**Port Ellen Primary School Parent Council**

**Minutes of Meeting**

**5th September 2019**

**Parent Chair Welcome**

The chair welcomed everyone to the meeting

**Apologies**

Apologies were received from Grace Gibson.

Sally Campbell will stand down from the Parent Council as Aiden has moved to High School.

**Minutes from last meeting**

The minutes from the last meeting were read.

The bingo made £455 which was excellent. All agreed that it was such a good fundraiser it should be repeated.

The minutes were proposed by Mary Swanson and seconded by Kate Brown.

**Fundraising**

The Bingo raised £455.

The bank balance is £2,267

Discussed Tea Towels again and agreed we would get new ones done for Christmas. Children to design after October holidays.

**Action: Bonnie to get quotations in place for tea towels.**

The theme will be coast and the sea – tie in with Visit Scotland’s Year of Coast & Waters. The Parent Council will judge the entries at the next meeting on 28th October.

**Action: Bonnie to do a brief for students**

Bonnie suggested BBQ, for Taste Islay & Jura. Volunteers needed for 1 hr shifts if possible. Bonnie will be there 12-4.

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

The last summer holidays had been the worst for vandalism the school has ever seen. Vandals tried to remove a lightning conductor, smashed a window into the oil store, broken a bench and the playground train. Police were called and did some monitoring but Maureen was down most nights checking the school and grounds. She did manage to speak face to face with some of the youngsters – making it very clear their behaviour was unacceptable.

At the moment the fair is keeping young people entertained but they will come back. So taken decision to lock the school gates.

All agreed it was very disheartening, particularly after so many parents had put in so much time before the holidays working in the grounds. If it happens again Maureen will raise it with local authority the need for CCTV.

**Action; Moira offered to write a Statement to the Ileach about the vandalism.**

**Other news and updates;**

The STEAM room has been set up with cupboards, the porch has been completed and ready for its new nautical theme.

The schools work for World War 100 has been recognised as a really good piece of work, and a presentation for all the schools in recognition of all their hard work took place on 23rd September at the Machrie. This was a really good example of joint school working.

It was noted that it was Lachie’s last day tomorrow. He has been here since 1981 and will be very much missed by all. The job is advertised externally at the moment.

**Action: Mary to bounce the Janitor job back up to the top of the Community Noticeboard.**

**AOCB**

The turnout for the STV Big Breakfast was excellent – really well attended. All agreed to do it again to raise money. A big thanks to Catriona Leask for organising. Sean Batty will be coming back on October 1st – could roll this into something to do with the Harvest Tea.

Not having a Halloween disco.

* Christmas Fair – 7th December 2020
* Christmas Disco – 19th December 2020
* Parent Action Day – Thursday 7th May 2020
* Citizenship Award – Friday June 5th 2020
* Possible Bingo – June 12th 2020
* Leavers Assembly & Disco 24th June 2020
* End of Term 26th June 2020

The group had a discussion around the parent council looking to buy something for the playground with our funds. Look at Bowmore School bench examples. Use it a story to the Ileach – after the vandalism presentation of this raise awareness of what has happened.

**Date of Next Meeting**

Next meeting will be Monday 28th October 6.30pm

AGM will be Thursday 23rd January 2020 6.30pm

**Action: Bonnie to send advert to Ileach head of AGM.**