

Leisgeulan / Apologies	Blair Hunter-Davies, Renee Mason, Isobel Macleod, Mel Mackinnon	
An lathair / Present	Dr Kirsty Shaw (Chair), Cath Macdonald (Head Teacher), Ingrid Galbraith, Sandra Dickson, Matthew Jackson, Ray Beaton, Muriel Smith, Rachel Macdonald, Mary Macaskill, Angela Smith	
Minutes approved	The minutes of the meeting on 27 November 2017 were approved by Ingrid and Sandra	
Matters arising	<p><b>Letter re gritting of roads:</b> As discussed at the last meeting a letter was sent to various members of Highland Council, the Roads and Education department listing concerns about the poor condition of the roads on Skye and the gritting schedule. A response was received from the Roads Operation Manager with responsibility for Skye; it offered no solutions and merely re-iterated the Council policy on gritting. It was agreed that a further response would not be helpful, but we should all keep individual note of issues when they arise.</p> <p><b>Dunvegan / Bridge Road junction:</b> It had been agreed at the last meeting that a letter would be written expressing concern about safety at this junction. During her research for this, Kirsty established 1. If requesting a change of signalling / crossing at a junction, there is a requirement to demonstrate 5 previous serious incidents at the junction and 2. A similar correspondence was entered into in 2008/09 when the new school was built without any concession to the concerns voiced by the parent body.</p>	
Financial update	<p>Current balance - £4805.94</p> <p>Winter Fair raised £ 1275</p> <p>Current balance held by the school in the name of the parent council £2541.18.</p> <p>Aim Skye High Fund currently contains £338.08 and costs £881 per annum.</p>	<p>It was agreed that the £250 granted to the OYT group and the £500 that was agreed tonight (see later) should be deducted from the balance held by the school. Any remaining monies to then be transferred to the Aim Skye</p>

		High fund.
Head Teacher's report	<p><b>SQA Prelims</b></p> <p>SQA Prelims in full swing – Gordon Wyness is our Chief Invigilator and he is currently in school co-ordinating the exams.</p> <p><b>S2 Parents' evening</b></p> <p>This will be on Thursday at 6.45pm. It had to be postponed because of the weather. There will be a plenary to show the option form and to explain about personalisation and choice within curricular areas.</p> <p><b>Success Assemblies</b></p> <p>These are currently taking place. Bronze, Silver and Gold awards paid for by Parent Council go to pupils in each year group for e.g. good deeds, citizenship, representing the school etc.</p> <p><b>S5/6 RME Conference</b></p> <p>This was held in December and was a great success. Representatives from Islam, Baha'i Faith, Christianity, Quaker Movement, and Humanist Society attended. The feedback was very positive and there were good suggestions for improvement for next session in the evaluations.</p> <p><b>Quality Assurance report</b></p> <p>The QA report is now available following the two day visit from Highland Council Quality Improvement Team on the 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> of December. Copies are available on request.</p> <p>A Short Term Action plan has been drawn up and is available. Parents are asked to complete vision and values questions as a starter for ten!</p> <p>What do Parents see as the Improvement priorities for 2018 19?</p> <p><b>Attendance</b></p> <p>Support staff are now going to ring fence Tuesday mornings to look at attendance.</p>	

	<p>Some pupils attendance is giving cause for concern. All reports show that less than 95 % attendance has a detrimental effect on pupil performance.</p> <p>Mrs Huggan retired and Mrs Sue Lumley is in school on an interim basis. The PT Support for learning post has been advertised.</p> <p><b>Educational Governance</b></p> <p>An Educational governance response has been submitted by Portree Associated school group. Concerns are expressed about a lack of understanding about rural areas and the potential burden on Head teachers if support from the local authority is removed. There is little real detail as to what the Regional Collaborative will be able to deliver.</p> <p><b>School Fund</b></p> <p>Money will be transferred from the Parent Council Account to the Aim Skye High Account.</p> <p>Aim Skye High costs £810 per annum.</p> <p><b>Head teacher's Drop-in</b></p> <p>Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> January 5-6.30pm</p>	
<p>Funding applications</p>	<p>A request has been received from Neil Burrows and Ali Watt for £500 to fund renewal of equipment for the DofE expeditions and the purchase of a chemical toilet. In 2017-18 there are 47 pupils participating in the Duke of Edinburgh's award scheme.</p>	<p>KS to contact Neil Burrows advising him that their application has been successful. Funds to be transferred from school held funds (see above)</p>
<p>Winter Fair feedback</p>	<p>A vote of thanks was made to Mel Mackinnon who co-ordinated the Winter Fair.</p> <p>£1275 was banked after the event.</p> <p>Although it was a very busy weekend with many other events being held elsewhere, it was agreed it is correct to plan it once again for the first Saturday in December.</p> <p>It was proposed that a Santa's Grotta might be a draw to young families.</p>	

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Correspondance	Email received from Mary Wilson from WHC offering to come and speak to the PC about Foundation Apprenticeships.	KS to email and invite to next meeting in Portree or Broadford.
AOCB	<p><b>IT Support</b> There have been several episodes during the last few months of IT failure within the school. Miss Macdonald advised us that maintenance and support is now offered by Whipro who do have a local representative. The Chromebook launch is imminent.</p> <p><b>Travel incident on 16<sup>th</sup> January</b> where the buses travelling south were prevented from travelling due to a jack-knifed lorry on Druim Na Cleochd. There is a Highland Council review of school transport policies being undertaken in which this incident will be considered. In general, it was felt that the local incident was well managed despite what was posted on social media.</p>	
Future Dates of note	<p>26 March 2018 – Parent Council Meeting, Dunvegan</p> <p>30 April 2018 – Parent Council Meeting, Portree</p> <p>18 May 2018 – Parent Council Meeting, Broadford</p>	KS to contact Dunvegan and Portree PCs.