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| **WHALSAY SCHOOL PARENT COUNCIL**  **Minutes of the public meeting held on Tuesday 10th September, 2019 in the Secondary Department Meeting Room.**  **Present**:  **Office Bearers**  Carol Ann Reid (CAR) (Chair)  Natalie Constable (Vice Chair)  Leona Jamieson (LJ - Fund Raising)  Moira Dally (MD) Clerk  **Members Staff**  Sarah Anderson (SA) Garry Spence (GS) Head Teacher  Elizabeth Nisbet (EN) Iain MacInnes (IMac)  Odette Anderson (OD) Audrey Polson(AP)  Debbie Saunderson (DB) **In Attendance**  Angela Cooper (AC) Eyvor Irvine  Jeni Polson (JP)  Angela Williamson (AW)  Gina Sandison for Samantha Anderson  **Apologies**:  Dianne Goodlad  Samantha Anderson  Pauline Irvine  Kathleen Jamieson  **Welcome and Attendees**  The Chair welcomed all attendees, old and new. Once again, members were reminded that meetings were held once a term. If unable to attend a meeting the Chair requested that members ask another parent to represent their class, and that no individual teacher/staff member or pupil be part of a PC discussion. Any concerns at that level should be directed to the School.  **Treasurer’s Report**  Members were informed that current funds stood at £5,182.05.  Members were reminded by CAR that in February a funding request for a storage container was granted at a cost of £119. Members considered that a stronger structure would be in order and granted funding for Laurence to purchase materials. As yet no invoice for the goods has been received but rough estimate would suggest the cost be £596.70  **Funding Requests**  The following funding requests were discussed and approved –  Pack of 12 footballs - £81.83 (Pri/Sec)  Dressing Up Station and Cloakroom Trolley - £487.14 - Nursery  Materials to ‘future proof’ Early Years shed - £200  Concert materials - £54.86 – Secondary  **School Improvement Plan – Promoting Positive Relationships – for Parents**  As part of the course that she is undertaking Eyvor Irvine, is leading a Focus Group for Teachers, looking at behaviour, and more broadly relationships and learning. This group will report back at the end of the year. Two papers were distributed –   * Behaviour Groupings – from ‘Behaviour in Scottish Schools’ doc. * School Improvement Plan – How Good is our School 4:3.1 Ensuring Wellbeing, Equality and Inclusion. Eyvor, asked that Members complete the survey during the meeting. These questions would be asked again at the end of this year to see if any changes had occurred. Staff were being issued with the same survey.   The collection of this data would help direct and give comparisons, to the Focus Group which would be seen as an important and useful exercise for all. (Eyvor Irvine left the Meeting at 6pm and the surveys were completed).  **Approval of previous Minutes 23.04.19**  Minutes were approved by Leona Jamieson and Iain MacInnes.  **Agenda**  **School Dinner Changes**  CAR advised the Meeting that there were to be Scottish Government changes made to the School Dinners.  A maximum limit was being laid down on amounts of processed meats served, and an increase on the meu of fruit and veg.  Currently there are 7 schools trialling the new style menus and so far feed-back had been OK. Our school will be involved from October. Having seen sample menus, and after discussion, CAR suggested that Members would need to keep an open mind during the trial period. Someone from the local authority is to meet with the PC to discuss the trials, but currently no date has been set for this.  **Cauliflower Cards**  CAR asked Members if they wished to take part in the Cauliflower Cards Scheme again this year. Although not a big money earner, it was seen by Members as popular, and so it was agreed  **Social Media Policy – for Parents**  GS brought the above draft Policy to the Meeting. The purpose of the policy is to make all parents/careers aware of their obligations and responsibilities both towards the school and children when using social media. Scottish common law states that there is ‘an implied duty of trust and confidence between the school and the Parent Council’. After discussing the policy contents, all class reps agreed, and signed off the document. GS also informed Members that within the next few weeks a new ICT user policy would be signed off by staff and pupils.  **HT/AHT Report** (see separate sheet)  **A.O.C.B.**  Nursery rep SA asked about the nursery expansion plans and date of completition. GS could only reiterate that as far as he knew the start date for extended hours in the nursery was April 2020. Members expressed disquiet on how unrealistic that timescale seemed.  **Date of Next Meeting**  Date of next meeting was set for Tuesday 19th November, at 5.30pm – Secondary Dept.  .  This being the business the meeting closed at 6.45 pm |  |
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