

Leisgeulan / Apologies	Mary Macaskill, Isobel Macleod, Muriel Smith, Angela Smith, Mel Mackinnon, Ros Mutch, Ms Varwell	
An Iathair / Present	Dr Kirsty Shaw (Chair), Cath Macdonald (Head Teacher), Jo Scott-Moncrieff (Depute Head), Ingrid Galbraith, Sandra Dickson, Matthew Jackson, Maggie Campbell (Chair of Kilmuir Parent Council), Steve Nolan (Secretary of Kilmuir Parent Council), Jenny Kiss (Head teacher Kilmuir Primary school), Karen Campbell, Seonag Henderson, Janet Mackinnon	
Welcome	Dr Shaw thanked the Kilmuir Primary School parent council for the invitation to hold this meeting in Kilmuir.	
Minutes approved	The minutes of the meeting on 30 October 2017 prepared by Mel Mackinnon were approved	
Matters arising	<p>Applications for Funding Dr Shaw confirmed that she had informed Miss Amos that we are willing to fund the purchase of a 1-year licence for the music software. A letter was also sent to Lyes Oussaiden informing him that we were unable to support his application.</p> <p>Brae Downie Miss Macdonald confirmed that further enquiries have resulted in confirmation that the hostel pupils cannot have free access to play football on the Brae Downie due to restrictions imposed by Sports Scotland.</p>	Jo Scott-Moncrieff will contact Lyes to ensure he received the letter
Careers Fair	Thanks were extended to Ingrid Galbraith and Jo Scott-Moncrieff for their hard work in organising the careers event on 7 November 2017. There were ultimately just under 40 businesses and organisations represented. There was a very good atmosphere during the event and there has been positive feedback from the contributors. There are obviously lessons to be learned for future events.	

	<p>Matthew Jackson (who attended representing the Skeabost Hotel) reported that they found the event worthwhile. He expressed willingness to provide work experience for pupils but that the restrictions imposed by health and safety are proving slow to overcome.</p>	<p>Miss Macdonald advised that Lesley Hellon has been appointed by the local chamber of commerce to facilitate such placements.</p>
<p>Head Teacher's report</p>	<p>Miss Macdonald has resumed Head Teacher drop in sessions this session but they have been poorly attended thus far.</p> <p>Only 2 dozen parental feedback forms were received from the 1st and 2nd year groups.</p> <p>The money mile total is still to be confirmed but once again it was well supported.</p> <p>Josh Harrington in S6 received a silver award in the UK senior maths challenge.</p> <p>S3 are currently receiving first aid and defibrillator training.</p> <p>Esther Strachan had great success as the national support for learning swimming events just missing out on a place at the next level of competition.</p> <p>Mr Allan has recommenced competitive football for S1-3.</p> <p>Miss Macdonald reported with disappointment that since the beginning of this session she has had to impose 17 exclusions on a handful of pupils in S1-3.</p>	<p>It was noted that these were not widely known about and could be better advertised. It was proposed they could be added to next year's calendar.</p> <p>It was suggested that the use of online questionnaires could be considered such as Survey Monkey.</p>
<p>Finance</p>	<p>The Parent Council bank account has £3728 in it.</p> <p>The parent council ledger at the school contains £2621 after the monies for the Yoga mats has been deducted.</p> <p>The Aim Skye Hi Account has £338 in it</p> <p>£50 was raised through the provision of teas and coffees at the recent Drama performance evening.</p>	<p>KS to contact Anne Brandie to establish the annual cost of Aim Skye Hi to ensure sufficient funds transferred and available.</p>
<p>New business</p>	<p>Communication The north end parents commented on the unreliable local mobile</p>	

	<p>phone signal and related delays in receiving text notifications from the school. It was pointed out that most meeting notifications are put on Facebook and it is possible to flag these to appear at the top of news feed.</p> <p>All important dates such as PC meetings etc are advertised on the school calendar.</p> <p>Bus routes Concern was expressed about the lack of supervision on the buses. It was noted that foul language was frequently heard and that this reflected badly on the school particularly on the public service buses. There was also mention of ongoing problems with bullying.</p> <p>Adverse weather alerts There was some discussion relating how decisions about school closures due to power outages or bad weather are managed. It was acknowledged that it is difficult to ensure that every child has permission to leave school and return home.</p> <p>Gritting of roads Concern was expressed about the poor conditions of the roads in bad weather particularly in the outlying areas.</p> <p>Road safety concerns were raised regarding the crossing of the A87 Dunvegan Road at its junction with Viewfield Road and Bridge Road. Children will insist on crossing here and not at the traffic lights further up the road.</p>	<p>Miss Macdonald emphasised that they take all reports of bullying seriously but cannot take action if they are not informed.</p> <p>It was agreed that they will discuss the monitoring of buses with the senior pupils to see if they have any suggestions about how to improve matters.</p> <p>It was also suggested that it might be worth exploring what support the bus drivers felt they needed in this matter.</p> <p>Miss Macdonald confirmed that the telephone hotline has the most accurate and up to date information about school transport and closures every day.</p> <p>Ingrid to compose a letter to send to TEC services on behalf of the PC to register our concerns.</p> <p>The PC will send a letter to our elected representatives asking if anything can be done to improve this junction particularly in light of the increased traffic flow.</p>
<p>Winter Fair</p>	<p>This is happening this coming Saturday (2nd December) and has been organised by Mel Mackinnon.</p>	<p>KS will continue to email requests for help to the circulation list</p>
<p>Future Dates of note</p>	<p>18th December 2017 – music department performance evening</p> <p>29 January 2018 – Parent council meeting, Portree</p>	<p>PC to run teas and coffees – contributions welcomed.</p>

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	26 March 2018 – Parent Council Meeting, Dunvegan 30 April 2018 – Parent Council Meeting, Portree 18 May 2018 – Parent Council Meeting, Broadford	
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