**Port Ellen Primary School Parent Council**

**Minutes of Meeting**

**24th September 2018**

**Parent Chair Welcome**

The chair welcomed everyone to the meeting particularly two new members Moira Shakespeare and Tina Cunningham.

**Apologies**

No apologies had been received.

**Minutes from last meeting**

The minutes from the last meeting were read.

One edit was made, should have read PEF Funding £8,400 not £8,004.

The minutes were proposed by Mary Swanson and Seconded by Katie Bonar.

**Action: Sally and Kate to follow up and complete the report for the Fourteen Funding.**

**Fundraising**

The balance of the current account is £1,456.33

**Action: Linda Kirkpatrick will ask Calmac if they would be willing to sell shopping bags. Will report back on how much Calmac will buy them for.**

**Action: Katie Bonar will take some bags up to Ardbeg to sell in their shop.**

Bags will be sold at the Port Ellen Christmas Fair as well.

**Action: Katie will do a stock take of recipe books and bags and report back.**

Discussed what could be purchased for the school, teachers had recently attended a Learning Festival. ABC were conspicuous by their absence disappointingly as Port Ellen gave an excellent presentation. There were excellent follow ups too on twitter from senior education representatives.

A pack of robots was something that teachers saw at the event, costing circa £1400. The teaching staff will discuss the merits of these as it is an expensive item. In addition a set of kapla blocks will be borrowed on a temporary trial basis.

Katie shared the ideas from a meeting she had had with Alyson McGillivray about funding and grants available including Laphroaig, Diageo, Schroder etc. Many funds are under subscribed so it is certainly something worth exploring.

Outdoor materials to create e.g. decking, fencing around pond, roof and furniture for round house, outdoor blackboards etc could be applied for as a community project.

**Action: Bonnie and Katie will look at grant applications to these organisations when Bonnie returns from holiday at end of October.**

**Dates for future events are;**

3rd October Harvest Tea for pensioners

31st October Pumpkin Competition and Halloween Party

19th December Carols by Candlelight – Parent Council

20th December Nativity and Christmas Disco

4th March Swimming Gala

25th January Burns

28th March Easter Disco

Discussed the housing issue on the island. And the potential loss of families from the school/island.

**Action: Agreed that Katie and Tina would put together a letter to Robin Currie from the Parent Council.**

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

The asbestos removal workmen are coming to the nursery the first week of the holidays and the second week the work is being done. The work has to be complete for the Care Inspectorate in early November.

The pre-5 unit will be going ahead with the 1140 hours provision.

The Rolls Royce Awards are taking place 5th – 7th November. All teachers will be attending the event in London and cover has been arranged for all classes. The main prize is £10,000 to spend on engineering and technology with runners up receiving £6,000. We are all looking forward to hearing the results at the next meeting.

**AOCB**

Maureen had a meeting with the Education Officer and had to provide data for literacy and numeracy and our numbers are very good, the school is performing very well with 100% of P7’s achieving reading and writing levels. This is excellent for the school.

Next meeting will be held on November 14th 6.30pm.