



Sgoil an

lochdair

Parent Council – Meeting

19:00hrs Tuesday 21st May 2026 @ Sgoil an lochdair

Minutes

Present: Mel MacDonald-Butler (Chair), Phillipa Rewaj (Secretary), Joan MacDonald (Head of School), Andrew Shaw (Vice-Chair), Louise McBride, Oni Fraser

Via Teams: Michelle Cameron

Apologies: Bellina Currie, Martin Butler (Treasurer)

• Item	• Action
Gaelic: ○ Mod: all pupils participating in Mod Uibhist this week. Pupils have been helped to prepare by volunteers from the community as part of intergenerational working ○ Validated Self Evaluation (VSE) highlighted very high standard of Gaelic in school	
P7 trip • Still awaiting final bill from Fairburn to determine whether any remaining funds can be distributed to P7 families.	
Pathway: • Official launch/opening date not set yet. Possibility for walk to school breakfast club event, perhaps in September once school back. • Pathway open for general use, however if children are using outside of school hours, school not policing/supervising. • Rubbish has been found on pathway. Highlighted that there are no rubbish bins on route. This was a deliberate decision on installation as complications with who takes responsibility for emptying, and potential to attract pests if not emptied.	
Playpark and Ballpark: • Playpark:	

○ Bagleys have been awarded contract for cutting grass in playpark and maintaining matting. ○ Awaiting tarring to progress.	
National Mod: • National Mod in Glasgow this October. • Plans to send choir and possibly Action Song too • Entries for National Mod need to be submitted by 31st May • Message to be sent out to families enquiring who would be interested in participating in group competitions (i.e. choir, action song) at Mod • Investigate funding sources to help with travel	
P6/7 trip: • Planning overnight trip to Grogarry Lodge on 24th June • P7 trip next year: Fairburn still hopefully an option as can now potentially accommodate larger groups. Newtonmore is another possibility –not quite the same onsite set up, but possibly slightly cheaper.	
School Improvement Plan: • Play Pedagogy: ○ Learning to be play based, particularly early years, but also maintain some play base in older years. • Literacy Project: ○ Reading Schools Award ○ Author Simon Lamb came into school, a lot of engagement from pupils. Look at potentially getting another author into school next year.	
AOB • Defibrillator: Tech Services replacing as found to be faulty during recent first aid training. Due to be installed w/c 18/05 • Playground markings: Due to start on 27th May and complete any remaining markings on the 28th after the Mod competitions • Screen Machine up again in July – possibility of final Youth Club trip of year as previous trips very popular.	
Date of next meeting AGM 10th September 7pm	