**Port Ellen Primary School Parent Council**

**Minutes**

**27th October 2021 6pm**

**Apologies**

Received from Larah McKay and Moira Shakespeare

**Minutes from last meeting**

**C/F Action:** **Maureen** to meet with Larah to discuss outdoor learning.

**C/F Action Larah** to follow up with SID and see if there is potential to source some food from Bowmore to share it wider across the island.

**Action All** – Come to next meeting with ideas or offers of prizes – to be discussed at this meeting – to be discussed.

There was also an action for staff to organise the tea towel design – to be discussed.

**Fundraising**

**Co-op Funding**

It has been formally confirmed that we were not successful. The successful applicants were Islay and Jura Highland Dancers and Port Ellen Football Club. Tina tried to source feedback but this was not something the Co-op are able to do.

It was discussed and agreed that Tina would contact Petra Pearce for a discussion as she has a strong role in decision making locally, she will discuss the process and give her some more information about Port Ellen Parent Council and its activities and perhaps invite her to a PC meeting. Agreed the best time for this would be after Christmas and the AGM. It might also be useful to seek advice on our application so we can make improvements for next time. All were in agreement that Tina had done a really good job with the application and should be congratulated.

**Action: Tina** to get in touch with Petra Pearce after Christmas/AGM about the Co-op Fund and the activities of Port Ellen Parent Council.

**Tea Towels & Merchandise**

All the children have done designs, and the three winners have been selected. Kate is collating them all alongside as many other designs as possible and will order asap in time for the November 5th deadline to be ready for Christmas. We will keep the Islay Map design but just include the new drawings.

**Christmas Raffle**

Discussion of bundle prizes. Suggestion of having a Lego bundle including the big Calmac ship as Lego is so desirable.

**Action:** Linda said that she would try and source a Lego Calmac Ferry.

Tina had thought about event tickets for a show or for e.g. Glasgow Science Centre.

We had a Nintendo Switch Lite last year and could do another one. Tina suggested seeing what offers were on during Black Friday sales. Katie suggested a Virtual Reality headset – agreed worth looking at this for Black Friday.

Also agreed that an Art Bundle would be a good prize for the PC to purchase. Chocolate Bundle – big visual impact.

Bonnie suggested a Paddle Board as these were really popular in the summer.

Fundraising account is currently £2,500

Last year tickets were £1 a ticket and raised £2000. Suggestion that we could raise the price or sell more tickets. Last year people were calling the school looking for more tickets.

Agreed all of the below would be excellent prizes – hopefully prices will come down in the Black Friday sales.

* Virtual Reality Bundle
* Lego Bundle
* Art Bundle
* Football Bundle
* Stand Up Paddle Board Kit – All Safe on Amazon £300. The Paddle Board kit must have a buoyancy aid, agreed this would be purchased to size afterwards.

**Action: Tina** will look into the VR, Katie will find out about the best one to get from a friend. Katie will also recommend which paddleboard they have. Maria and Tina can access their employer discount to reduce the prizes.

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

Maureen is still to discuss fruit provision with Alyson from SID, but will follow up on this.

**Action: Maureen** to chase up on free fruit from Alyson at SID.

Maureen had a meeting earlier today about the Transformational Change Project. The plan is that they will begin to engage with and consult with Parent Councils in November.

Maureen noted that we have to be very vigilant with Covid currently in school and are rigidly following all guidelines.

The children will be taking part in activities around COP26, there will be safety sessions around bonfire night so there is lots of activity going on. The staff have contributed to a wee bag for all children to take home on Friday for Halloween as it has been decided that it is too risky allowing children into staff homes for Halloween due to the prevalence of Covid within the community.

**AOCB**

The meeting closed at 7.05pm.