for the weekly assemblies and certificates. School Uniform as described in the handbook was discussed and will be highlighted to all families.

**8. Catchment**

Daliburgh Parent Council are planning on making a formal proposal to redefine the lochdar and Daliburgh Catchment areas. Mel attended a Public meeting at Cothrom last night 24/1/24 about the issue.

lochdar Parent Council agreed that they were not in agreement with this proposal. Mel to inform lochdar Community Council and Sgoil an lochdair sa Choimhearsnachd of the situation. Mel and Joan have been invited to attend a Daliburgh Parent Council meeting about the issue on Tuesday 30th January.

This process will involve community and parent consultations.

9. **AOCB**

Donald MacLeod Chief Officer to visit the school to meet pupils and staff on Monday 29th January.

10. **Date of Next Meeting**

TBC