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Minutes of the meeting held at Baltasound Junior High School on Thursday 1st September 2016 at 6.00pm in Room 4.

Present:	Mrs. V. Mouat (Chair)	Mrs. C. Peterson
	Mr. M. Cox	Mrs. C. Jamieson
	Mrs. J. Thomson	Mrs. E. Brown
	Mr. G. Rodger	Mrs. C. Peterson
	Mrs. C. Waddington	
In Attendance:	Mr. P. Thomson	
	Mr. G. Thomson	
	Mrs. K. Thomson	

1. Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Derek Jamieson, Karen Gray, Kathryn Lomax and Angela Fraser.

2. Minutes of the Last Meeting (Tuesday 26th April)

Minutes were read and approved.

3. Matters Arising from Minutes

School Sweatshirts

Hoodies, sweatshirts, t-shirts and polo shirts can be purchased. The sweatshirts we already have in school are royal blue and so it was decided to continue this theme with the exception of the polo-shirts which will be in white.

Community Day

Angela would like the polytunnel to be a priority on the next community day (18th September). The students will look into areas which should be focussed on.

Julie asked if the Parent Council could purchase 2 large teapots and an urn which would be a great help on school events – it would also mean that we would not have to borrow teapots etc from local halls.

Parent Council / Pupil Council

The parent council will meet with the pupil council on Monday 12th September at 1pm.

Unst Partnership Gordon

4. School Lunches

Katy Thomson (Head Cook) informed the group of changes that had already been made to the canteen and of changes which are still to come. She stressed that the canteen staff are happy to receive all feedback; positive or negative – changes cannot be made unless they are aware of parents' views. Parent pay is still in a trial run – extended until October because of problems which still need to be addressed.

Soon to come will be a 6 week roll-in menu for the whole of Shetland, when all menus will go online.

Baltasound school offers a single choice daily menu – this is due to our school roll. Other schools which are able to offer a cash cafeteria can do so because they have a higher roll.

Katy stressed that there are no cuts on the meat used in the canteen – all meat is proper butcher's meat.

5. Floating Day / Occasional Holiday

The floating holiday will be set as Monday 29th May. Mid Yell Junior High School have already set this date and with shared staff between the two schools it would make sense to set the same date.

6. Fruit / Tuck Shop

The group were shown examples of items for sale in the tuck shop. The items are among those which the school can legally sell, but are not endorsed by Childsmile.

Examples included; crisps, flavoured milk, breadsticks.

At Mid Yell JHS there is no tuck shop, but free fruit is provided daily. Chocolate or sweets are not allowed in school.

It was noted that the tuck shop makes a profit, so if there is to be a free tuck shop then an alternative method of funding will need to be found to make up the shortfall.

Could the school look at having a free fruit/carrot sticks tuck shop after the October holidays, with treat days e.g. popcorn day?

7. Asymmetric Week

Starting in May 2018 the school days will be changing: Mondays – Thursdays will be longer and Fridays will be shorter. This will be the same for all Shetland Schools. At present with the Whalsay/Aith model they have lunch on Friday then 1 period after lunch then they all finish for the day.

How does this affect after school clubs etc?

CW: Ferries? If this is a central model then the ferries need to be a main consideration.

8. Polytunnel / Fundraising

The school would like to purchase a hard plastic polytunnel; the size of polytunnel we would need could cost anything from £1800 to £5,000.

Climate Challenge Fund? Julie will look into grants.

Fundraising: M & Co Fashion Show – Julie to find out more asap.

Use of Tearooms? Evening – Curry Evening? Friday 11th November – eat in or take-away, could this involve more parents?

9. Family Learning

Numeracy/Literacy.

Open Night / Shopping Night – could there be information about numeracy/literacy.

Upskill families.

10. AOCB

None