**SGOIL BHREASCLEIT PARENT COUNCIL**

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING**

**HELD ON TUESDAY 6 FEBRUARY 2024**

**PRESENT:**

Donna Smith, Chair

Maggie Macfarlane, Treasurer

Mairi Graham, Secretary

Kathleen Macarthur

Elaine Macleod

 Elaine MacKay

 Marina MacKay

 Mairi MacAulay

 Becca Crossley

Shona Gunn, Head Teacher

Kirsteen Macritchie, P1-7

**1. Apologies:**

Kathleen Macdonald

 Kirsty Macleod

1. **Minutes of Previous Meeting**

The Minutes were approved by Kathleen MacArthur and seconded by Marina MacKay.

**5. Finance/Fundraising**

Fundraising - Fundraising has raised a total of £1,714.59 so far from events which was topped up by 2x RBS applications for math funding for the bonfire and the craft fair.

School trip – 8 children will be going on the trip, £390 each needed, total to be fundraised is £3,250, this includes repaying parents the deposit they paid for the trip of £50.

£1,168.41 still needs to be raised to cover the costs.

Donna mentioned the fundraising event this Friday (9th Feb) with Iain ‘Spanish’ – please share with family and friends. Need volunteers, a rota has been circulated including the parents of those going on the trip but will need some more volunteers to help set up the hall, stage, bar etc too. Bring along your £1.

Ryan MacSween (Carloway Estate Trust) has been asked to make funding applications for the trip. One has been made to Lewis Wind Farm for £1,750 but we need to wait until the end of March to find out if it has been successful. He is also looking at other applications.

Parent Council were to fund the cost of a bench in memory of Mrs Gilchrist, Calmax Construction have agreed to cover the cost of this and we would like to express our thanks to them for this.

Maggie noted a thank you to everyone who has helped with the fundraising and the importance of it, others school, parents are having to pay the full amount for their parents school trips. Donna agreed how lucky we are to live in a community where we are so supported.

When the balance of the school trip will be due? – Mrs Gunn noted the school were hoping to send out information by the February break. Costs may have gone up, currently looking at this and will build in a contingency.

Do we have a contingency plan if we didn’t cover the costs of the trip? – Donna confirmed we would approach Breasclete Community Association for any short fall.

Other fundraising events – the committee are waiting to see how this Friday’s event goes to see what other events they need to do, thinking about a reduced auction e.g. silent auction rather than the full auction they had planned. Clean up and Duck race hoping to go ahead end of March / beginning of April.

Finances - Bank balance is sitting at £9,159, this includes £896 of Sradagan money as they use the Parent Council bank account.

**6. AOCB**

Motiv8 – parents agreed Parent council would pay for a session during the February break.

PC would like to thank Torman for putting on the afterschool music sessions on a Tuesday.

Vick is standing down as Vice Chair, Donna asked the meeting whether anyone was interested in taking the position or to nominate, it wasn’t agreed at the meeting so Donna will speak to people to gauge interest.

Elaine Macleod suggested that Mr Maciver (Costello) is retiring at the end of June and that the council will be advertising for a full-time cover and that we should get in touch with the Education Department to support/ensure this role is filled, as well as Mr Smith’s part-time position (he has already retired and the role has not been filled). Donna to write a letter of support to highlight the importance of these roles in our schools.

**7. Date of Next Meeting**

Next Meeting Tuesday 28th May @ 6.30pm at Breasclete Hall