**SGOIL BHREASCLEIT PARENT COUNCIL**

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING**

**HELD ON TUESDAY 26 SEPTEMBER 2023**

**PRESENT:**

Donna Smith, Chair

Maggie Macfarlane, Treasurer

Mairi Graham, Secretary

Kathleen Macarthur

Elaine Mackay

Elaine Macleod

 Kathleen Macdonald

 Becca Crossley

 Kirsty Macleod

Shona Gunn, Head Teacher

Eileen Macmillan, P4-7

Kirsteen Macritchie, P1-7

**1. Apologies:**

Vick Hallard, Vice Chair

Lesley Macleod

Eleanor Mackay

Marina Mackay

Anna Fraser

1. **Minutes of Previous Meeting**

The Minutes were proposed by Kathleen MacDonald and seconded by Elaine Macleod.

**3. Matters Arising**

RSHP Meeting – The chair mentioned the meeting held last term was very useful and cleared up misinformation being shared.

**4. Review of Parent Council’s Constitution**

 Last review done in 2016, some updates required:

* Point 4 – Change reference to pupil post as no longer used, update to Parent Council What’s App

Group

- Question about what is the parents forum – Mrs Gunn stated it was all parents in the school, even if

they don’t attend meetings they are still sent all the information.

- Point 14 – it was questioned if funds could go to a community group rather than the education authority but this was previously looked into and not possible due to the council who pay insurance etc on behalf of the parent council.

**5. Priorities for the Parent Council for the School Year Ahead**

1. Residential trip – Need to explore options for 8 children (7 families) whether it be mainland or island based – Children are entitled to 1 residential trip in 7 years, this could be mainland or local - Mrs Campbell to start pricing this to explore options.

Options discussed – mainland, local e.g. camping in Dalmore, to join another school to share costs.

Need to get parental confirmation first before the school can begin pricing options – hoping a letter will go out the beginning of next week.

1. Holiday Club – Parent council have previously organised holiday clubs, question was raised if we wanted to continue this or could we join Youth Club or CNAG to do it. CNAG hoping to run a holiday club in October, Kathleen MacD to confirm.
2. Sradagan – CNAG had enquired about Parent Council being the body in charge rather than creating a separate committee, this was agreed and suggested that it ties onto PC Fundraising committee.

It was agreed that it was better to open a 2nd account to deal with the Sradagan finances – Maggie to look into this.

Discussion about Sradagan potentially changing from P1-7 to P3-7 after its trial in October as its currently not working as it is. Suggestions made to ask additional volunteers which is difficult as there are less that speak Gaelic, alternate weeks or provide something else for the younger ones (lunch club already in the planning for the younger ones). CNAG to speak to parent volunteers and send out survey to parents to make a plan going forward, and confirm Sine (Callanish) as a 2nd leader.

**6. Finance/Fundraising**

Maggie Macfarlane provided the meeting with an overview of the finances – there is a healthy balance of £8,261.88. School & Sgoil Araich costs of about £1,200 are yet to come off that.

Pàrant & Pàiste have £129.85 in the bank for their use too.

Lottery money from previous funding application still in bank - £342.95 but can be used for anything as reporting has been completed. Funding was open to all members of the community. Suggestions for this – work with Youth Club and Sradagan with it, use it for pumpkins again or Christmas Santa Run.

 Fundraising ideas – Christmas Market Day with Raffle, Bingo, Village Clean Up and Duck Race.

 Shona Gunn left the meeting.

Suggestions of funds we can apply for – Lottery has one, Callanish Centre, BASF?, can we work with other community organisations to apply for funding – Suggested to get in touch with Ryan MacSween at Carloway Estate Trust, Donna to contact him for support for funding applications and she will raise the possibility of joint funding applications from the Community Association at the next meeting.

The Community Association usually give us money each year but we haven’t asked for it the past few years due to Covid so will keep that as an option for the Residential trip.

Elaine Macleod noted that Torman were having a carol evening on the 20th of December at 7pm if PC wanted to tie the Christmas Market onto that.

Fundraising meeting – 10th October, 7pm? Time to be confirmed – all parents to be invited – please get in touch if you would like to be added to the Fundraising committee.

**7. Motiv8**

Motiv8 have been in touch to offer activities on the Wednesday 25th October – slots in the morning in Uig and afternoon ones in Breasclete. Parent council happy to pay for this again. Kathleen MacDonald (CNAG) to correspond with Steven (Motiv8) about it and will confirm to parents.

**8. AOCB**

Mod Support – It was questioned whether we are doing the same again this year - teachers noted that Mr Maciver (the new music teacher) offers a lot of support to children for Mod which should help. Maggie noted it was quite expensive last time (paying for tuition) so will look into that. Need to try and give the children more experience to perform e.g. through groups like Torman.

**9. Date of Next Meeting**

Next Meeting Tuesday 21st November at 6.30pm online.