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Minutes of the meeting held at Baltasound Junior High School on Thursday 7th June 2018, at 6.00pm in Room 4.

Present: Mrs Victoria Mouat – Mrs Vaila Thomason (Joint Chair)
Mrs Angela Fraser Mr Murray Brown
Mr Derek Jamieson Mrs Cheryl Jamieson
Mrs Karen Gray Mrs Erika Brown
Mr George Rodger Ms Margo Spence

In Attendance: Mr Paul Thomson
Miss Hazel Sinclair

Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Matthew Cox, Julie Thomson and Kevin Priest. Catriona Waddington has stood down from the Parent Council.

Minutes of the Last Meeting

The minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 30th January, 2018 were read and approved.

Matters Arising From Minutes

Welcome Pack

No work has been done on the new welcome pack.

Parental Involvement + Engagement Strategy

This is a Scottish Government initiative which applies to all Local Authorities. Shetland Islands Council have produced their own document which can be found on their website. Paul has produced a version which is localised to Baltasound JHS.

Parental Involvement; how the school communicates between home and school, parents evenings, parents in school. Shetland Islands Council have a template form for volunteering in schools for parents – volunteering includes lunchtime clubs, after school clubs and golden time. Parents could also help with helping small student groups with numeracy and literacy.

Baltasound is lucky in the sense that parents are happy to come to school and help with volunteering already; helping with community days, school trips etc. Volunteering could even extend to grandparents.

Learning at home – what do parents need help with? What can the school do to help?
Information Evenings - Curriculum for Excellence, Internet Safety. What could BJHS offer to help parents to upskill?
ASN – an Autism facts/information sheet has already been produced.
Shared Family Learning – a leaflet could be produced and put on the website at the start of the year. There needs to be access to parent friendly information on the website.
Outside agencies – social work, police etc. There is the possibility of positive parenting classes coming up. Would this be better in the local hall rather than in school?

School Improvement Plan 18/19

The School Improvement Plan can be found on the BJHS website.
Developing the Young Workforce – Generation Science, Meteorologists visit (from Saxavord), STEM visit.
Enhanced Learning – Helpful, honest feedback from Bring your Parent to School Day.
Priorities for 2018/19;
Paul has spoken to the Pupil Council who were keen for Mental Health (raising awareness) to be a priority. Lauren Peterson has been coming to BJHS in her role as Health Improvement Officer. This role in schools is changing and will be part of the School Nurse's remit in future.
Health and Wellbeing week? – Massage, relaxation, mindfulness, yoga could all be part of a HWB week.
Family Cooking? Fundraising for ingredients. Could the Parent Council help, maybe once a month? The Home Economics room could be used.

Nurture Status

Sandwick JHS has nurture status and Dunrossness Primary are working towards it.
Paul had looked into this as a possibility for BJHS; accredited nurture status costs £350, then again every 3 years. Could it be adapted for BJHS – not accredited, but give it our own name?
Age developmental, looking at students who have missed out on experiences in early childhood.
The six principles of nurture;
Add to School Improvement Plan.

S4/5 going to AHS and Pupil Support

Angela said that the dates which Baltasound had been given did not all happen. AHS Pupil Support did not meet individually with parents either last year or this year.
The subjects booklet was sent out for students to pick subjects, but subjects were picked on the advice of BJHS staff. Mr Redman had met and spoken to students, but a request will be made for him to meet with parents and students for next session.
The head of Halls of Residence (Nick McCaffrey) did not come out to meet with parents, some parents are yet to meet him. The hostel visit did take place, but this requires a member of staff willing to go with students.
For next year, Paul will request a visit from both Valerie Nicolson and Nick McCaffrey to come to Unst and meet with both students and their parents in the evening when most people are available.

School Dinners

VT - a couple of parents have expressed concern over quality/quantity of school dinners.
Choice - should fruit be available whenever students wants it and not just as an either or option.
When dinners were discussed previously Katy (Head Cook) explained that they had a budget to stick to. The menu must include a nutritionally balanced meal daily.

Quality of produce received – fruit and vegetables – are suppliers sending bad quality fruit and vegetables? Could fruit and veg be bought locally? Paul said that the SIC have a list of suppliers which we need to stick to.

Paul will liaise with the Canteen Staff.

Tuck Shop – Afternoon – P1-7

Vaila asked if the Tuck Shop can be available to primary students during afternoon break – Paul agreed. Items for sale will remain at 20p per item; it is hoped that next session it will be the students responsibility to run the Tuck Shop.

Bullying Policy

The policy on BJHS website ‘Standing Up To Bullying’ is outdated. There is a new policy which is in draft form and should be online by August.

Anyone with concerns over bullying should contact Paul or Sandra.

AOCB

Staffing Update – Mr McConnell is at Baltasound JHS 0.5 FTE, he no longer teaches at MYJHS. Matthew Ronalds is still at Baltasound on Wednesdays and it is hoped that this will be extended after the Summer Holidays. There were no applicants for the post of Teacher of Science – Neil Sutherland is here until the Summer Holidays. The Science post will be re-advertised with a re-location package.