**Minutes of Joint Parent Council Meeting. 5th Feb 2018**

**Present:**

S McInnes, R Buckley, N Jack, K Connelly, D Connelly,E Hay, K Baird and L Goodwin.

**Apologies:**

L Melbourne, A Burnett

K Baird welcomed everyone to the meeting.

**Correspondence**

The Renewal of registration of society letter was received and it was decided to renew the licence at £20.

Correspondence from Ms R McIlroy was received re a survey in relation to plans to review the current Argyll and Bute Parental Involvement Strategy.

Results of the survey were circulated.

**Treasurer’s Report**

As of December 2017

Minard PS Parent Council Total £392

Minard PS School Fund Total £1547

Furnace PS school fund Total £1103.82

Furnace PS Parent Council Total £657

Furnace PS Eco Fund Total £304.85

**New Resources and PEF Funding**

PEF funding has been allocated to raise attainment in Maths and Literacy. New resources to assist in providing a wide and varied curriculum have been purchased:

The Literacy Box

The Comprehension Box

Reading Resources

Outdoor Equipment

Big Writing Adventures

Maria McArthur who specialises in maths teaching is planning to contact Mrs Baird to discuss numeracy resources.

**Daily Mile**

Both schools have been participating in the Daily Mile initiative which promotes health and sets children up for the learning day. Minard children have their own ‘Kid Bits’ to record the number of steps and helps with reading ‘big’ numbers, working out averages and gives a feeling of achievement.

**Furnace PS Family Story Club**

The first meeting of this exciting new club will be held on Monday 19th February 4.30pm till 5pm. There will be storytelling activities, book swaps and Book Bug for under 5s. All participants can also enjoy a delicious snack of pizza!

**Furnace PS Friday Lunch Club**

Every Friday from March 2nd 2018 there will be a lunch club held in the school for up to 10 members of the community. Lunch will consist of a main course, dessert and tea or coffee for £3.50.

**Yoga**

A course for parents and teachers will be available soon on yoga and how to teach it to children. The course will be £35 per person but for those who are willing to use this to run a club, Active Schools will be pay £25 and candidates will only pay £10. There is an information booklet and a pack of resource cards given out to each person on completion of the course.

**Breakfast/After school club**

Provision is now available in Minard PS to offer a breakfast and after school club to those interested.

Furnace PS After school club is now offering a football club and welcome any adult help

**GoldenBerries**

Minard PS are introducing a new scheme where the older members of the community receive a visit from the children once a month to keep them company by reading their stories to them or chatting about their school days etc.

**Nancy Glen Fundraiser**

Minard PS are proposing to hold a soup and sandwich fundraiser in Minard village hall on March 3rd 11-1pm in aid of the raising of ‘The Nancy Glen’. More details to follow.

**Staffing**

Until we receive further notice the staffing till June is as follows:

Acting Head Teacher Furnace PS Mrs Karen Baird

Acting Head Teacher Minard PS Mrs Lesley Goodwin

PE specialist Mrs Aly Floyd (one half day a week)

Art Specialist Mrs Alison McAlpine (one half day a week)

Music Specialist Ms Alicia Chapple ( 6 week block)

Outdoor Specialist Mr Andy Craven (6 week block)

**Dates for your diary**

9th February- school closes 3.30/3.15 NO AFTER SCHOOL CLUB

15th and 16th February In service days for staff. Pupils off

19th February -School reopens 9am. Library visit pm. Story Club starts at Furnace Primary 4.30-5pm

23rd February- Dunollie Museum visit

2nd March- Furnace Friday Lunch Club starts 12-13.00

3rd March- Soup and Sandwich fundraiser for the Nancy Glen Minard Community Hall 11-13.00

12th March Joint Parent Council Meeting Minard Primary School 6pm

13th March Rugby and lunch with Achahoish

28th March Easter service TBC. More details to follow. School closes 3.15/3.30