



Tiree High School – Ard-Sgoil Thriodh

MEETING MINUTES

Meeting Title:	Tiree High School Parent Council
Date:	Thursday 4 th June 2015
Location: Time:	Tiree High School Library 7.30 pm

Chaired by:	Will Wright (WW)
Present:	Myra McArthur (MM) Caroline Chalkley (CC), Lynn MacCallum (LM) Jaclyn McNeil (JM), Jo Vale (JV), Will Wright (WW), Paul Le Roux (PLR)
Apologies:	Julie MacLennan, Margaret Worsley, Mandy Kelso, Claire Urquhart, Duncan Urquhart
Minutes by:	Jo Vale (JV)

WW welcomed everyone to the meeting.

1. Apologies

JV gave apologies received.

2. Minutes of last meeting

These were reviewed, discussed and agreed to be an accurate account.

3. Governance

WW presented documents clarifying the role of the Parent Council and PTA. Following discussions at previous meetings changes to the constitution were suggested including adding the ability to co-opt members, and allocating two teacher representatives. These changes were agreed and would be put to the Parent Forum for formal acceptance.

WW showed the suggested timetable for meetings. Meetings would be held as either Parent Council Committee meetings or Open meeting where any member of the parent forum could attend. PLR queried if there were enough meetings timetabled. It was agreed more meetings could be called if felt necessary.

It was agreed that meeting would be held on Thursday nights to try not to clash with other meetings/events on the island.

MM said she could not confirm that she could attend all the meetings as her diary may change at short notice.

MM commented that she would like to move to a position where it was a partnership between the School and Parent Council.

All agreed that we wanted a good working partnership with the school WW reiterated that we want parents and teachers to feel welcome.

PLR commented that it was important to have an Open Forum where parents have the opportunity to feed in. It was agreed that meetings should have clear agendas.



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After a brief discussion it was agreed that the Parent Council Open meetings should be open to Parents and teachers but not the wider community, although members of the wider community could be invited if relevant to the meeting.

It was agreed the proposed changes to the constitution should be put out to the Parent Forum for comment.

LM asked about the PTA bank account, MM suggested some funding could be accessed as PTA that could not be accessed as Parent Council, it was agreed to keep both bank accounts for now.

PLR asked whether Parent Council funds could be donated to PTA. MM stated that funds were provided by Argyll and Bute Council for Parent Council, PLR volunteered to research this.

Donnie Campbell of the Community Council had asked if he could attend Parent Council meetings. It was agreed that members of the Community Council could attend if invited. PLR to talk to DC to see how Parent Council and Community Council can engage.

4. Staffing Update

MM confirmed that Ruth Budge had accepted the post as Primary Gaelic probationer. It was agreed that accommodation needed to be found for her. All agreed to look for accommodation.

PLR asked if Parent Council could assist with her visit. JV offered possible accommodation for her visit. PLR & JV offered to meet her and show her round if necessary. MM to confirm date of visit.

MM commented that with the reduced roll next year the School is overstaffed in Secondary. MM confirmed that 3 members of Staff had agreed to work a reduced week so no cuts would be needed and the current subject choices would remain available.

5. Website

JV discussed the new Teach in Tiree website. It was agreed that it was fresh and positive and would be a useful tool for the Parent Council. WW thanked JV, Mairi Forbes and Rhoda meek for their work on the website.

It was agreed that the Parent Council should give some payment or a gift to Rhoda for her input, JV to organise.

MM to talk to Aine Cooney about putting a link on the School website.

6. Sports Day teas and School Awards Ceremony

MM presented the programme for the Sports Day. Parent Council agreed to provide bacon rolls and drinks in the morning and tea and cakes in the afternoon. LM volunteered to organise this. All the committee agreed to help out.

It was agreed that Parent Council would make a contribution to the cost of refreshments at the School Awards ceremony on Friday 26th (last day of term).



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7. Fundraising

JM stated that Sue Bottomley had suggested making the left over primary tea towels into bags. It was not clear what the cost would be.

JM suggested getting a School polo shirt signed by all the bands at TMF. It was agreed to get 2 done, and to raffle one at TMF and one at Gala Day. JM to liase with Julie MacIennan over this.

MM stated that there was a cut core funding across all of Argyll and Bute Council and anticipated that it would be in the region of 15% for the School. MM stated that primary was well equipped with new ipads and there was ongoing training for teachers. MM asked for Parent Council involvement in how to take technology equipment strategy forward.

8. School Uniform survey

MM gave the returned forms. Majority of those returned wanted a change to the current uniform, JM to take it further.

9. A.O.B

- a) The suitability of the School name was discussed as it was felt that the use of Tìree High School was confusing for Primary. MM suggested changing the name to Tìree Community School, JV queried whether this had a specific definition. PLR agreed to research changing the name of the School to something that embraces the community nature of the School.
- b) WW queried whether there was a system of mentors in place for new P1s who would be going on the School bus. MM stated that this had been tried in the past but it had not been successful. It was agreed that safety on the bus was an important issue and that the Parent Council could work in partnership with the School to promote good behaviour on the bus.

10. Date of Next Meeting

Thursday 27th August 7.30pm.