**GLEN URQUHART HIGH SCHOOL**

**Parent Council Meeting**

**7.30pm Wednesday 16/06/2021**

Present: Joan Nelson JN Head Teacher

Alan Hood AH Chairperson

Karen Simpson KS Secretary

Amanda Graham AG

Deirdre Hart

Cherie Stewart

Dave Stewart

Jill Hodge JH

Lorraine Young

Amanda Luscombe-Smith ALS

Brad Garrison

Apologies: Debbie MacKinnon

Keri Westall Treasurer

**1.Welcome and Apologies**

AH welcomed everyone to the meeting and established apologies as above. Once again internet connections were not constant so difficult to take notes.

**2.Approval of Minutes from the meeting on 21/04/2021**

Proposed by JH and seconded by AH.

**3.Matters arising from the meeting on 21/04/2021**

Parent council insurance has been paid and paperwork still to be forwarded to KS from JN.

Drama benches monetary transactions unknown, KW not present.

Leavers reserved money, see No 8.

High school web page has been updated to include current Minutes.

Mr Hay’s expertise required for drama video performance done during covid.

**4.Correspondence**

Ongoing scam issues, Norton Antivirus Security currently claiming GUHS has purchased their services, plus invoice sent. Ignored.

**5.Head Teacher’s Report**

See end for content.

During technical hitch AG discussed the Recovery curriculum funding, which is government assistance following covid lockdown. Literacy and numeracy in the S1 & 2 year groups is the target, Mrs MacGroarty helping 1 day a week.

Pupil Equity Fund accessed for Pupil Support Assistant. This role to take the 1 world project forward and establish links with other school/s, perhaps both home and abroad to widen awareness of experiences beyond Drumnadrochit.

Alternative Certification Model

Following cancellation of exams, staff have been upskilling with guidance from SQA to ensure the correct standards attained for the assessment process. This has been tracked by senior management.

The Assessment Certification has been robustly assessed. They have been provided by a secure site.

SQA obtained evidence (pupils work) from a number of subjects, remarked them and compared their results to the teachers. All the GUHS teachers assessed passed this process and noted to have submitted high quality of evidence.

All schools partnered with other schools, big, small, in other regions. This allowed the moderation event to occur. Assessments were swopped and marked by other schools, with in-depth discussions, mostly during in-service days.

Following this consideration of the evidence, the predicted results have been gathered. Senior management have considered each subjects performance over the last 3 years to see if any variances have been highlighted. If so, the assessment work is rechecked – and teachers check individual evidence and justify the grade given

Each child's grade is then explained to Highland Councils Education Dept, next week. David Humphris and Joan Nelson will be entering the results on the SQA website on 25/06/2021. Certificates to be issued in August.

At this stage assessment results are known by pupils but not the predicted grade.

Aertificate containing the predicted grades and a letter from the school will be sent out next Tues/Wed, allowing pupils time to talk to teachers before the end of term.

An appeal system will be in place from 04/08/2021. Grades can obviously go up or down.

Noted that there are postal issues in Drumnadrochit, so parents may receive the results by email as a backup.

**6.Treasurer’s Report**

See submitted form, Keri not present.

In the interim £2295 received via Soirbheas for the Outward Bound Course.

**7.Soirbheas**

Previous grant was repurposed. Lot of paperwork done by AH and many hours involved in this, to obtain money for above mentioned course.

**8.Leavers Event**

AG purchased new inserts for leavers medals, have been delivered to the school.

Leavers assembly will be held in the church, due to low school numbers.

23 leavers this year. They have organised a meal for pupils only at the Fiddlers Restaurant, with the set meal being £20/head. This will take place on 25/06/2021.

KW will release these funds.

Last year’s S6 contacted and encouraged to organise their leavers meal asap. They are aware the funds will be held until Christmas 2021, after which time if all/some of the fund remains will be used to support current pupils in some form. Again KW will need to release the funds if required.

**9.School play**

Awaiting Highland Councils position statement for August. Restrictions within school won’t change, to protect both staff and pupil’s. Approximately 3 weeks into the term HC will give a new position statement for what can/cannot be done.

New Depute Head has a background in drama. Hoping to plan something but nothing confirmed yet, hope to involve ALS.

Decision will be made in Aug/Sept.

Possibly be streamed online. Church building installing live stream equipment.

**10.AOB**

Nil.