

Portree High School Parent Council. AGM held 6.30pm on 30/09/2020 on Zoom.

1. **Present-** Catherine MacDonald (HT), Matthew Jackson(Chair), Tony Breen(DHT), Jo Scott-Moncrieff (DHT), Sandra Dickson, Stephen Varwell, Isobel MacLeod, Kevin Blogg, Barbara MacLean, Suzanne Turner, Andrew Shaw, Donna McIntosh, Lucy Salter, Jackie MacPhee, Dawn Kroonstuiver, Rebecca Langlands.
2. Apologies- None received.
3. **Welcome-** Matthew Jackson(Chair), opened the meeting and welcomed all present. He stressed the importance of a community approach to supporting the school and acknowledged the challenges and measures imposed that the school has to comply with.
4. **Management update-** Miss MacDonald reported that pupils are behaving well and engaging with the new measures in a mature fashion.

Staggered lunches have been introduced and further freedoms are being introduced, first for S6, then S5. Pupils will remain in school at lunchtimes during the tourist season.

Seating plans have been introduced for track and trace purposes in classes and on buses. The Astroturf has been opened at lunchtimes.

Staffing-

- Martin Gold has commenced in his post as head of Support for Learning.
- Emma MacPherson has been appointed as a PSA
- Kenny MacDonald is working as supply technology teacher.
- Fiona MacVicar is working as a supply PSA
- Liam MacGregor has commenced as Gaelic probationary teacher.

General-

- 2021 exam diet- no info has been received from the SQA. When received they will be circulated immediately.
- There are currently 4 Corona Virus outbreaks in Highland.
- Pupil Equity Fund (PEF)- £25k has been received and will be spent on literacy.
- Welfare checks are carried out with pupils at weekly tutor time.
- Things are returning to normal. Highlife Highland have a rowing challenge commencing.
- Skye Gin have supplied hand sanitiser.
- There is a one way system in the school
- There will be no parents evenings this term, parents and pupils can contact Pupil Support if required
- Ski trip refunds have been completed.
- There is a Maths and Gaelic recovery plan
- Tracking progress in literacy and numeracy is high priority
- Rag Tag have supplied masks

Questions followed on a variety of topics, mainly relating to management of COVID risk, practical subjects and the widening of the availability of practical subjects.

5. Chairman's Overview-

Matthew Jackson pointed out that fundraising will be limited for the foreseeable future. He suggested that we aim to raise a specific amount. Rather than attempting to hold fund raising for it's sake

E chalk was suggested as something that the school had already benefitted from and should be further considered.

6. Office Bearers

Chair- Matthew Jackson, proposed by Andrew Shaw. Seconded by Rebecca Langlands.

Minute Secretary- Andrew Shaw, proposed by Cath MacDonald. Seconded by Rebecca Langlands.

Treasurer- proposed by Cath MacDonald. Seconded by Rebecca Langlands.

The meeting closed at 7.30pm.