**Port Ellen Primary School Parent Council**

**Minutes**

**14th November 2018**

**Parent Chair Welcome**

The chair welcomed everyone to the meeting.

**Apologies**

Received from Maureen MacDonald and Katie Bonar

**Minutes from last meeting**

14 Funding report was completed

Calmac – Linda has approached them to sell bags but not heard back yet.

Katie couldn’t take bags – Mr Campbell or Lachie will take bags

Stock take of fundraising items is as follows;

* 0 Tea Towels
* 8 Aprons
* 23 Recipe Books
* 133 Bags

BW updated staff on meeting with katie and laphroaig fencing.

Agreed that staff at school need to discuss outdoor space and agree on priorities for a project.

Edit to minutes – no Easter Disco but an easter egg hunt and decoration competition.

Action: to roll forward is to write to Robin Currie re. housing.

Minutes were proposed by Kate and seconded by Mary.

**Christmas Fair and seasonal events**

Action: Maria to add the new poster to the Community Facebook page.

Mary and Sally on the bottle stall

Hamper Raffle – Grace volunteered to man the table. Sally will order and discuss with

Child’s Raffle - £60 Gift – Sally will buy. Moira Shakespeare will be on the stand.

Parent Council Stall – Katie Bonar and Linda Kirkpatrick

Guess weight of the cake – Maria Heads

Tombola – Caroline Morris will be the runner.

**Action: Bonnie to complete Calmac form to request a donation for the Tombola.**

Bonnie will float and fill in where needed.

Carols by Candlelight 19th – Parent council will serve the teas.

Volunteers for the night include; Mary, Sally, Linda

Disco; Selection boxes last year were from co-op £1. Action Maria to find out how much if too much then Mary will get on mainland.

Total number of treats needed is 55 for school and 23 nursery. 78 Tubes in total.

**Fundraising**

Agreed to review after the Christmas Fair.

Discussed that the parent council had not invested in anything since the scrapstore so we do need to look at investments in the new year.

Also agreed to consider a quiz in the new year as a fundraiser.

Also discussed that the Parent Council would like to see the Scrap Store being utilised more often at lunch times.

**Latest changes/updates within the school and nursery**

Builders have been in and there is some snagging so will not be signed off yet but should be completed within the next few weeks.

Started the 1140 hours which has had very good attendance. Just taking some time to adjust to new longer hours.

The School won the Eden Award for Rolls Royce, this is the environmental award. Ususally the school wins £2500 towards a trip to the Eden project which is not feasible for Islay. So discussions are under way to see if the cash could instead be given towards a project. The judges were extremely complimentary about the project which is a huge honour for the school, the staff and all involved.

The school will be continuing their environmental, sustainability theme next year with a project on marine litter.

**AOCB**

Maria mentioned that Katie wanted steel on the wall in the nursery. Action Katie to invite Ross in for a meeting to discuss what is required.

A grand parent asked the issue for a lollypop person to be appointment and asked if the parent council can do anything. It is just an issue of having someone apply for the job.

Grace noted that she had noticed the lights have not been flashing at the correct times.

Action. Mrs Harrison to speak to Mr Gairns and Mrs MacDonald about the issue of lights and lollypop person.

Bonnie brought up the issue of healthy snack and possibility of parent council purchasing fruit or healthy snacks.

Could send out a survey and get feedback from parents on snacks and fruit. Talk to Maureen – pick up at the next meeting.

Fairtrade Goods were also noted as being valuable. It will be looked into and Mrs Harrison will raise with Mrs MacDonald. Fairtrade week in February.