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Minutes of the meeting held at Baltasound Junior High School on Thursday 14th September 2017, at 6.30pm in Room 4.

Present:	Mrs Victoria Mouat – Mrs Vaila Thomason (Joint Chair)
	Mr Derek Jamieson Mrs Cheryl Jamieson
	Mrs Julie Thomson Mrs Karen Gray
	Mr George Rodger Ms Margo Spence
	Mrs Karen Gray Mrs Catriona Waddington
In Attendance:	Mr Paul Thomson
	Maisy Mouat
	Natalie Jamieson
	Miss Hazel Sinclair

Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Matthew Cox, Louise Paul, Angela Fraser, Erika & Murray Brown.

Minutes of the Last Meeting

The minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 18th April, 2017 were approved by Cheryl and seconded by Julie.

Matters Arising From Minutes

None.

Floating Holiday

There is still 1 'floating' holiday which schools can select. Baltasound School is already closed for a long weekend on Friday 23rd and Monday 26th February. It was unanimously agreed that the holiday should be taken on Monday 28th May.

Update from Pupil Council (Maisy, Natalie)

The pupil council have been looking into organising Halloween parties to be held on Tuesday 31st October. The age groups will be; Primary 1 – 4 and Primary 5 – Secondary. They hope to send out a letter to parents asking if they would be willing to donate food/sweets etc.

The pupil council have also appointed Lottie as their 'happiness co-ordinator' and have been looking at what makes people sad/happy. They are in the process of designing posters to go up around the school and are looking into creating a happiness bulletin board. There will be suggestion boxes appearing around the school and it is hoped to create a 'pause room' where students can seek quiet time.

The pupil council will be organising the teas and helping with the crèche at the community day on Sunday 17th September.

School Improvement Plan

The School Improvement Plan is one of 2 documents which is a legal requirement of the Headteacher/school for submission annually; the other being the Standards and Quality Report. The School Improvement Plan is due for submission before the end of September and Paul said that he would welcome any input which anyone may have, with the Parent Council having an active role in what is happening in school over the coming year.

Discussion; SIP/S&Q –

Curriculum for excellence levels – info evening

R. Calder, QIO – evaluates every term

School Aims & school motto (nurturing a passion for learning and living together)

What makes our school unique? – remoteness/small/most northerly (3-16 years is a strength) – things to celebrate

How we engage with parents – community days, parents evenings, parents in school (bring your parent to school)

Using employers in school – local employers interested in coming in to school

HGIOS – How Good Is Our School

Raising Attainment – upskill families? continue to encourage families to come in to school – Working Group (Paul/Sandra/Vaila/Julie) – plan for next term; 2 groups LP and UP.

The Facebook Page and Website are both completely up-to-date and evidence of all activities in and around school are recorded on these (and are too numerous to list in any one document.)

Pupil Equity Funding

Paul reiterated the importance of parents who think they may be eligible for Free School Meals making sure they send in the application form, as this is the basis on which pupil equity funding is calculated.

Victoria would like to organise an activity day / family learning day where there would be various stations and information stands – further discussion to take place on the Facebook page (stations etc?).

Update on Grant Application

The school has been awarded a Food For Thought grant of £3000 which will fund a plastic polytunnel. Victoria will look into the Tesco's project scheme.

Fundraising

Various methods of fundraising were discussed.

Quiz sheets? - anagrams?

Talent Show?

Bingo Night? – 1 already planned at Nordalea

No Eurovision event this year – instead have Norwegian Day – 17th May.

Christmas Cards – If we are going to do this then we will need to look into it asap. Victoria and Vaila to find out more.

AOCB

Amenity Trust/Recycling Cans

The possibility of recycling aluminium cans was discussed – money back scheme from Shetland Amenity Trust? The problem would be having to store them until they can be picked up. Victoria will find out more.