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 Department of Education & Children's Services
Minute/Note of Meeting

TITLE	SUAT PARENT COUNCIL AGM		
DATE	Thurs 19th Sept 2024	TIME	18:00
VENUE	SUAT		
DISTRIBUTION	All		

Present:	Conor Lawless, Emily Durie, Alana MacInnes, Dianne Morrison, Fiona MacVicar, John Archie Currie, Catriona Currie, Paddy Morrison, David Ferguson, Christine Macquarrie
Apologies:	Alina Macaskill-Simpson, Florence Pearson, Corinna Krause, Heather Wheeler
Absent:	

Agenda Item		Summary	Action	Who?	When?
1	Welcome	<p>As Chairperson for 2023/24 CL welcomed everyone to the meeting.</p> <p>CL explained to the group what the Parent Council is and highlighted different events and activities that the Parent Council have been involved in throughout the year and financial contributions that the PC made. There is currently £3300 in the PC bank account.</p> <p>The Parent Council is open to all parents who would like to join. Any suggestions, concerns or issues can be discussed in the meeting and also brought up with any Parent Council member if you are unable to attend the meeting in person. There is also an email address that parents can send anything they would like to be discussed at the meeting. A PC member will check the email account regularly.</p>			
2	Appointment of Office Bearers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chairperson – Emily Durie • Vice Chairperson – Fiona MacVicar • Treasurer – Conor Lawless • Secretary – Alana MacInnes 	Find out more information re signatories	CL/DM	ASAP
3	Sharing of School Improvement Projects	The two projects are 'raising attainment in talking/listening' – to develop Gaelic for GLE and GME, and also 'develop meta-skills for learning for sustainability'. DM will share the project plan with ED who will distribute to the Parent Council.	Send project plan	DM/ED	ASAP
4	Christine MacQuarrie – Active Schools	<p>Christine MacQuarrie joined the meeting via video link. She introduced herself as Active Schools Co-ordinator. Her role is to increase opportunities for children to be active during and outwith school.</p> <p>Core projects are currently delivered at SUAT such as Bikeability and Young Leaders group. SUAT have their own bikes and shared access to kayaks. It is hoped the kayaks will be at the</p>			

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	<p>school soon. Girls Only football was a great success last term, so this could be potentially offered again for P4-7 pupils.</p> <p>CM has asked for any parents who would like involvement in any clubs/activities to make contact with her or the school. CM will send DM information that can be included in the school newsletter</p>				
5	Sumdog	<p>DM asked if PC would be willing to contribute £250 towards the annual subscription for Sumdog. PC to discuss further.</p> <p>Now that a number of pupils have access to new Chromebooks, it will be very useful for in school work as well as all pupils getting their own log-ins to use at home through an app. It is a great maths resource that the children enjoy using.</p>	Discuss PC funding for Sumdog subscription	PC	ASAP
6	Holiday Dates	<p>Provisional dates shared with the group. DM will send an e-copy to ED to share.</p> <p>Query re Feb 2025 dates – schools shut to pupils on Fri 14th, Mon 17th and Tues 18th Feb, back to school on Wed 19th Feb 202</p>	Holiday dates to be shared	DM	
7	AOB	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Halloween – parade and activities will be held during the school day on Thursday 31st October 2024. Halloween disco in the evening tbc whether it will be held and if it is P7 pupils or PC arranging. The Christmas Fayre will be on Saturday 7th December 2024. Children are not allowed mobile phones in school. School garden – the school have applied for various funding following Anne Robertsons' retirement. There has been no success in gaining the funding so far, however, DM will check Crown Estate funding as members of the group are aware of other parties being successful - Laura Skinner and Mustapha Hocine were suggested contacts. MOWI, Loch Duart & SSEN were also suggested as possible options so DM will also contact them. The school are currently having meetings to plan ahead as the garden has been such a success. Paul (Janitor), Mrs Ellwood and a local volunteer are supporting the children in the garden. 	<p>Confirm Halloween Disco arrangements</p> <p>Chase Crown Estate Funding</p> <p>Contact local companies re funding</p>	DM	
8	Date of Next Meeting	Thursday 7th November 2024 at 6pm			