

Gearr-chunntas / Minutes
 Comhairle nam Pàrant / Parent Council AGM
 Àrd-sgoil Phort-rìgh / Portree High School
 25 September 2017

Leisgeulan / Apologies	Mary Macaskill, Sandra Dickson, Isobel Macleod, Matthew Jackson	
An lathair / Present	Cath MacDonald (HT), Angela Smith (Treasurer) Ingrid Galbraith, Dr. Kirsty Shaw (Chair & Minutes), Mel Mackinnon (Vice Chair), Muriel Smith, Rachel Macdonald	
Minutes approved	The minutes of the meeting on 19 September 2016 were approved by Angela Smith and Ingrid Galbraith.	
Welcome	Dr Shaw welcomed Muriel Smith to her first parent council meeting.	
Report from the chair	<p>I came to the role of chairpersons somewhat unexpectedly in September last year. I am very grateful to Miss Macdonald and other members of the parent council for their support since then.</p> <p>We have had a busy year supporting a number of projects within the school. We applied to, and were awarded, Highland Council discretionary fund monies with which the PE department are able to purchase new school strips. We continue to fund the Aim Skye High programme throughout the school. We were also delighted to make a donation to the school pipe band who are going from strength to strength in national competitions. Thanks to the hard work of Ingrid Galbraith, we now have a formal funding application process that will be open to all departments and groups within the school.</p> <p>Our main fundraiser each year is the Winter Fair in December which was once again well supported. My thanks to to our Vice Chair, Mel MacKinnon, for taking on the co-ordination of this year's event on 2nd December.</p> <p>Along with Miss Scott-Moncrieff, we organised a careers eventing November 2016 which received positive feedback. Thanks to the hard work once again of Ingrid and Ian Galbraith the event has been planned and scheduled for November 2017.</p> <p>Shortly after assuming the role of Chair, I attended the Highland Parent Council Partnership annual conference in Inverness. This group was constituted 2 years ago to bring the many different Parent Council groups in Highland together and provide a forum (largely online) for discussion and advice. They meet quarterly before meetings of the former education committee of Highland Council - it is my plan to attend the next meeting later this</p>	

	<p>week by video conferencing. This group also has representative on the National Parent Council Forum which meets with the Scottish Government. John Swinney is scheduled to speak at the next HPCP conference this November which I hope to attend.</p> <p>I have undertaken to try and work more closely with the other parent councils in our associated schools group here on Skye. We were pleased to welcome representatives from Kilmuir and Struan to our June meeting. This followed on from a very well attended excursion to Broadford in May; we have been formally invited to visit Trotternish in November and are pleased to accept.</p> <p>There are many changes happening in education that we have little power to influence or alter however I feel it is the role of the Parent Council to be informed of these changes and ensure the school management are supported, and the parent body informed of what is happening. We have weathered the storm of the condensed school week and we await with anticipation the changes that will ensue after John Swinney's consultation earlier this year.</p> <p>Thank you to all parents who have supported us in the year 2016/17 and hopefully we can encourage more to become involved in the future.</p>	
Presentation of Accounts	<p>Angela Smith presented the accounts for the last year which have been inspected by Mr Roddy Beaton.</p> <p>The current balance in the account is £3344.67</p> <p>These were approved by the committee</p>	
Office Bearers	<p>These will remain unchanged for the coming year.</p> <p>Chair: Dr Kirsty Shaw Vice Chair: Mel Mackinnon Treasurer: Angela Smith Secretary: Lisa Corse</p>	
Any other business	None	