

## WHALSAY SCHOOL PARENT COUNCIL

**Minutes of the public meeting held on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> February, 2019 in the Secondary Department Meeting Room.**

### **Present:**

#### **Office Bearers**

Carol Ann Reid (CAR) (Chair)  
Natalie Constable (NC Vice Chair)  
Leona Jamieson (LJ Fund Raising)  
Moira Dally (MD) Clerk

#### **Members**

Ann Marie Anderson (AMA)  
Samantha Anderson (SA)  
Elizabeth Nisbet (EN)  
Dianne Goodlad (DG)  
Susan Pearson (SP)  
Eileen Robertson (ER)  
Jeni Polson (JP)  
Valerie Leask (VL)

#### **Staff**

Garry Spence (GS) Head Teacher  
Iain MacInnes (IMac)  
Audrey Polson (AP)  
Pauline Irvine (PA) Depute HT

### **Apologies:**

Kathleen Jamieson

### **Welcome and Attendees**

The Chair welcomed all attendees.

### **Treasurer's Report**

Members were informed that there was a balance of approximately £4,500 in the account.

### **Funding Requests**

The following funding request was discussed and approved –

Kit Cars - £169.96

Modelling Materials - £41.97

Camera for Nursery use - £199.95

Camera for Pri use - £149.99

Pri Outside storage container – approved, but the PC have stated that they would be willing to spend more on a more substantial one. Perhaps research could be done to see if one could be made locally and get a proper base made for it to sit on. Subsequent to the meeting GS was advised of this decision, and asked to report back to the Pri Dept.

GS

Sec. Christmas Tree and Dec – approved but since there was no costs detailed in the request form Members agreed that they would like to be consulted before any purchase is made. Subsequent to the meeting GS was informed of this decision and advised that now might be a good time to be looking locally to purchase.

GS

**Approval of previous Minutes 26.04.18**

Minutes were approved by Ann Marie Anderson and seconded by Iain MacInnes.

**Matters Arising****Christmas Concert**

CAR said she thought that cancelling the concert, due to illness, had been the right thing to do in the circumstances. She said that folks had been given the choice of a refund on their tickets or using them to come to the Winter Music Evening. She said that a note would go out again to say that folks had a week to get their concert money refunded, if they weren't using them to come to the Winter Music Evening, the money would be used as a donation to the PC. It was mooted that what most folks appropriate concert raffle items would be donated to the Winter Music Evening raffle unless folks who donated them wanted to recover them from the Pri Office. CAR returned the perishable goods out of the PC Christmas Concert Hampers to T&A and a refund was made.

**Future Fundraisers**

CAR asked the meeting if anyone had any fundraising ideas. Discussion took place and the meeting agreed on an Easter Themed Coffee Morning – Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> April, to take place in the Pri Hall. Further discussion will need to take place before the event.

**HT/AHT Reports**

See separate sheet

**AOCB****Floating Holiday**

GS told the meeting that the School had one holiday date to be fixed for session 2019-20. Easter Monday does not fall in the Easter Holidays. He asked what the meeting thought about Monday 27<sup>th</sup> May, although he reiterated that he had not discussed this with school staff. There seemed to be no objection to this proposed date from members.

**Focus Group Meeting**

GS reminded members about the Focus Group Meeting on Thursday at 1.30pm. This meeting will explore through discussions with staff/pupils/parents what the future school curriculum should look like. Although some parents were signed up for this GS made it clear that more parent volunteers would be very welcome to attend.

**Provision of Full Time Nursery Places**

DG had been contacted by a parent enquiring about when this provision would be available. GS told the meeting that QIO for Early Learning and Childcare, Sam Flaws, had advised him that the starting date would be April 2020, Two year olds and up would be entitled to a free place. Discussion took place on what may need to happen to the nursery/primary buildings with members agreeing that extending the current nursery building would probably not be an

option. GS advised that despite £91,000 of Scottish Gov. Funding no longer being ring fenced for Early Learning and Childcare, SIC still plan to use it under that heading. This will of course impact on other SIC budgets.

**Date of Next Meeting**

The date of the next meeting was set for Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> April at 5.30pm.

This being the business the meeting closed at 6.20 pm