**Port Ellen Primary School Parent Council**

**Minutes**

**6th March 2023 6pm**

# Parent Chair Welcome

# Apologies

In attendance for the meeting – Natasha, Maureen, Tina, Morven, Emma, Lizzie, Martin, Coral, Amy, Colin.

Apologise from – Bonnie Wood & Larah MacGregor

# Minutes from last meeting

9th November, everyone received the email containing the minutes. All actions have been completed and the Christmas fair was a success. Tina had a meeting with Coop and other groups who are awarded the Coop funding, all is going well, and we need to continue to advertise our cause. Tina has been posting on social media to choose our cause, we are currently sat at £1263. This needs to be promoted as much as we can until it finishes.

Proposed – Maureen MacDonald

2nd – Maria Heads

# School Crossing

Grace Gibson has written a letter to the council. Maureen has suggested that this may not be the best solution due to holidays/sickness etc. A zebra crossing or pelacan crossing would be a better suggestion, it was also suggested that speed cameras would be a good idea with a set limit at 20mph with there being 4 distilleries on our route, this would be beneficial for all. Maureen has suggested that the school council write a letter to the council suggesting this, it was also agreed that the letter would be sent to all the local councillors as well. A suggestion of children making posters due to the parking on the road also as cars/vans park where they are not meant to, which makes it difficult for children to see when crossing currently.

Actions –

Katie, Tina & Amy to write letter on Thursday to send to the council.

# Coop Funding

Keep advertising this on social media. Our total is currently going well as discussed in the opening of the meeting.

# Easter Egg Extravaganza

Saturday 8th, easter bunny has been booked ready for their big show! Location is currently being sourced, same route but different theme. Stations in the woods will be different, layout the same. Word and egg hunt to be following the same route this year. Booking is essential, 100 spaces at £5 per child. Lots of stock from last year was left so this will keep down costs down this year. Price was questioned, can this be raised up or are we happy with that price, it was agreed that the current pricing of £5 would be kept. Waffle stall was suggested and see if Laphroaig will allow us to use their house for a power supply, this would help up our profit along with a bake sale.

Egg hunt around the school, Maureen has asked can we get financial help for this? Emma offered to speak to Colin Logan to see if they would make a financial contribution towards this as that is all that is required this time. Rosie offered to purchase eggs while away as to get them within budget, £1 per child – small egg each.

Action –

Amy – Write a word hunt for the children to go around the woods. 8 stations, but the word can be longer.

Emma – Speak to colin logan about donation for the school to purchase eggs.

Natasha – Get newspapers to Rosie

Morven – Speak to Pamela to see if we can use the house for waffle stall. To check waffle mix & order more.

Lizzie – Make poster for easter extravaganza.

Rosie – Order station gifts, make large eggs.

# Nursery Outdoor Hut.

Money has been received from Elixir and Georgie; thoughts were that their architecture was going to be drawing this up, then their builders to make off site then erect here at the school. However, Maureen is concerned about time, we have been sitting with this for a while and would now like to look at purchasing something ourselves and having it built by them – would this be acceptable with Georgie, if they are Colin is going to speak to her and see where we stand.

A suggestion for putting in an application for Ardbeg funding to cover any further costs that may be involved, we have until the 13th March to apply for this. It was agreed that we will apply, Tina and Amy to look at this and apply.

Action -

Morven – Speak to Robert at McLeod’s about getting any free concrete to expand the hunt.

Colin – Speak to Daniel to see if he will dig the foundations. Speak to Georgie about extra funds and the plans for hut to be built.

Natasha – Email Tina with Ardbeg application as well as Rosie. Send Spar Funding application to Tina.

Tina & Amy – To look at the application and fill in on Thursday.

# AOCB

Money is in from Diageo.

School Jumpers/cardies, could we look at a patch that parents can buy to iron on their own jumpers etc so these can be reusable. Maureen is happy with this and will look into it, only concern is if this will fall off during daily wear and the different colours of cardies/jumpers . The community room school swap shop was also mentioned, this needs to be advertised more as a lot of jumpers were donated to them the other day.

Ardentinny funds – this was used to help make it what it was. This covered the short fall for our students so they only had to pay £170, however it was questioned if there is any more money to come back to the parents from different fundraisers/overpayments?

Actions –

Maureen – to investigate the patch option. Speak to the other heads about the trip and if there is any money to be returned.

NEXT MEETING – 1st May 2023 @ 6pm