



## STORNOWAY PRIMARY PARENT COUNCIL

Minutes of meeting held by VScene

**Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> March 2022, 7PM**

<b>Parent's Present:</b>	<b>In Attendance:</b>
Mairi Macmillan (Chair)	Peigi Maclean (Head of School)
Rhona Gallagher	Karina Mackay (Depute Head Teacher Early Years)
Sarah Maclean	Charlie Nicolson
Sandy Morrison	Cllr. Rae Mackenzie
Willie MacRae	
Alistair McElhatton	<b>Apologies:</b>
Iain Bain	Cllr Angus MacCormack
Anji Macritchie	Hayley Hammond
Lynne Maciver	Caroline Maciver
	Karen Macdonald
	Cllr. Gordon Murray

	<b>ACTION</b>	<b>LEAD</b>	<b>WHEN</b>
<b>1</b>	Full scoping of school grounds to be undertaken to identify areas for improvement and development. School awaiting visit from AFR to identify best site for new poly-crub.	CnES	As soon as possible
<b>2</b>	School Newsletter idea in development. Suggestion to include an outline of what a 'School Vision 2025' may look like.	PC Lynne Maciver to co-ordinate	Going forward...
<b>3</b>	'Friends of Stornoway Primary' Agreement to look at developing this idea further – with a call for interest to go into the newsletter.	Gordon Murray	Going forward...
<b>4</b>	Check that Minutes of PC meetings have been uploaded to the school website.	Sarah Maclean / School Office	By date of next meeting.
<b>5</b>	Check that PC Contact list has been updated.	Sarah Maclean/ School Office	By date of next meeting.
<b>6</b>	The school canteen have agreed to support production of a Stornoway Primary School Cookbook – it was suggested that The County Hotel might sponsor the book's production.	Anji Macritchie	Update to next meeting.
<b>7</b>	NHS WI Grant potentially available for sports equipment – to be followed up.	Rhona Gallagher	Update to future meeting
<b>8</b>	Development of payment link on school website	Mairi Macmillan	Update to future meeting.

9	Update on proposed Senior Management Team for the School Karina Mackay's role (Head of Nursery & Early Years) has been expanded and it is possible this will become a more permanent arrangement. Kathleen Macleod (Exec.Head) has been spending 2 days per week in the school to support and become familiar with the running of things.	Education Dept.	Update to future meeting
10	Development of 'School Vision 2025' - perhaps via a small steering group comprising teacher/ PC/ Ed.Dept reps (Charlie volunteered to act as PC rep).	Charlie Nicolson	Update to next meeting

### 1. Welcome, Introductions & Apologies

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting, especially Charlie Nicolson attending his first meeting as an honorary member of the Group and apologies were noted.

### 2. Minutes of previous Meeting

The minute of the previous meeting (7 Dec '21) was proposed by Mairi Macmillan and seconded by Rhona Gallagher as being an accurate record.

#### Matters Arising

- The vacant Principle Teacher post has been advertised.
- Parents Anne Macdonald (Treasurer) and Karen Macdonald (Uniform Co-ordinator) have agreed to take on roles supporting the PC.
- Poly-crub funding has been secured from BASF and CnP funds.
- The PC made a contribution to the school's Christmas Food Voucher initiative.

### 3. Uniform Order Update

A recent order has been co-ordinated and placed with the supplier, a two-week turnaround is expected.

### 4. Sub-group Updates

#### **FABRIC & FACILITIES**

##### **Sports Provision Project**

Alastair McElhatton fed back to the group on the latest Sports Project Steering Group which he attended in March.

There remains ongoing debate about the ongoing suitability of the size of the project with a desire for the Comhairle to scope larger options while price options are being explored.

The Head Teacher responded to a query on the school's thoughts on the current proposals:

The designs are in line with the school's aspirations – size is good, the staff are happy with what they have seen so far and there is a positivity about the general direction the project is going in.

The matter of community use was raised and there was a short debate about the merits/ drawback of developing the project too much to meet community use or standards for a centre-of-excellence. First and foremost the project must suit the school. The Head Teacher confirmed that the school would want to see their use prioritised but aren't opposed to other uses, as long as they don't detract from the school.

The Head Teacher also confirmed that the current play and physical activity space in the school would continue to be used regularly.

### **Other F&F**

Iain Bain stated that the ongoing wait for the Comhairle to scope the school playground is not good enough.

The school have been informed that wider improvements to the playground will be factored in as part of the new sports project.

There was agreement that alongside progressing the sports project there is a wider agenda for the F&F sub-group to progress around improvements to the general school estate.

Anji Macritchie flagged up forthcoming opportunities to apply for funding towards improvement projects, but it was acknowledged that accessing funding is at the moment easier than getting work completed.

### **EVENTS & FUNDRAISING**

The PC Christmas raffle £2020 raised – thanks to teachers for support in the raffle roll out, local businesses and parents who donated prizes and all who bought tickets.

Thanks to Councillors for pre-Christmas donations.

It is hoped to hold a Penny Wars event to raise money in Term 4.

Willie Macrae informed the meeting that NHS WI offer a Health & Wellbeing grant which could contribute towards new sports equipment for the school.

### **School Partnership Update Report**

#### **GENERAL**

- Congratulations were offered to Mrs Spence who has left the school to take up the position of Head of School at Sgoil na Loch, she will be missed at Stornoway Primary.
- Stornoway Primary School & Nursery have been awarded a Bronze Award for Rights Respecting Schools – this effort was led by the Pupil Council, who are now working towards the silver award.
- The Educational Psychologist has delivered ‘6 Principles of Nurture’ wellbeing training to staff.
- CAT assessments have been ongoing in the school this term for participating age groups.
- Chaplaincy assemblies are ongoing. A reflection opportunity for staff has been organised at Martin’s Memorial Church on the last Thursday of term.
- World Book Day was celebrated in the school and the school library is now in use.
- P7’s are participating in the Dandelion Project which comprises a range of transitional activities to support the move to high school.

- Thanks were noted to BASF – who have supported the purchase of the new polytunnel and participated in STEM and Developing the Young Workforce activities.
- Comic Relief Day will be marked on Friday 18<sup>th</sup> – Pupils can come to school in Free Dress and Red Noses will be sold as a fundraiser.

#### **NURSERY**

- The P1-2 playground is being developed in partnership between an outdoor activity specialist and staff.
- Nursery Enrolment in Term 3 was 29 English, 18 Gaelic
- Transition arrangements for pupils heading to Primary 1 are now getting underway.

#### **5. Finance Report**

At the date of the meeting there was £8,169.62 in the Parent Council account.

#### **AOCB & DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

Charlie Nicolson asked if the school are undertaking anything to support the recent situation in Ukraine situation?

There are plans in place for post-Easter holiday fundraising and some donations of clothes etc held by the school have been given to the recent local Ukrainian aid appeal.

The next meeting is proposed for: Summer Term