

# **Gairloch High School Parent Council Meeting**

## **8pm Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> November 2021**

### **Minutes**

Present; Fiona MacKenzie, Ingela Davis, Wim Chalmet, Emma Wotherspoon, Lynn Campbell, Angela Rae, Stuart Smith, Kate MacRae, Lucy Cairney.

Apologies; None

#### **Head Teacher's Report**

- Wim presented the School Improvement Plan and updated progress. Pupils, staff and members of the community were asked for personal values, to which 160 responses were received in total, 95 of these from pupils. This week there was a whole school pupil voice session held on Wordcloud which enabled an anonymous voice from the pupils.
- Vision & Values- next term the captains along with Wim and Donna will formulate our vision according to feedback.
- Wim expressed concern over a challenge to soon face our school- the roll is currently dropping (over the past 5 years it has dropped from 130 to 110). Although it is predicted to drop further to 100 and to then be stable for the next 4-5 years, the whole school budget is set according to school roll and therefore this could mean a drop in staff. The formula is currently under review and Wim will have more information at the next meeting. Angela added that following her challenge on the equation no answer was given. The immediate problem was solved but there was no further information. A suggestion was made for baseline staffing to be requested. Angela and Ian Davis (of the previous working group) will update Fiona prior to the next meeting.
- Wim advised that Nasal Lateral Flow test kits are now available.

**Education Scotland** Fiona noted she had received an email from Ros Bell regarding the Scottish Government's current consultation about the OECD report recommendations to change the role of Education Scotland and the SQA. Parent Councils are being requested to submit responses however it closes on Friday 26th November. Kate raised concerns over the timeframe and lack of information for parents which Emma supported and offered to provide more (clearer) information.

**High School Dance** This year will be hosted by a collaboration between the PC, Den and hosted in the Gairloch Hotel who we thank for their support. The school and staff can not be linked to this event in any way but it is thought that there is sufficient support in place.PC to carry the cost so as not to leave the Den out of pocket in any way so we will therefore lead the fundraising. Ticket prices are to be kept low to make the dance accessible to all. School captains have suggested we support MIkey's line as the charity to support in this wellbeing event- ticket prices will be the donation. Susan MacLean (Den) is to appeal via social media for charitable donations.

Fiona suggested not changing signatories to enable smooth running of finances during the tight time frame.

Angela enquired re. Funds- Stuart is still to come back to Fiona with a price, Alastair MacDonald has quoted £800 for his dance band- yet to confirm they can play due to other commitments.

Risk assessment will be carried out on Friday.

Wim expressed thanks for supporting the event and noted that the previous ticket price was £5.

Back up date in March for dance should it have to be cancelled.

Kate suggested she approach the Loch Ewe Community Church to use one of their charity quiz nights to raise funds to support this.

Angela asked could the school quiz be open to parents and use this as a fundraising event?

**AOB** Emma informed the PC that now the climbing wall is open, Paul Tattersall has offered to come in and support S1 SMART sessions. The cost for this is £140 and she asked that the PC fund it- all were in agreement.

**Date of next meeting TBC**