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Draft minutes for Dunrossness Primary School Parent Council meeting

Tuesday 15th September 2020 7.00pm Via Zoom

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Meeting start:	7.05pm	
Present:	Gemma McClelland (Chair), Kathryn Lomax (Vice Chair), Sharon Waddell (Treasurer) Alice Ritch, Kate Allen Andrea Henderson (Head teacher) + Brenda Smith (Teacher Rep) George Smith (Counciller)	
Apologies:	Cheryl Geldenhuys, Janette Leslie, Jolene Johnson,	
Minutes from last meeting	Approved by Sharon Seconded by Kate	
Finances Report	Still haven't got the folders from Cheryl. Accounts need to be sent to accountant and signatories changed.	Sharon to contact Bank of Scotland to see about changing signatories
Head Teacher Report	Nothing new since last meeting	
Matters Arising:	<p>Never Get Bored book NGB book letter emailed out to parents. P1-p4 was sent out in a bigger format so younger bairns can draw pictures. Gemma suggested gentle reminders with teachers – Brenda pointed out some have started but a reminder before end of term wont hurt.</p> <p>Hoping to have it completed by Christmas? 150 copies.</p> <p>Kate suggested that each committee member does an example page to show parents what kind of thing we'd like</p> <p>Who is on committee Gemma made up a sheet with this info</p> <p>New members What are the barriers to joining? Reasons to join. There is less physical contact at the school during Covid. Bullet points from presentation.</p> <p>Also about making a short video PowerPoint showing members what we are about</p>	<p>Alice to speak to Ben about possibility of him printing for us. A5 size in colour.</p> <p>Gemma suggested this to be done by end of month</p> <p>Gemma to email Andrea so it can be shared on the blog</p> <p>Kathryn to make up a list of bullet points to share amongst members from Connect training.</p> <p>Alice could do some music if we all perhaps made a slide. Gemma to email further about this.</p>



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	<p>Covid</p> <p>Andrea wondered if it was too late to ask parents and pupils about lockdown due to Covid. What went well? What we could continue doing in school?</p> <p>Outdoor toys</p> <p>Each class got £60 to spend on new indoor and outdoor toys, P7 did this as a maths topic. Alan Edwards from Sumburgh Fire Service nominated Dunrossness school for money received from Hoswick Visitors Centre. P7's came in under their budget.</p> <p>Homework</p> <p>Alice shared the screen to show us the form Andrea had made up asking parents about their thoughts on homework – as she feels GLOW is still to be used! Came up in inspection report, blended learning, upskilling bairns, digital upskilling, connectivity issues “if you can get on Netflix, you can get on Glow”</p>	<p>We all agreed it was unique and def fresh in everyone's mind so Andrea following up with this.</p> <p>Andrea to send this out this week and also make one for the pupils</p>
<p>Fundraising ideas</p>	<p>Sharon suggested hot chocolate cones to sell to each class at Christmas</p> <p>Hampers to still go ahead (possibly) if quarantined raffle ticket money is only foreseeable problem</p> <p>Christmas cards are still being done. Photocopy to go home of design and parents say what they want</p> <p>Possible photo calendar competition with a theme – PC judge</p> <p>School photos are to be done by Steve Birrell this year – using boxes. Really great idea.</p>	
<p>Events</p>		
<p>AOCB</p>	<p>George Smith praised school with how well they did in the report and what a good read it was about the staffing, school as a whole, parents and of course pupils. Andrea read report out at assembly about how good the bairns were.</p> <p>Andrea spoke about the changes to the reporting calendar this year as parents are not currently allowed in school. Short report in Oct followed up by a phone call appointment in parents wish. School will share learning with parents in a different way during these difficult times.</p>	



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	<p>There will be virtual class assemblies and Christmas show presentations. No singing.</p> <p>Kathryn asked about a present for Gary Cape</p> <p>Kate brought up new school uniform possibility. Gemma said SJHS have just done it – design is great but feels quality is quite poor.</p> <p>Gemma asked if a new logo was also needed? Andrea happy for this to be the case as the current one was from a good few years ago</p> <p>Blog – Kate asked if each class could do more on the blog as its reassuring for parents to see what is happening in current situation. Kathryn asked how to access the blog. Kate shared the link.</p> <p>Menu hasn't been updated – Andrea apologised and said it was same for 2 weeks.</p> <p>No applicants for EYD teacher post</p>	<p>Gemma to contact SJHS and Cunningsburgh to see if they want to get a joint present</p> <p>Gemma to contact Price + Buckland about possibility of a new design?</p> <p>Logo competition to be done</p> <p>*all after Never Get Bored Book*</p> <p>Andrea going to remind teachers about using Blog. Kathryn sharing link on FB as a reminder incase other parents felt the same</p> <p>Andrea stepping in till Kathleen comes back</p>
Date of next meeting:	Tuesday 10 th Nov 8pm Via Zoom with Alice as host	Alice to set up nearer the time
Meeting end	8.05pm	