

Glen Urquhart High School Parent Council

4 November 2015

In Attendance:	PM	Paul Milton	Head Teacher
	SK	Sodi Kakouris	Chairperson
	LI	Lesley Inglis	Treasurer
	MW	Morag Watson	Secretary
	PC	Paula Cooper	
	MF	Morag Fraser	
	KH	Karen Hookham	

Not Present:

- Emma Cooper
- Laura Quinn
- Roni Smith
- Lurna Stobo

Action

1 Welcome and Apologies

Apologies were received from Laura Quinn.

2 Minutes of Meeting of 9 June 2015

Minutes were approved.

3 Matters Arising

3.1 Item 4.2 – The Highland Council Parent Council Email Account

The Council agreed with SK that the email section should not be used as a forum and had re-issued guidance; this does seem to have improved the situation as SK had since seen a reduction in email notifications received.

4 Correspondence

No correspondence had been received.

5 Head Teacher's Report

5.1 Website

The new website was live and PM thanked members for their helpful feedback. The office would be keeping it updated and we should pass anything for the Parent Council page to them.

5.2 School Roll

The school roll is 226.

5.3 Sponsored Walk

The pupils had done a fantastic job with £4,469 pledged, exceeding the target.

5.4 Staffing

Charlotte Murray, Clerical Assistant, would be on maternity leave between January and August. A temporary vacancy would be advertised

Mrs Ballantyne would be making a phased return, starting with 1 day a week and building up each week. Mrs Ballantyne's temporary replacement had moved on but a further replacement

had been secured.

Brenda Seatter had been appointed to replace Kirsten Petrie.

- 5.5 Fitness and Social Media Safety
The senior pupils' normal timetable would be suspended on 17th December to enable them to have a day focussed on fitness and social media safety.
- 5.6 Careers Fair
There should be 32 people at the Careers Fair on 19th November, including representatives of universities and local employers.
- Parent Council would serve teas (6.30pm for 7.00pm arrival) for parents and helpers. KH would check tea box stock. KH
- 5.7 Lion King
Parent Council members would be offered 2 tickets each as a thank you. LI was finalising the rota for interval teas. LI
- 5.8 Senior Citizens Party
Help with catering would be required for the Senior Citizen party. All
- 5.9 Christmas Service
The Christmas Service would take place on Tuesday 22nd December.
- 5.10 Young Enterprise
This scheme was going well with around 15 pupils taking part and really enjoying it. There would be a "Dragons' Den" event on Monday, with four dragons who would provide real feedback to their 3 minute pitches. Funding comes from Datagenic and the Council.
- 5.11 Youth and Philanthropy Initiative
This was progressing well for S3 pupils, who were getting ready for the first round of presentations.
- 5.12 Parental Email Addresses
The process of gathering parental email addresses had begun with a view to moving to email correspondence with parents. Nothing vital would be sent by email due to the danger of being missed.
- 6 Treasurer's Report**
- 6.1 The account balance stands at £2,554.20, the activity week reimbursement, burgers and ice-cream for pupils having been paid out. There was no new income.
- 7 Events**
- 7.1 Film Update
The theatre had been booked for the afternoon of Saturday 21st November and it was agreed the film shown would be the original Star Wars "IV – A New Hope".
- MW would prepare a poster and display around the village, pass to the primary school and post on MFR and Facebook. MW
 - PC would circulate to Balnain and Cannich primary schools. PC

- PM would announce at the next Assembly. PM
- KH volunteered Jamie as projectionist; MW would need to work out the interval point. KH/MW
- LI would provide a £100 float once advised what would be needed. LI/MW
- MW, KH, PC & LI had volunteered for the afternoon. All note

7.2 Alternative Fundraising Ideas

Ideas put forward included running a Table Top Sale next year, having had a break from these for a few years.

Approaching local businesses for raffle prizes, which again we hadn't done recently.

SK would speak to his work as he had some possible ideas to run by them. SK

Any further ideas to be emailed round the group.

7.2.1 Bingo

It was agreed to hold a Bingo Night in late January, Friday 29th was suggested but would be dependent on Bobo's availability.

- MF would ask Bobo whether he could host, and get his preferred date. MF
- MW would book the café and canteen area once date confirmed. MW
- KH would get the Line prizes. KH
- Check whether the Enterprise Group would like to have a stall on the night. tbc
- Perhaps run a Lucky Bucket and/or raffle. tbc
- Tea and baking would be on sale. tbc

Final arrangements would be agreed at the January meeting.

7.2.3 Leavers' Fundraising

LI and KH would meet with the Leavers on Monday 9th November at 1.45pm, to discuss fundraising for and what form the 2016 Leavers' Do should take. They would offer the suggestion of something similar to this year, perhaps with the Leaver's meal at 5pm then straight on to their dance. Explain that we would contribute towards the cost but also expected them to raise funds: the more they raise the more options they have. The meal was also our thanks to the staff, with our contribution covering their costs. PC suggesting hiring caterers could be an alternative option. LI/KH

Jane was already holding some funds which they had raised through a dress down day and bake day. LI/KH would suggest that they run a raffle on each night of the school show, with each pupil donating a prize. PM thought this year group had the potential to come up with some good ideas and do well at fundraising.

It would be made clear to them that we would not be involved in arrangements for their After Party, and no money raised by the school would be used for it.

If additional funds were raised there would be the option of presenting S6 with a Leavers' Book again, should Cate Gordon be willing to assist. Should the Leavers wish to organise Hoodies this

would be done through the school office.

8 Any Other Business

There was no further business.

9 Date of Next Meetings

The next meeting will be held at 7pm on Thursday 21st January 2015. PM to book meeting room. All note PM

MF presented her apologies in advance for the April 2016 meeting. MW