

Minutes Gairloch High School Parent Council Meeting

Wednesday 9.02.22 7.00pm Online

Present: Jess McWhinney, Lucy Griffin, Lucy Cairney, Fiona MacKenzie, Wim Chalmet, Angela Rae, Adrian Telfer, Kate Macrae

Agenda Points		Action
Apologies	Chris Hildrey, Lynn Frost, Ian Davis, Ingela Davis, Emma Wotherspoon, Luciana Scarfo	
Minutes last meeting	Wim encouraged minutes to be put out asap in order to get information out to wider parent forum and staff	
Head Teacher Report	Wim- will report on most pressing issues in the head teacher reports, but if there are any questions they can always be asked	
Staffing	<p>Email received early January with news of additional funding made available and have been allocated 0.4 teacher until new financial year (end of April). This has been put towards English/Literacy teacher</p> <p>This has been filled by two teachers</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Jane Law 0.2 FTE (1 day/week) ● Rebecca Loudon 0.2 FTE (1day/week) <p>At the moment Mrs Loudon has resigned to take up a full-time post in Inverness. Mrs Law kindly agreed to take on the full 0.4 FTE post and the request is currently waiting for approval at workforce planning.</p> <p><u>Office Staff</u></p> <p>Delwyn Perris, admin assistant, has resigned for personal circumstances, her last day being 18 february. She has been irreplaceable and will be very much missed. Advert going out soon for 28 hrs post. Will be gap until post is filled.</p> <p><u>Staffing next session</u></p> <p>Staffing will be reduced due to falling numbers. The extent of reduction will be clearer in first week of march.</p> <p>Forecasted numbers seem to be stable over next 5-6 years</p>	
Covid update	The school has moved away from the bubble system but other mitigations are still in place. Things will stay the same unless cases rise. Thankfully Gairloch High seen very few cases, which were all isolated.	
Parental Empowerment	Gairloch High School Improvement Plan has four improvement pillars . One of these is Empowerment Wim is requesting to set up a short term parental advisory group working towards creating a document that will go to the wider parent forum for feedback. In this we are looking	Parents contact Wim if able to discuss topic of parent empowerment

	at what can be improved in relation to the empowerment of parents. Please could 1-2 parents meet to discuss	
Parent Council engagement	<p>Fiona- would like to see a social event to encourage engagement with the parent council. Council on its knees due to low engagement. Believes this is a sign of the times and expected to take some years before folk feel comfortable engaging. Any suggestions to encourage parents?</p> <p>Lucy G- could put out previous achievements of parent council</p> <p>Fiona- Focus on positives and work on what we've got.</p>	
School Dance	<p>Fiona- postponing the dance in Dec was disappointing. People were quite divided about whether they thought dance should go ahead or not. The encouraging outcome was a large response from students and parents. Also there was good collaboration between the Den, student body and parent council.</p> <p>Plan is for dance to go ahead 4th March. The Den is all set to organise it as they are in the habit of Friday evening out of school provision. PC to fund it.</p> <p>Dance so far was well supported but funding still needed.</p> <p>Most likely charge £5 at the door. Will put request out for more funds and funds to go to Mikey's Line (student charity choice)</p>	Parents: contact Fiona if able to help with fundraising including other (fundraising) ideas
AOB	<p>Question: Is school position still no involvement with dance? Wim: yes, remains the same, school not to be involved. Very disappointing and rationale not clear</p> <p>Question from Fee: How do folk feel about keeping meeting virtual? Wim: meetings could be a hybrid of virtual and in-person. School has the facilities to make this possible. Response: Hybrid works well for most people</p> <p>Request from Wim: Could PC fund 'Go mountain bike' (like climbing certificate s1's did) This is part of SMART in s1 and DofE MTB expedition. We hope to develop this into an after school club as part of a wider community group. There is a need for people qualified to help out here. Agreed by all to support</p>	
DONM	Wednesday 11 May 7pm online and in school hybrid trial	

Finish 7.30 pm