

Kinlochleven High School Parent Council

Minutes of AGM held in the school on Wednesday 24th August 2011

Apologies – BG, MH

Present – AG, SM, HR, LB, MR, JM, LY, FB, JMCG.

Parent Council parent members – Moira Hartley, Sybil Munro, Mike Richardson, Jill Mills, Lawrence Young, Fiona Borland, Alison Gibson.

Co-opted members – Non at present.

Election of new office bearers – Chairperson – Mike Richardson

Vice Chairperson – Moira Hartley

Secretary – Fiona Borland

Proposed change to Parent Council Constitution – After reviewing the constitution the council will make the following amendment to the constitution – Office bearers must have children attending the school. The minutes will also be published on the website.

Matters arising from previous minutes – No developments on the situation of boundaries for the feeder primaries. Consultation questionnaires still to go out. We, as a council, are in full support of the proposed change to the catchment area.

Industrial action – no news.

Head Teachers Report –

- a) Fujitsu contract still a major issue. After investigation by Mike it was found that the decision regarding the contract was taken by the Resources Committee, a letter was sent to them and after being chased up many times and two half months later a response was received. It was confirmed that for the life of the contract there will be no reduction in the amount of units at the school (and the letter suggests this will be at no extra cost to the school). However the service provision is still a major problem and the printing costs have gone up by an approximate £3000/ year. We will forward another letter re these negative areas of the contract and possibly get together with other schools (Invergordan) to address the issues.
- b) MPS – Printers not in the correct situations in the school and the software package is insufficient. John cannot implement limited printouts to the pupils as the software is not able to handle this. Parent Council horrified that John cannot put this cap on (particularly as the costs are so high). Head Teachers association will take this up with the relevant people.
- c) Exam results -
 - 4th year – Foundation – 100% (every child got something at foundation – 1st time this has happened in a long time)
 - 5 x General – 92% - slight drop
 - 5 x Credit – 19.6% - much lower

 - 5th year – 1 x Higher – 50%
 - 3 x Highers – 29.2%
 - 5 x Highers – 8.3%

These 5th year results have remained relatively on par with previous years.

- d) C of E structure – John will put a letter out to parents for comments on proposed structure of the new Curriculum for Excellence.
- e) Deputy Head Status – There will be 3 Deputy Heads – each one taking over for 13 weeks. The parents will be informed each time the deputy head changes. At present it is Helen Roberts.

School Roll and Staffing Status - The school roll is 150 at present, with a possibility of 2 more children attending the school. The staff has had no change other than the addition of Miss Murray, a probationer teacher, who is covering for Maths.

Effect of budget cuts to the school – John has had to make a lot of cut backs to compensate for the cut in budget, to the point that visitors have been asked to pay for their own meals at lunch. Concerns are that if the budget is cut further a subject may have to go.

Correspondence – None

AOCB – None

Date of next meeting – 2nd November in Ballachulish, venue TBA.