



## **STORNOWAY PRIMARY PARENT COUNCIL**

Minutes of Parent Council Meeting held at Stornoway Primary School

**Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> February 2025 – 7pm**

<b>Attendees</b>	<b>Apologies:</b>
Lynne Maciver	Emma Macsween
Mairi Macmillan	Laura Jayne Davis
Gillian Mackenzie	Rhona Morrison
Christine Macintosh	Claire Hobson
Shona Shields	Christine Macdowall
Cllr Frances Murray	Karen Macdonald
Peigi Nicolson	Leanne Maclean
Mairi Macleod	
Karina Mackay	

### **1. WELCOME & APOLOGIES**

The Chair welcomed everyone and noted apologies.

### **2. PREVIOUS MINUTES**

Carla Mackay asked if there had been an update on the constitution. Lynne Maciver reported that updates had been made and it was shared with attendees at a previous parent council meeting but it was agreed that it should be sent to CNES for approval before finalising it. Lynne to follow up on this. The previous minutes were agreed.

### **3. FINANCE UPDATE**

Mairi Macmillan gave an update on the current financial position. Following the success of the Christmas Market, there is currently between £4500-£5000 in the PC account. Mairi is still having an ongoing issue with getting online banking set up with the Bank of Scotland.

### **4. SPORTS DEVELOPMENT UPDATE**

Lynne reported that she was unable to get an update from Donald Macleod as he is currently travelling. Lynne to follow up on this. Peigi updated that she has been advised that planning permission was approved and that the project was due to go out to tender in February 2025.

### **5. FUNDRAISING FOR BOOKS**

Point & Sandwick Trust approved a grant of £1000 towards 'Read, Write, Inc' books for the school. The Parent Council will pay the balance of what is required to purchase the books but will also look at applying for financial support from the Councillors ward funds. Lynne to draft an e-mail to the Councillors. It was also agreed that the school should work towards raising funds for the books. The school to ask the Junior Leadership Team to take this forward with support from Lynne & Laura Jayne.

## 6. TERM 3 & 4 EVENTS

There was some discussion around fitting a parent council fundraiser in around the P7 trip fundraising events. It was agreed that the parent council will run a raffle again this year and aim to draw it around the time of the P5-7 concerts. A call is to go out to all parents in March for raffle prizes. Shona suggested also selling tickets in Tesco. It was suggested that the Junior Leadership Team could be involved in selling raffle tickets. Gillian to contact Claire Macmillan from Tesco's to book a date for a table. Shona shared the contact details for applying for a license to sell raffle tickets to the public.

There was some discussion around doing a fun day. Previous years have proved very challenging with not having enough volunteers. It was agreed that we could possibly run a 'fun afternoon' on the same day as the treasure hunt in September. This will be discussed at the June meeting of the Parent Council.

Mairi to put the Tesco Golden Ticket info on the PC Facebook page.

It was suggested that we explore the Co-op Community funds for support with projects. Mairi to speak to the wife of Paul Chamberlain who was previously in charge of the Co-op Community Fund for further info.

## 7. SCHOOL UPDATE

Peigi & Mairi gave an update from the school.

- Reps from the Scottish Government came to the school on 18<sup>th</sup> Nov 24 to look at focused work that is being done in the school to close the poverty related attainment gap, particularly in writing. They have asked the school to create a video to capture the schools practice in this area.
- Validated Self Evaluation – Jan 2025. Peigi provided feedback to the Parent Council from the recent VSE with lots of positive areas highlighted as well as some next steps.
- Bike Shelter – verbal agreement has been received for the funding for this project. Eric Macleod is submitting quotes. A request for building works has been submitted and the school are hoping for a response by next week.
- The school's calendar of events has been shared on the weekly newsletter.
- The school continue to look for volunteers to support with Afterschool Clubs. A form has been sent out to all parents. Netball, Tchoukball and Scripture Union have already been established.
- The school thanked the PC for all the support over Christmas time as well as the support with purchasing the 'Read Write Inc' books for the school.
- P7 Trip/Fundraising – to date, the fundraising has included a sponsored silence, winter fayre activity day and the Christmas hampers raffle. The £100 note serial number is still circulating. There will be a soup & pudding lunch on Sat 8<sup>th</sup> March. There will also be a bingo night in term 4 and the money raised from this will be going towards the P7 trip & final fling at the end of term 4. The school have been successful in their applications to PST, Bakkafrust, Northland Power & Cairngorms National Park. The P7 hoodies have been funded by FES.

## 8. NURSERY UPDATE

Karina provided a nursery update.

- Following the unannounced 3 day Care Inspectorate Inspection in November, the nursery were graded on 4 Quality Indicators and received 3 'very goods' and 1 'good' grade. There were no areas of improvement or requirements noted. Karina shared a number of significant strengths that were noted by the inspectors.
- Enrolment for Session 25-26 is still ongoing. Currently the nursery have 13 enrolled for Gaelic and 20 enrolled for English. P1 enrolment is still open for the rest of the month.
- Through recent fundraising the nursery agreed to make a donation to charities of each nursery rooms choice. The chosen donations were to RNLI Lifeboat, Macaulay Farm & Boyshan Toy Shop.
- The nursery have set up a monthly drop in Café for Parents. The aim is that different supports will be available for parents each month.
- The nursery have also recently set up a lending library.

## **9. AOCB**

Carla Mackay asked if it was possible for the messaging facility to be re-instated on Seesaw. Peigi advised that it's not possible to message on Seesaw and if parents want to contact their class teachers, they should e-mail the school office, and the teacher will call them back.

Peigi enquired about financial support for Gaelic Tutors for pupils around the time of the mod. Lynne to check with Sarah if there is any money remaining in the 'Comunn na Parantan' account. Peigi advised that the cost for this is approximately £3000.

## **10. DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> April – 7pm

Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> June – 7pm