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

Present: Mrs Victoria Mouat (Joint Chair)
Mr Murray Brown Mrs Erika Brown
Mrs Karen Gray Ms Margo Spence
Mr George Rodger Mrs Julie Thomson
Mr Matthew Cox
In Attendance: Mr Paul Thomson
Miss Hazel Sinclair

Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Kevin Priest and Vaila Thomason (Joint Chair).

Minutes of the Last Meeting

The minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 7th June, 2018 were read and approved.

Matters Arising From Minutes

Tuck Shop - The tuck shop in the primary dept is open every afternoon break – this is in addition to morning break.

School Improvement Plan

The School Improvement Plan is on the Baltasound Junior High School website. The Pupil Council were keen for Mental Health (raising awareness) to be a priority. Mind Your Head will be in school for 8 weeks to meet with upper primary and secondary students in Term 2.

SHARE - PSE resources - growth mindset/nurture.

Mindfulness - Gillian Isbister has been visiting Shetland schools and is keen to include a visit to Baltasound in Term 3.

Nurture - to be included, not at the cost of the badge, but work to be done based on the six principles of nurture as this ties in with the SIP.

Family cooking - June is keen to help on Wednesday afternoons - this could be with a family member, PC member and staff member.

Growth mindset /fixed mindset - how you praise your children.

We would need a sub-group to adapt materials for our parents; Victoria and Julie volunteered.

Although the 35 page SIP is on the school website, content and progress could be displayed at the front door (compressed version) – with targets and evidence of work being done throughout the school year.

Sleep / Devices / Technology

An information finding study among students re: sleep/devices/technology found the majority of students struggling to be the first to leave a group conversation, leading to them spending too much time on devices which then led to a lack of sleep.

Could the school have a 'tech free' week in term 2? Call it an 'unplugged challenge'.

Suggestions other activities families could do if not using devices; board games, baking, beach day, Unst Leisure Centre.

Could the Leisure Centre subsidise prices for the same week? - Unplugged challenge and 30 years of ULC the same week. Would it be possible for the Parent Council to subsidise activities at ULC for that week?

Fundraising

Bingo, Farmers Market, Auction - Victoria will ask around and gauge interest then maybe look at the possibility of an auction again in December.

30th November, St. Andrew's Day - Scottish themed coffee morning - Julie will do posters. Pupil Council could be asked to do quiz sheets for sale on the same morning. Dress up Scottish!

Farmer's Market - would the Parent Council be able to secure the last date before Christmas - 16th December - a great fundraiser, although we would need to ask for help with baking etc from parents.

Volunteering 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 small student groups with numeracy and literacy skills and reading.

Volunteering could even extend to grandparents, but all would need to have PVG.

There could be a volunteer network for maybe 1 hour per week.

AOCB

Anti-Bullying Policy

A look at the new anti-bullying policy with an overview of the changes, the definitions of these and the impact it has on students, staff and Head Teachers.

The old anti-bullying policy “Standing up to Bullying” was replaced by the new anti-bullying policy in June 2018.

Paul went through the policy, stressing that all bullying incidents are treated as serious; if an incident has an impact on another person, then it is a bullying incident.

All bullying incidents are recorded on the school to school system SEEMiS – it was stressed that this is not about following/tracking students, but about how school management respond to any reported incidents.

The policy is to be reviewed during the academic year 2021/22 for publication in June 2022.

Floating Holiday

PT will check with MYJHS to see if they have already selected a date and communicate this to members via e-mail before a date is settled on for BJHS.

Next Meeting

No date set.