**FURNACE AND MINARD PRIMARY SCHOOLS**

**Minutes of Joint Parent Council meeting**

**Held on Monday 4 September 2017**

**Present:** Lesley Goodwin, AHT Minard, Karen Baird, AHT Furnace, Norma Jack, chair Furnace

**Apologies:** Ms Gill Mackenzie. No other apologies were received but it was noted that some council members were no longer available for this

**Minutes and Matters Arising:** The Minutes of the last meeting were read and approved. Proposed – Norma Jack, seconded – Lesley Goodwin.

It was noted that many of our previous members were now not available. Furnace’s co-opted member has now left the area, and the children of three other members have now moved to other schools – Kim Cogan, Eileen Wallace and Fiona Hannah. This also means that both schools have lost their Treasurer.

Karen Baird will look into the regulations governing Parent Councils to see how we can best move forward, but in the meantime an AGM will be organised at which we would hope to recruit more members, including people willing to act as Treasurer.

**Chair report – correspondence:** No relevant correspondence had been received.

**Treasurer’s report:** there was no formal report as both treasurers have now left. There has been no movement on the Minard account. The Furnace account was not available but it was noted that we are still awaiting the promised payment from Fynefest.

It was noted that we will need new signatories on the accounts as well as new Treasurers. This will be dealt with after the AGM.

**Head Teacher report:** It was noted that Ms McIlroy has now moved to her new post in the Area Education Office. Ms Gill Mackenzie (appointed AHT) is still unable to leave Colonsay but has been in to visit each school and meet staff and pupils. Lesley and Karen are acting as AHT in their respective schools in the meantime.

**School news/dates to end of term:** Minard have received their 3rd Green Flag. Chloe Taylor has won the children’s Christmas card competition with CrossReach and will be presented with her prize on 24 October at school. We will be sharing 2 rugby sessions with Achahoish School, one at Furnace and one at Achahoish. We have a visit to Glasgow Science Centre at the end of September, including a workshop to make solar powered cars. We have been invited to take part in a Football Festival at LJC. Our children will be mixed in with others to allow them to take part in a team. We will hold a Harvest Festival in Furnace School on 6 October, time to be confirmed. So far, we have had 2 sessions with Andy Craven as part of our new Star Award. This aims to let children build skills in new areas with a graduated award system. This year’s swimming blocks will be October/November and May/June.

**Any other current business:** None

**Diaries:** September 6 HT meeting, LG attending

 14 MASCG meeting, KB attending

 19 Rugby session 1 with Achahoish

 26 Maths course, LG attending

 29 Trip to Glasgow Science Centre

 October 2 Football Festival, LJC

 2 Joint Parent Council AGM, 6pm

 3 Rugby session 2 with Achahoish

 6 Harvest festival (time tbc)

 6 Close for holidays

 23 Return to school for term 2

**Next meeting:** The next meeting will be the AGM and will be held on 2 October at 6pm in Furnace School.