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Minutes of the meeting held at Baltasound Junior High School on Tuesday 5th March 2019, at 6.00pm in Room 4.

Present: Mrs Vaila Thomason (Joint Chair)
Mr Murray Brown Mrs Erika Brown
Mrs Karen Gray Mrs Julie Thomson
Mr George Rodger Ms Colva Peterson
Mrs Cheryl Jamieson

In Attendance: Mr Paul Thomson
Miss Hazel Sinclair

Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Kevin Priest, Margo Spence, Matthew Cox, Derek Jamieson and Victoria Mouat (Joint Chair).

Minutes of the Last Meeting

The minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 4th October, 2018 were read and approved.

Matters Arising From Minutes

School Improvement Plan

Health and Wellbeing + Mental Health – Since August Mind Your Head have been in school (S1/2). Hannah Eynon is in school this term – Mindfulness, and Gillian Isbister will be in school in Term 4 to continue HWB/Mindfulness (Pupil Equity Fund).

SHANARRI Audit scores were good. Lauren Peterson's remit has now changed and so her fortnightly visits to school has stopped – this role is now covered by the school nurse who covers the North Isles and other areas therefore visits cannot be as frequent. Feedback from students indicated that they had appreciated having Lauren in school to talk to. In Term 3 Caroline has been covering the vacant ASN post (now filled) for 1 ½ days per week, and so students have enjoyed having the opportunity to speak with her, continuing the work which Lauren started. Caroline will be covering staff shortages into Term 4 it is hoped this can continue.

Growth Mindset – letter to go home to parents.

Fundraising

St. Andrew's Day Coffee Morning - £339.10

Christmas Farmers' Market - £356.50

Christmas Concert - £703.62

UHA Coffee Morning - £300.27.

Amazing totals raised recently, but maybe too many events too close together?

Application for help with the Edinburgh Trip costs was submitted by MYJHS to Cooke Aquaculture - £10,000 awarded, bringing the costs of the trip for parents down to a minimal amount.

Volunteering in School

PVG's? Paul will look further into this.

Anti-Bullying Policy

The policy is out and changes have been made from feedback received. This is a Shetland wide policy.

Floating Holiday

The floating holiday has been set for Monday 27th May.

School Motto

School Motto – '*Nurturing a passion for living and learning together*'

Students do not like the present motto and have expressed an interest in changing it.

A competition could be run as a fundraiser (Swan Trip?). Maybe the Parent Council could judge/shortlist entries.

Headlice

Headlice – a recurring problem in school. How can they be eradicated completely?

The school will hold an intense 'bug busting' fortnight before the Easter Holidays. Parents will be informed of the 'free minor ailments scheme' where they can pick up bug busting kits/combs for free from the local doctors surgery and invited into school to attend a demonstration of how to check/comb their child's hair. Leaflets will be issued by bag drop before the intense fortnight which will begin on Monday 18th March.

Phones in School

Sleep diaries/devices/technology - this went okay with primary, but less so with secondary – secondary students said they didn't know what else they would do if they were not using devices.

At present there are no phones or devices permitted in primary and secondary are allowed them at break and lunch times, although they are not supposed to use them in the lunch queue or at the table.

Unplugged Challenge – follow up? Another unplugged challenge to include school time as well as home? To be organised in Term 4.

Polycrub

The polycrub is waiting to go up and so volunteers are needed!

Community Day – nearer the Easter Holidays? Posters to go up asking for helpers to make raised beds and to help put the polycrub up.

Next Meeting/AGM

The next meeting will be a parent forum meeting followed by the AGM. Victoria will be stepping down as joint chair at the AGM. Matthew will no longer be able to continue as co-opted member, as his daughter will be starting BJHS within the next academic year. Vailla is working on an information sheet to go out to the parent forum to raise awareness of the Parent Council and their remit.

AOCB

Volunteering

Saltire Awards – Emily (left and so leaving this vacant) Adam Ramsay?

Helen – Duke of Edinburgh – maybe leading into John Muir.

Staffing

Computing – Still vacant – readvertised – Paul covering at present.