

<b>Minute/Note of Meeting</b>	<b>TITLE</b>	<b>Sgoil Lionacleit Parent Council</b>		
	<b>DATE</b>	<b>Monday 6<sup>th</sup> December</b>	<b>TIME</b>	<b>6.30pm</b>
	<b>VENUE</b>	<b>online</b>		

<b>Present: parents/carers</b>	Ann MacDonald, Johanne Ferguson, Gail Robertson, Morag Henderson, Mairi MacRitchie, Michelle Shepherd, Margaret Coull, Susan Thomson, Katie MacLeod and Kirsty MacDonald, Kate MacDonald, Joanna Peteranna, Chloe Manchester, Helen Bagley
<b>others</b>	Gordon Young (HT), David Downham (DHT), and Cllr Iain MacNeil
<b>Apologies:</b>	Heather MacDonald, Uilleam MacDonald, Cllr Roddy Mackay

	<b>Agenda Item</b>	<b>Summary</b>	<b>Action</b>	<b>Who?</b>	<b>When?</b>
1.	<b>Approval of minutes</b>	Minutes from 04October 2021– proposed by AM, approved by MH			
2.	<b>Matters Arising</b>	AGM update. Fiona MacDonald resigned as Secretary and Susan Thomson has agreed to take on the role.  Makaton. Makaton used in some classroom and young people are encouraged to use also. Extra support is available for staff. A lunchtime Makaton club has been recognised as a good idea.	GY will ask Christine Lapsley to progress lunchtime club.	Gordon	
3.	<b>Head teachers update</b>	Full update attached <a href="#">here</a> .			
4.	<b>Covid contingency planning</b>	Following guidelines but continues to be challenging. No requirement to send any year group home as a result of Covid which is bucking the trend in other schools.  Active learning guides published online for pupils and parents to address identified learning gaps, in S1-3, and boost attainment. Hard copies also to be distributed.  Christmas Dance cancelled and replaced with meal for S6 pupils in order to meet guidelines. Summer Ball proposed as an alternative – ongoing discussions.	Continue to review and act on guidance.  Update at next meeting	Gordon	

		<p>JP noted that while some parents were trying to organise alternative Christmas events, the Dark Island would not accept booking for such events. Thanks for this support from GY.</p> <p>Update on CO2 monitors. Data collected from monitors has been submitted to Scottish Government. No teaching areas have been identified as high risk. Monitoring to continue in areas identified as medium risk. Reminders have been sent to leave windows open to improve ventilation. Pupils ok to leave jackets on.</p>			
5.	<b>Staffing</b>	<p>Continued effort to recruit staff for vacant posts. Interviews for vacant Biology post scheduled.</p> <p>Biology, Technical and Business studies affected.</p>	Provide update at next meeting	Gordon	
6.	<b>Parents evenings</b>	<p>Parents Evenings and Reports timetable to proceed as planned.</p> <p>Parents evening for parent of S4-6 scheduled for run up to prelims and full report to follow after Prelims.</p> <p>Discussion on benefit to parents and young people of short form reports. Useful if completed fully but less so if not. Working grade identified as being problematic for some. Robust working grade noted as only being available if assessments are completed. Due to Covid and the additional pressure on young people, assessments were not carried out.</p>	Ongoing. Update at next meeting	Gordon	
7.	<b>SQA and assessments</b>	<p>Prelims will move to January to allow extra time for revision and preparation. Revision technique guide to be issued to pupils in senior phase before Christmas break.</p> <p>Study leave throughout the prelims has been offered to pupils who study better at home.</p> <p>Study and revision clubs have been risk assessed and reintroduced. Open door admission policy.</p>	Feedback at next meeting		

8.	<b>Psychology Course</b>	While young people appear to be enjoying the course, concerns were raised about the course provided by UHI. Particular issues around communication, reporting by UHI and expectation setting for young people. DD acknowledged differences in delivery and importance of managing expectations. Delivery very different to that of Sgoil Lionacleit but agreed that more clarity was required on delivery and what was expected of UHI and young people.	DD to seek clarity from UHI and feedback at next meeting	David	
9.	<b>Treasurers Report</b>	Balance £6317. Funds available £4817. £1000 from Council. £1500 allocated to water fountain. Funds could be made available for S6 trip if necessary.  Coop Community Fund. Now possible to select SLPC as beneficiary.	Funding of S6 trip to be discussed with leadership team.  Fundraising to be back in focus on going.	Chloe	
10.	<b>AOB</b>	School Captains: School Captains to be included in discussions on S6 leavers trip.			
11.		Quality of schools meals raised. Mixed reviews on quality. This comes after issues were raised at previous meeting about menus including availability of allergen information.	Gordon to invite Mairi Boyle to future meeting to discuss.	Gordon	
12.		Scottish Government Health and Wellbeing Census. Some parents raised concerns over media reports and asked if SL would be taking part. GY acknowledged concerns in light of reporting in media but believed that media had overblown concerns. Completion of the Health and Wellbeing Census is optional.			
13.	<b>DONM</b>	Thursday 3 <sup>rd</sup> February at 6.30 pm. Zoom invitation will be sent out in due course	ST to send invitation	Susan	