

Kinlochleven High School Parent Council

Minutes of meeting held in the Ballachulish Shinty Club on 6th June 2012

Apologies – Helen, Moira.

Present – JM, JMC, LY, AG, MR, EB, FD, and FB.

Matters Arising from previous minutes –

- a) **Fujitsu** –The school will be getting an upgrade to windows 7 – unfortunately this now will cost the school money. John will inform us of the total amount and then we will write to Caroline Wilson regarding the cost as we were reliably informed that any upgrade would incur no costs to the school. (The total cost looks at present that it will be in the region of £2000.
- b) **School Roll** – Should be around 154.
- c) **All weather pitch** – Seems to be working well with no water lying.
- d) **School trips** - Irish trip now fully organised

Head Teachers Report –

- a) Mrs Reed is back but about to retire, she will be replaced by Mr Fairman.

Mrs Roberts is still off due to a painful pregnancy, an art probationer has been brought in.

Mrs Williams is retiring; she will be replaced by Mr Cordier.

Mrs McRae is off with a pregnancy, the teaching role will be done by Sally Massey and the guidance side will be done by Miss Aitkin's.

Mr Shepherd will be retiring, the last date for the application for Deputy Head will be the 8th June.

- b) **Strikes** – SSTA are on a work to rule, this is causing no problem at all but if further unions get involved it could be.

c) **St.Brides** – at the may meeting the will of the parents was to change the catchment area to Kinlochleven High School. The final decision will be made on 9/8/2012 but it will then have to go to the Scottish Parliament to be confirmed.

Dress Code – Shorts of an appropriate length will be added to the dress code.

School Budget – With the possibility of a 5% cut in 2013-2014 and the following year (this includes the cost of staffing) John brought to the meeting an idea to invest the monies in the DSM account in a Hydro scheme. (John inherited a healthy balance from previous Heads and has added to it, this account helps pay for OYT and Outward Bound weeks, these would be at threat if something isn't

done, due to the cuts). After a thorough discussion regarding the risks, grant applications, exactly what's involved etc the Board gave John our full support. We also suggested getting the children involved.

Adventure Activities Consultation – we have had no feedback from our input.

PGL – Assurances were given that PGL are an excellent and reliable company.

Co-opted members – At the moment we have no co-opted members but we will invite both Bren Gormley and Andrew Baxter to become members next year. (I will liaise with Mike)

Member recruitment – as discussed in the PTFF, Alison and I will put together a letter to be sent out to all parents at the beginning of the next school year.

Interview arrangements – The closing date for the deputy head position is this Friday and we have left Mike to respond with any input that he sees fit.

Council meeting place – Everyone agreed to continue to alternate between Ballachulish and Kinlochleven.

Any other council business – None

Correspondence – None.

Date of next meeting – 22nd August – AGM – Kinlochleven HS – 8pm

Further meetings – 7th November – Ballachulish 8pm

6th February – Kinlochleven HS – 8pm

5th June – Ballachulish – 8pm