

Coinneamh Bhliadhna, Còmhairle nam Pàrantan BSGLA
Annual General Meeting

7.30pm Diluain 19mh An t-Sultain/ Mon 19th September 2016
Bun-sgoil Ghàidhlig Loch Abar

1. An Làthair/ Present: Audrey Cavaye, Aoibhinn Flain, Ingrid Henderson, Mhairi MacDonald, Ali MacLeod, Eileen O' Rua, Iain Robertson, Moira Robertson, Dawn Scott, Lyndsey Shaw, John Joseph MacNeil + 1 parent.

Leisgeulan/ Apologies: Cncllr Allan Henderson, Cncllr Brian Murphy, Paul Dunlop, Corrina MacDonald

2. Neach- Cathraiche/ Chair's Report:

Ali MacLeod reflected on what has been a full and active first year for the school and expressed thanks to office bearers, council members and helpers for support. Fundraising efforts have been very fruitful; especially bag packing & school fete. Thanks to those who've given up their time to support these and other events. Ali acknowledged the support of Mr MacNeil and congratulated him for his hard work. He also gave a vote of thanks to staff for their support of Parent Council activities. He emphasised the importance of the Parent Council in school life and the need to recruit other members from across the school. We should also be guided by our constitution and be mindful that our activities protect and nurture the Gaelic ethos and immersive learning environment of the school for the benefit of current and future generations.

3. Aithisg ionmhasail/ Financial Report:

Current balance is £2736.78 **Action: Audrey to have accounts approved by VAL or Elaine Brayshaw.**

4. A' taghadh ballrachd/ Election of committee members:

Chair:	Ali MacLeod	Nom: Ingrid Henderson	Seconded: Eileen O' Rua
Sec:	Ingrid Henderson	Nom: Lyndsey Shaw	Sec: Mhairi MacDonald
Treasurer:	Audrey Cavaye	Nom: Ingrid Henderson	Sec: Ali MacLeod
Vice chair:	Eileen O' Rua	Nom: Lyndsey Shaw	Sec: Mhairi MacDonald

Past members remaining: Paul Dunlop, Eileen O'Rua, Moira Robertson, Iain Robertson, Mhairi MacDonald

New members: Aoibhinn Flain, Dawn Scott, Lyndsey Shaw.

5. GSBE/ AOB:

- a. Bile na Gàidhlig/ Draft Gaelic bill: A link will be sent home for consultation. Parents' views are very important and Mr MacNeil asks all to respond.
- b. Duaisean Gàidhlig/ Gaelic Awards Nominations: The Parent Council are happy to support nominations for key people in GM education in Lochaber. **Action: Mr MacNeil to follow up.**
- c. Dòigh Obrach: It was agreed to tighten up on operating procedures in the future. Agenda points should be given in advance so this can be circulated and everyone can come prepared to meetings. It was also agreed to use voting to make decision-making more formal and clearer for all. Both should make PC meetings more efficient.
- d. Dealbhadh/ PC planning: It was agreed that we should identify key priorities for the year in order to budget efficiently and provide the school with the appropriate support. **Action: To be added to next agenda.**
- e. Tachartasan taobh a-muigh na sgoile/ Extra curricular events: Ingrid asked that the PC be mindful of the wider catchment area of the school when planning events/ meetings and where possible try to be accommodating of busy family and working life.
- f. Oidhche Shamhna/ Halloween: A discussion was had about the suitability of this event for the school with many parents and the HT unhappy with the current format. New ideas were discussed briefly including asking Claire Delaney to lead the celebrations & the possibility of a day-time event instead of evening. The Chair decided to go with the old format for this year but split the age group Sgoil Àraich – P2, P3 – 7 with a view to changing next year.