**Port Ellen Primary School Parent Council**

**Minutes**

**14th September 2023 6.30pm**

Parent Chair Welcome

Apologies – Colin & Rosie Gordon, Bonnie, Katie, Grace, Lizzie.

**Previous minutes** –

All actions completed & all agreed all events went well.

1st – Maureen

2nd – Maria

**School improvement plan** –

Meeting with children has gone ahead this term, held a PowerPoint within an assembly. Starting with Silver award for RRS for this year, actions are as followed -

Reading school awards Port Ellen school will be working together with Bowmore school, schools will be updating resources, implementing pupil leadership, staff remodelling and taking part in Scottish reading week. Homework survey was sent to parents via seesaw, most parents said homework was a stressor within the house, however they would like the focus to be on reading. This will be taken into account for homework this year and rolled out, positive signs already showing with Mrs Clarke class.

Numeracy, new resources are being put out into classrooms and in 2 weeks time all children will be taking part in Scottish maths week, with problem solving being the main focus.

Writing will be from P3 and up. The school will continue to focus on other points throughout the year, such as STEM & Eco taking into account the three values – I am Innovative, I am Included, I am Independent.

**Fundraising** – the school have asked if it’s possible for a donation to be made for P6/7 Stirling trip, all agreed this would be possible and fundraisers have been suggested. Bingo as they are always popular this time of the year. Family quiz night & Beatle drive with a raffle. Bingo agreed, set for 10th November. Natasha to book SID hall. Maria to speak to netta about being the caller. Beatle drive for a children fundraiser also, donation per table, tea & cakes to maximise funds, date set for 19th Jan 2024. It has been mentioned would ‘gift aid’ be possible as we are a registered charity.

Rosie has asked if the parent council would like to take on a pumpkin trail for Saturday 28th Nov, we have agreed to take this on and will charge per child. Volunteers all sorted.

Actions –

Rosie – do we have bingo books

Maria – Speak to Netta re bingo caller.

Maureen – look into Gift Aid

Natasha – book Ramsey hall for bingo.

**Merchandise for Christmas fair & shop** –

Tea towels with new updated design is needed, all agreed to redesign after we have sold the current stock. Water bottles, a new design has been suggested. Hold a competition for the children to design a new bottle to have them involved, the winner will be announced at the bingo event with hopefully a prize of the new items with their design. Cups, Bottles & Cards have been suggested as personalised items to sell.

**IMPORTANT DATES** –

* School Christmas fair 2nd December.
* School panto date 14-15th Dec
* Nativity date 20th Dec.

**Actions** -

Cups – Tina

Bottles – Maureen to speak to Kate.

Playing Cards – Amy & Martin.

**Playground & waterproofs update** –

The children have asked about toys for the playground, a solution is needed to be found to accommodate the children’s request. Toy ideas were discussed and parent council to purchase toys etc for the playground, more mita footballs, basket balls, football goals, giant Jenga, connect 4.

Waterproofs for the children upstairs were requested as we are coming into winter, is there a budget for new waterproofs?

Idea for the Coop funding to be used as a closed-door shelter for the playground which can then be used by all. This would need to be discussed later.

Maureen has now been given the go ahead from Elixa to purchase a hut & spend the money as they see fit, 29th September for some of the parent council to go into the nursey to measure up for the ‘early years hut’.

Next P/C meeting scheduled for – Monday 6th November 6.30pm