**Port Ellen Primary School Parent Council**

**Agenda**

**5th September 2024 @ 6pm**

Parent Chair Welcome

Apologies – Maria Heads, Coral McEachern, Rosie Gordon, Grace Gibson

In attendance – Natasha Newcombe, Emma Mactaggart, Moven Gemmell, Maureen MacDonald, Lizzie Fitzpatrick, Joanne Beckett, Amber McCuaig, Amy Hannett, Tina Cunningham, Megan Byers, Mhairi Drennan, Martin Armstrong.

**Minutes from last meeting**

Recapped from previous meeting with all actions completed as it was all relating to end of year.

1st – Lizzie

2nd- Morven

**School Business**

The first assembly with the pupils for the school improvement plan was recently held this week, off the back of this a poster has been created which will go out to all parents shortly outlining all the actions.

Our School Improvement Plan is framed around the ‘PACE’ model which focus on **P**edagogy, **A**ttainment, **C**urriculum, **E**thos.

**P** – Teacher will be partnering with the same level teachers within other schools (Bowmore) in order to give feedback/support/ideas on lesson plans/delivery lessons.

**A** – The focus will be on math, problem solving skills & times table. Also looking at writing skills and talking. As these areas have been noted for improvement.

**C** – The school will continue to offer the development of lifelong skills through endeavour projects. Science education lead by Jo Clark and improving the reading skills of pupils. (It was noted that on the last day of school Port Ellen Primary School were awarded a Silver award for the reading. Congratulations to all involved on this amazing achievement)

**E** – This is linked to our Vision, values and aims – the aims have now been linked in with the school values - with thanks to the teachers for their work on this. A school moto was created which is - ‘Learn as long as you live’

SNSA – since 2019 the data gathered for each area focus’ on what percentage is above average, on average, or below average. 78% of children are on track for writing, although this is above the levels for A&B Council we would like this to be higher. The percentage for reading & numeracy is currently 97%, which is brilliant.

GL assessment – this highlighted the problem solving & strategy as an issue as well as punctuation and spelling. This has been noted and will be the schools focus to rise this level with pupils.

All this data is taken and used to create the school improvement plan. A survey will be sent out to all parents/carers in regards to school homework & would they this like to come back, to help improve spelling or any other areas that may need improvement.

**Funding for school trip**

Lochgoilhead trip for a school trip this year – look at £400 per pupil. 4th march – 7th march. Due to the amount of the cost per pupil, we need to run a few different fundraisers in order to try and bring the cost down for parents/carers.

* The school have been donated a Santa & Mrs Clause to be raffled off with all the money going towards the school trip.
* Map of the school logo/Islay – 100 squares at £10 per square with a prize of £300.
* Amy has suggested a ‘make your money grow’ fundraiser, i.e. give the children £2 and they find ways in order to make more money from this £2 with all funds raised coming back to the school. £50 budget for P6-7 to ‘make this grow’
* January blues fundraiser – night away at a pod? January might be a quiet time for those with pods so would they consider donating us a night to raffle off? £10 per ticket. This worked very well for Bowmore Parent Council. Amy will look into this for a Jura option as well.
* Bingo night Friday 21st February. Bingo is always a great night and loved by many.

**Future meetings**

Thursday 7th November 6pm

AGM – 30th January 2025 6pm

14th March – Parent Council night out.

15th May 6pm – meeting regarding leavers etc.

**Halloween & Christmas fayre ( Santa Grotto)**

£1200 raised from the quiz The Ardview held for us – Saturday 7th December is the day of the Christmas fayre. All agreed that charging £5 per person would be a good idea as we are always sold out.

Halloween – this is in the preparation with Rosie & Lizzie more information to follow.

**School Uniform changes**

Martin has asked for this to be raised as he has been approached by other parents regarding how this was implemented, the waste it might encourage etc. Maureen has acknowledged that the consultation wasn’t in the normal way it would have been carried out, however this was off the back of the school jumpers rising in costs each year. The school have already noticed a huge pile of jumpers that are not labelled and now are in lost property – the implementation of the ties is to combat this. Maureen didn’t run the consultation in order to undermine the parents, this was done within a time constraint and it was the best way to get feedback from everyone before the summer holidays, this would allow parents the time to purchase school uniform during the summer holidays. Maureen has apologised for the first letter regarding ties and quickly rectified this with a response outlining more information on when the new uniform will be fully switched over. A letter regarding the shade of grey for jumpers will be sent shortly once the clerical staff have finalised a budget friendly list of retailors.

**AOCB – Hoodies**

Bowmore PC have considered giving the P7 pupils their hoodies for the last term instead of last day. This would allow them more opportunities to wear them such as to induction day to high school etc. Everyone liked this idea and agreed that this will be implemented here as well. More to discuss at the next meeting. Amy has asked could we create a P7 leavers year book as well – all agreed this was a lovely idea as well.

Action list

**Amy**

* To do the map of squares for fundraiser – CASH ONLY TO THE SCHOOL.
* To contact Pi Davidson on Jura about a free night to raffle off.
* To look at organising a ‘grow your money’ for P6-7.

**Tina**

* Speak to Richard Cree regarding a free night in January for us to raffle off.

**Lizzie**

* To speak to Danielle about us running the bar at the Halloween disco as a fundraiser.
* Book hall for bingo in February.

**Morven**

* Bonus ball – to be drawn when full.

**Joanne**

* Coloured raffle books with corresponding boxes for each room – parents to donate items of that colour then to raffle of the prize box.