

Burra Parent Council

Minutes of Meeting of Burra Parent Council held on Vscene on Thursday 28th January 2021

Present: Kay Anderson (Chair)
Ashley Ritch (Vice Chair)
Julia Halcrow (Parent)
Denise Duncan (Parent)
Carole Smith (Parent/ Police)
Sam Gibney (Parent)

In Attendance: Zuzanna O'Rourke (Clerk)
Helen Robertson (Head Teacher)

- **Notice of Meeting:**
Kay welcomed everyone to the meeting.
- **Apologies:** Shannon Thomason, Jennifer Nicolson, Amy, Kate Anderson, Cheryl Manson
- **Approve Minutes of meeting held on 19th November 2020**
Minutes were approved by Carole and seconded by Julia.
- **Business Arising:**
 1. Parental communication and remote learning.
Helen reassured parents that there are currently no plans to introduce live lessons in Hamnavoe. Neither the SIC or EIS are putting any pressure to run remote sessions and leave the decision to schools. Helen feels it would be inequitable to run remote sessions at the moment as some pupils have problems with internet access and receive paper packs rather than rely on Glow; also, not every family follows the timetable of a school day due to childcare and work commitments. The school may look into delivering remote sessions in the future.
Parents will be invited to create a remote learning subgroup to support the school and add a parental perspective.
 2. Safety week.
Carole has two road safety presentations ready to deliver: one for P1-4 and the other one for P5-6, as well as an internet safety presentation for parents. Road safety week has been provisionally planned for the week beginning Monday 1st March. Carole will deliver her presentations remotely to both age groups. Elaine Skinley will help with bike safety activities when we're back in school.
The internet safety presentation could be delivered over Vscene. Carole asked Youth Services to get involved with advice re gaming.

3. Mitigation in school to keep pupils and staff safe.
Pupils have been divided into 2 'bubbles' with no staff crossover. Mrs Robertson is the only staff member working across 'bubbles'. Staff are wearing masks at all times, inside and outside. One of the classrooms has been set up for staff breaks, with social distancing and plenty of ventilation.
4. Feedback on Christmas concert.
All PC members agree that staff have done a fabulous job organising a lovely concert under difficult circumstances.
5. Parent Council contact sharing
Julia has drafted a leaflet explaining the role of the Parent Council and listing members' names and contact details. This information is to be shared on the school website [Parent Council | \(glowscotland.org.uk\)](http://Parent Council | (glowscotland.org.uk)). Leaflet is to be circulated amongst PC members and consent is to be sought from all for their details to be shared in that way.
6. School fund.
The school fund currently stands at £4274. Part of that sum is going towards the outdoor learning project. Work over the holidays is to improve ASN facilities.
7. Progress on outdoor equipment
Shute is soon to be set in. Imaginative play equipment is being added, this is currently on hold due to the Covid 19 situation.
8. School Improvement Plan.
 - a. staff are being upskilled in digital learning;
 - b. Connecting Classrooms bid has been accepted, early communication with teachers from Kenya, Glasgow and Aith.
9. Cattle grid
Fantastic work from Sam who has ensured that the cattle grid and the turnstile are to be removed and tarred over before the spring. SIC Road Service would like to encourage pupils to use this as the point of entry to school grounds along with school bus drop off point. This is to be tried over the summer term. There is scope if necessary to look at improvements to the 'preferred pedestrian/pupil route' if the above doesn't work. Map of planned access attached.
10. Parent Council on Facebook.
Kay stressed that while parents are happy with communications from school, there is not a lot coming from the PC itself. It is hoped that Julia's leaflet will help disseminate information regarding the work of PC amongst all parents. PC will be looking for feedback to determine if more communication/ new communication channels are required.
11. Transition.
New starts are not able to visit the school at the moment. Potential for enhanced visits/ outdoors playdates is being explored. P7 pupils are to visit AHS in term 4. These visits are to take place in the afternoons when AHS pupils are not in the building.

- Date of next meeting: 18th March 2021 at 6pm