

ARDNAMURCHAN HIGH SCHOOL PARENT COUNCIL

DATE OF MEETING: 3rd September 2018

PRESENT: Teresa Bolton, P Kennedy, C Millar-Craig, Rosie Curtis, Hollie Taylor, Andy Tilling, Jamie MacIntyre, Tracy Cameron, Sarah Jones, Jac Crosbie, Morvern MacLachlan

ABSENCE: Laura Sutherland, Sally Fisher, Debbie Calver, Alison Carmichael, Jackie Fleming, Elaine Jackson

1. Minutes and updates	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Apologies from Laura Sutherland, Sally Fisher, Debbie Calver, Alison Carmichael, Elaine Jackson, Debbie Cox • The Chair welcomed Gena MacLean from DYW Lochaber who shared a presentation. • Minutes of last meeting were read and accepted. Proposed by Teresa Bolton and seconded by Rosie Curtis • The Chair welcomed new S1 parents who had joined us for this meeting and thanked those who had apologised. 	
2. DYW	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gena MacLean gave an outline of the work of DYW • Government initiative to reduce the numbers of young people without positive destinations. • Work place assessments are currently on hold due to reduction in funding from the government • Interview and confidence building skills • Workplace visits • Work experience opportunities are available for a few hours and can be viewed on Hi Hopes. TB shared problems with transport for rural areas. • Work closely with SDS to promote apprenticeships and encourage employers to offer them. Different types of apprenticeships were discussed • Study leave opportunities for pupils who were not sitting any exams and opportunity to gain an employability certificate demonstrating their 4 weeks work experience. • Bridge to Business on 14th November 1pm to 4 pm – start your own business workshop in Corpach • Discussion around SDS visits and how often advice is received • The Careers Education standards for subjects are being incorporated into curriculum plans • Foundation Apprenticeships are being offered in AHS • AHS has 100% positive destination record. DYW was charged with filling the gap which is not an issue in Lochaber. 	
2. Matters arising	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No feedback from Gaelic Consultation to TB or PK. Next agenda. • Parent Council congratulated all pupils who took part in the SQA exams this year and teachers for all their hard work. Also to parents for supporting their children • Open Day was a great success and we raised over £2000 and thanks to everyone who contributed in any way • Partnership evening – ideas were due to be fed back. Agenda for next meeting • No update on Empowering schools apart from the Regional Collaboratives. They have an improvement plan for the wider area. Some confusion amongst Councils on authority Improvement agenda v Regional Improvement Agenda 	

3. Treasurer's Report	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Monies from Strontian Community grants have not been received. Hollie Taylor will follow up with groups. • Report from Elaine Jackson to say that there had been no change to details 	HT
4. Headteacher Report	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • School Improvement Report and Plan – nothing has been altered since the end of last session. The plan has now been approved and adopted. CMC shared the 4 areas which we will be working on in the coming year. <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Curriculum planning and improvement 2. Digital Literacy 3. Wider achievement 4. Support and the gap. PEF funding is being used to put in PSA support to target young people who are at risk of falling below expected level in Literacy and Numeracy. <p>Question was asked about whether the PEF funding was making a difference or is it too early. PSA has been in past from January 2018 so only a short period but CMC is tracking robustly the improvement of targeted pupils.</p> • Vision and Values – work on this concluded in a Vision and Values Graphic and has been agreed. Posters are in every classroom. Work to include it in letter footer etc. CMC thanked everyone for their hard work in agreeing it • Updates: New Pupil Council. S1 have settled in well. • Minibus: New policy introduced. Changes in insurance on vehicles and hirers are liable for a maximum of £25,000 excess. • Attainment and Results – CMC shared Press Release and highlighted achievements. TB asked about early presentation for Highers and if this is school policy. CMC replied that it is not school policy. A question was asked whether this would impact on classtime spent on other pupils. The presentation level is decided on an individual basis and by agreement. A question was asked about multiple level classes. This occurs mostly and arranged where possible to accommodate the learner journey. CMC shared positive preliminary data from Highland wide statistics. Overall CMC is very happy with the results. • BGE levels. 100% of our pupils attained the appropriate level in Maths and English by end of S3. GM was on a par with EM levels. School Information Dashboard on Parentzone. Link to the data is https://public.tableau.com/profile/sg.eas.learninganalysis#!/vizhome/SchoolInformationDashboard-Secondary/Introduction CMC explained the lack of data on display which is due to the low numbers in some year groups. Bring questions to next meeting. TB to research how prospective parents can view the reason for the lack of data. • Nepal Trip was huge success. Full report being prepared. Presentation taking place in Ardgour. Opportunity at Christmas Fair to present. CMC to follow up. • Shinty pitch out of action due to improvement works. Will re-open in the Spring. • Staff Vacancy – advertising for an ASN teacher shared between AHS and primary schools. • Holocaust Trip and other activities for Parent Council funding Options were discussed. Decision at next meeting. CMC will follow up plant pots idea with KR and Eco Group • Skyline Event • Holland Trip 	<p>TB</p> <p>CMC</p> <p>CMC</p> <p>All CMC</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No Surprises Evening for S3/4/5/6 • YPI Regional Co-ordinator presentation was suggested at next Parent Council. CMC will invite Calum MacSween to next meeting. • Inset Days • 3 Lochs Festival and WW1 Project during the 3 Lochs Festival. JMCI felt that the only opportunity to see the play is a ticketed event which is expensive. CMC will ask the question about budgeting and the possibility of an inclusive legacy which could follow on from the work. It was suggested that, in future, negotiations on ticket costs could take place where the school was involved in an event. • Chromebook Roll out is happening Term 2 if planning stays on task. A Parent Information Evening will be planned to share safety, management and care. New wi fi installation in place and working. • Panto will take place this year. 	CMC
5. Xmas Fair	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Planning from JPs email was shared and volunteers found. • Follow up notes will be shared with JP 	PK
6. Strontian PS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Handover imminent • Waiting for Wi Fi and Fire Extinguishers • JMCI shared that there will be opportunities for volunteering • There will be good facilities and the school will be looking to form good relationships with this school. e.g Eco Schools could tie in with primary school • Staffing – Pamela leaving in October. Class teacher has not been replaced like for like. Pamela will be replaced like for like. Hopefully have a permanent HT to take projects forward. • Group hoping to hand the building over to the Council this week. • Parent Council congratulated everyone in the Group for this work in achieving the outcome they have. • Ideas for the first day have been discussed. • Pamela and Chris have been meeting regularly over planning for the shared campus 	
7. AOCB	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bus problem with Kilchoan S1 pupils shared. Solution was put in place and the issue seems to be resolved. Bags are now going in the boot. 	
8. Date of Next Meeting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Monday 12th November at 7 p.m. 	