

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD 19:00 4th September 2018

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PRESENT

Fiona Buchanan (Head Teacher)
Peter Stewart (Chair)
Stewart Thomas (Vice Chair)
Lorna McGuire (Secretary)
Grant East (Treasurer)
Margaret Young
Debbie Burnett
Helen Bain
Kaye Clark

APOLOGIES

Lisa Mcneill-Ritchie
Alice Struthers
Sophie Pitter
Stephen Freedman

All parents/carers are welcome at these meetings. The date of the next meeting will be Tuesday 30th October 2018 at 19:00 Agenda suggestions to Peter, Stewart, Grant, Lorna or the school.

Head Teacher Report;

- Successful start to the new term. School Roll at 28
- Welcome to Miss Aimee Russon who is teaching P1-4. Supported by Mrs Heidi Bryce 1.5 days.
- Mrs McGuffie & Miss Young teaching in P5-7. Mrs Laing pops in on a Wednesday morning.
- Meet the teacher - apologies, date has to be changed to Monday 17th September. 3.30pm- 4.00 pm for P1-4. 4.00 - 4.30 pm for P5-7.
- School Improvements - Numeracy, literacy (spelling), Health and Wellbeing.
- Music specialist fortnightly - Mrs Brown
- P1-4 Natural Disasters P5-7 Volcanoes
- HMIe report - not yet published. Some discussion has taken place, not yet able to give a date of when it will be published.

PE and Music - At the last meeting Mrs Buchanan advised that the local authority were to cut PE specialists to all schools, this has since been revised and reversed. We, the Port school were on alternate years for PE and Music which is to be continued - we are currently on our Music year. PE will continue on Tuesdays and Thursdays taken by the class teacher and supported by Clare Pebbles.

The music specialist Mrs Brown will be in school fortnightly, during these sessions she will be working with the children to learn the Ukulele. Both the Port & Gartmore school PC will fund 5 Ukuleles each so they can be pooled for the lessons.

HMI report - we have been advised that the report from the recent inspection is due imminently - the school will advise in due course.

Garden - Just before the summer break Lorna applied for an Awards for All grant to update the pond area, we are delighted to say we have been awarded £8365! It was decided in the meeting to

form a small action group to push this forward, these members will be Miss Young, Callum, Kaye, Peter and Lorna. A garden clearing day will be organised in the coming month, or so. Currently the council do not maintain the nature garden, Mrs Buchanan is looking into the possibility of them taking on the strimming along the paths. The garden club started last term was a hit with the children so they will continue this term any parents available during these session will be greatly appreciated.

Fundraising events - it was decide to have a calendar of events in place for the coming year so these will be;

4th November - Fisheries BBQ

Spring - sponsored walk

May - Plant and baking sale

Skiing - as the GlenCoe skiing session is proving to be too costly Stewart is looking into the possibility of an end of block treat to be held at SnowFactor Braehead instead.

Halloween - although was a fundraiser the kids loved it so we are planning to hold another this year on the 26th October! A wee jobs list will be issued shortly but we mainly need someone good at game ideas/organising, a DJ or iPod sound system and then on the day help with decorating etc.

Fisheries BBQ - this will be on the 4th November, Grant will be issuing the jobs lists shortly. We desperately need someone to coordinate the collection of raffle prizes with multiples of people collecting. We only collect prizes from businesses for this event and the fishers support the raffle hugely so lots of prizes are needed and lots of help. Please get in touch with Grant (or Pauline) if you can help.