

## WHALSAY SCHOOL PARENT COUNCIL

**Minutes of the public meeting held on Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> April, 2019 in the Secondary Department Meeting Room.**

### **Present:**

#### **Office Bearers**

Carol Ann Reid (CAR) (Chair)  
Leona Jamieson (LJ Fund Raising)  
Moirra Dally (MD) Clerk

#### **Members**

Ann Marie Anderson (AMA)  
Samantha Anderson (SA)  
Elizabeth Nisbet (EN)  
Susan Pearson (SP)  
Eileen Robertson (ER)  
Jeni Polson (JP)  
Alexis Gaines (AG)  
Laura Miers for Dianne Goodlad (LM)

#### **Staff**

Garry Spence (GS) Head Teacher  
Iain MacInnes (IMac)  
Kathleen Jamieson (KJ)

### **Apologies:**

Natalie Constable (Vice Chair)  
Dianne Goodlad  
Pauline Irvine

### **Welcome and Attendees**

The Chair welcomed all attendees.

### **Treasurer's Report**

Members were informed that current funds stood at £5,784.03 in the account.  
The recent Coffee Morning took in £1392.50.

### **Funding Requests**

The following funding request was discussed and approved –

Water play table/water play kit/Playmobil Space Set - £344.99 Pri 1  
Secondary 4 leaving get together - £70  
Camera Memory Card/camera case – Pri Office appox £40  
Water play equipment - £185.44 Pri 2

### **Approval of previous Minutes 05.02.19**

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

### **Matters Arising**

Coffee Morning 20.04.19 - CAR thanked everyone for their help and hailed the event a great success.

**Previous funding** – A thank you note was received from the Nursery pupils on receipt of their new camera.

**Previous funding bid** – KJ could inform the group that no new Christmas Tree for the secondary dept. would be purchased - instead new decorations would be added to the existing ones.

**Focus Group Meeting** - CAR advised the meeting that she would not be able to attend this meeting to be held on 7<sup>th</sup> May 5pm Hayfield House and invited any member to attend in her place.

**Bi-annual Meeting** – 14<sup>th</sup> May 7 – 9pm Islesburgh. CAR unsure if she would manage to attend, and again extended the invitation to others to take her place.

### **Agenda**

#### **Parenting Skills Course Information Poster**

The above poster was handed round the meeting and GS was asked if it could be placed on the Noticeboard in the Primary Dept.

**HT/AHT Report** (see separate sheet)

#### **A.O.C.B.**

- SP asked if S3 Parents could attend the Youth Philanthropy Initiative event being held in the Pri Hall on Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup>. GS assured her they would be welcome.
- Primary 2 Parents were asking if their children could go on a day trip – GS advised direct contact with their class teacher.
- All attendees agreed that parents would welcome more advanced notice of school events, especially those parents that worked out of the Isle.
- A request was made to have the 'Open Day' materials available if possible for parents unable to attend this event to see at Parents' Night.
- GS was asked about the timescale for the Nursery extended hours. He told the Meeting he would know better next week, but officially April 2020.
- LM said that Nursery parents would like to know sooner rather than later who would be in what session in the Nursery.
- LM asked if at the 'Stay and Play Day' for the Nursery pupils parents could stay over lunch, before pupils went in to Primary 1.
- ER asked if the information regarding the upper primary class split could be sent out to parents soon. GS said that LI and PI were currently working on it.

#### **Voting Procedures**

This year the following class reps would be coming off the PC – Susan Pearson, Eileen Robertson, Ann Marie Anderson and Alexis Gaines. It was discussed and agreed that voting for new reps. would follow the same procedure as last

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