

**TIPPERTY SCHOOL PARENT COUNCIL
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
MINUTES OF MEETING**

DATE OF MEETING: Thursday 17th September 2015 @ Tippetty School

PRESENT: Mark Temple (MT), Sarah Reid (SR), Elaine Harrower (EH), Lorna Dawson (LD),
Councillor Isobel Davidson and Jan Connell (JC).

APOLOGIES: Susan Diack, Rob Merson, Gillian Owen, Margaret Yeoman

MEETING NUMBER: 15/16-001

PREPARED BY: Elaine Harrower

Item	Discussion	Action/Date
1.	Approval of Minutes	
	Mark Temple welcomed everyone to the meeting. The previous minutes were discussed and approved by Mark and Elaine.	
2.	Teacher / Head Teacher Input	
	<p>The school role is thirty one. There are twelve pupils in the P1 to P3 class and nineteen in the P4 to P6 class. There are no P7 pupils this year.</p> <p><u>SCHOOL TRIPS</u></p> <p>The P1 to P3 and the P4 to P6 pupils all went on a school trip to Tolquhon Castle and will be visiting Fyvie Castle later this month. Both trips tie in with their projects on castles.</p> <p>Last week the whole school went to TechFest where each class took part in different activities.</p> <p>At the start of October the P4 to P6 class will be attending a creative workshop at Haddo as part of the Haddo Arts Festival. The trip and transport are being financed by the Festival Company and is free for us to attend.</p> <p><u>FORMARTINE IN BLOSSOM</u></p> <p>The judges for Formartine in Blossom have visited the school. The staff and pupils have been invited to Meldrum Academy on 29th September to find out which schools have been awarded gold, silver and bronze. All participants will receive a certificate.</p> <p><u>JUST DANCE</u></p> <p>Our dance teacher, Roslyn, will be stopping at the end of this term and going to take classes at the Victoria Hall. It was suggested that there may be former academy pupils who would like to continue an activity which is loved so much by the children.</p> <p><u>FUNDRAISING</u></p> <p>Our annual Macmillan Coffee afternoon will be on Friday 25th September. As CLAN are also asking for help, any monies raised will be split between both charities.</p> <p><u>VISITS</u></p> <p>Recently there was a visit from the SSPC.</p> <p><u>PARENT INTERVIEWS</u></p> <p>Parent interviews will be on Tuesday 6th October.</p> <p><u>LANGUAGES</u></p> <p>By 2020 all Scottish primary schools will be teaching English and two other languages. Staff will be receiving training this year. French will be taught from P1 and Chinese Mandarin from P5.</p>	

	<p>Mandarin classes will start next January and will run until March.</p> <p><u>END OF TERM SERVICE</u></p> <p>The end of term service will be on Friday 9th October. There will be a collection for the Ellon Food Bank. A reminder of the items requested will be sent out to parents.</p> <p><u>IMPROVEMENT AND STANDARDS & QUALITY REPORT</u></p> <p>A copy of the current Improvement and Standards & Quality reports are available and will be sent out to parents. The Standards & Quality report will also be sent to the Quality Improvement Officer.</p> <p><u>ACTIVE LITERACY</u></p> <p>The current focus is on reading. Mrs Williams has received training and Mrs Dawson and Mrs Westmacott have training upcoming.</p> <p>After the success of the Active Literacy for Parents workshop in the P1 to P3 class, where the pupils had the chance to be the teachers and the parents the pupils, it is suggested that this will be repeated.</p> <p><u>TRAINING</u></p> <p>There are four twilight training sessions and an in-service day upcoming for training in numeracy and maths.</p> <p><u>PROGRESSIONS</u></p> <p>Work on progressions began last year and will be embedded and reviewed.</p> <p><u>RIGHTS RESPECTING SCHOOLS</u></p> <p>Both a class charter and a school charter have been prepared and are available.</p>	
3.	<p>Election of the new Committee</p>	
	<p>We all agreed that the Committee would remain as:</p> <p>Chairperson: Mark Temple Treasurer: Sarah Reid Secretary: Elaine Harrower</p>	
4.	<p>Any Other Business</p>	
	<p>All agreed flowers are to be sent to Mrs Bartlet on behalf of the school. School funds will be used.</p> <p><u>FUNDRAISING</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Christmas Raffle Tickets: Last year we sold raffle tickets at Costcutter in Ellon and we all agreed that we should do this again. The date Saturday 12th December has been agreed with Costcutter. All agreed that we should charge £1.00 per ticket rather than £1.00 per book. The tickets will be drawn at the Christmas end of term service. • Bingo Night: A bingo night is planned for Friday 6th November at Tipperty School. • Calendar: All agreed that the 2015 calendar was a success and that we should do one for 2016. Soon letters will be sent to local businesses requesting their sponsorship and the new calendar prepared. EH agreed to do prepare the calendar. • Christmas Fair: All agreed that the fair last year was a great success and that we should do again this year. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➢ We agreed the date SUNDAY 29th November 1pm to 3pm. ➢ There will be a PTA meeting to discuss the different things we need to do to organise the fair this year. We agreed the date Thursday 1st October 2pm at Tipperty School. 	

	<u>CYCLING CLUB</u> All agreed it would be good for the children to have a safe place to play and practice on their bikes. It was suggested that the cycling track at the academy would be a good place to use. JC kindly offered to find out its availability.	
6.	Date of the Next Meeting	
	The next meeting will take place on Thursday 3rd December 2015 at 6.30 pm.	

Signed _____ Date _____
Mark Temple, Chairperson

Signed _____ Date _____
Elaine Harrower, Secretary