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Minutes of the meeting held at Baltasound Junior High School on Monday 1st September 2014 at 6.15pm in Room 4.

Present: Catriona Waddington Colva Peterson Matthew Cox
 Margaret Spence Karen Priest Emma Ramsay
 George Rodger Erika Brown Victoria Mouat
 Kathryn Lomax Janice Priest

In Attendance: Maggi Reyner & Hazel Sinclair

Apologies: Julie Thomson

Minutes of the Last Meeting:
Minutes were read and approved.

Update from Head Teacher, including staffing:

Primary:

The Primary is split into 3 classes this session. George has primary 1 and 2. Margaret and Maggi share teaching primary 3 and 4 and Mike has primary 5, 6 and 7.

In the Secondary Department, the Social Studies post went to interview, which resulted in a job offer which was turned down. Chris Jamieson will continue to teach supply for 2 days per week and the job will be re-advertised.

Lal Lindley (English) is expecting a baby and will go on maternity leave at Christmas, but will be back in August. Maggi will make sure this post is advertised as soon as possible. Emily Tulloch is on maternity leave for 1 year. Jennifer McCormick is leaving us to take up a promoted post at Westhill Academy in Aberdeen, Maggi thought it is probable that we will be allocated 2 days French from Mid Yell.

The Head Cook post has one applicant whom the Catering Service would be willing to train if they are successful at interview.

Update from parents, including about the school fete:

The School Summer Fete was a huge success.

The cards sent out by the Parent Council before the Summer Holidays were also a great success – staff really appreciated the gesture.

Set a date for the “floating” holiday:

This holiday is to be Monday 5th January 2015.

Sweatshirts:

The sweatshirts will be purchased from Intersport in Lerwick. Kathryn will go in on Wednesday and request a royal blue sample, then parents will be contacted to gauge interest. The school will purchase 20 to be kept at school for use of school trips etc.

Extra payments for HE etc:

Pupils pay £1 per week for their Home Economics – Catriona wondered if there could be a better system for these payments.

Janice wondered if parents could pay a little extra to make more everyday dishes. Maggi will discuss this with Holly.

Facebook:

The Parent Council now has a facebook page – members were asked to check it regularly. Catriona requested a list of everyone’s e-mail addresses so that she will be able to contact everyone directly without having to go through Hazel.