

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

DATE OF MEETING: Thursday 25th September 2014 @ Tippetty School

PRESENT: Mark Temple (MT), Sarah Reid (SR), Jan Connell (JC), Margaret Yeoman (MY), Elaine Harrower (EH), Lorna Dawson (LD) and Councillor Rob Merson

APOLOGIES: Susan Diack, Gillian Eaton, Kelly Mann and Pauline Smith

MEETING NUMBER: 14/15-001

PREPARED BY: Elaine Harrower

Item	Discussion	Action/D ate
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>There are thirty three children currently at Tippetty School, twenty in P1 to 3 and thirteen in P4 to 7.</p> <p><u>FUNDRAISING</u></p> <p>There are several fundraising activities ahead:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There will be a coffee afternoon to raise money for the Macmillan Nurses. During the afternoon the Eco group will have a sales table with the money raised to be donated to Mary's Meals. • Donations will be requested for the Harvest festival service and those received together with the donations received by the Health Promoting Group will be passed onto the Ellon Food Bank. • At our last meeting we all agreed that the Christmas Raffle was a success last year so we agreed we should do again this year. The new ticket books have been printed and have arrived at the school. These will be given to parents and will be available at upcoming fund raising events such as the Car Boot Sale on 4th October. <p><u>SCHOOL TRIPS</u></p> <p>It has been a busy term so far:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • P1 to 3 and P4 to 7 all went to Techfest. • P1 to 3 visited Ellon Fire Station as part of their project on people who help others. They will also visit Ellon Police Station and will have a puppy walker visiting them in the school. • P4 to 7 will be visiting the Zoology Museum at the University of Aberdeen as part of their Egyptian project. <p><u>FLU IMMUNISATIONS</u></p> <p>These will take place on Thursday 2nd October at 9.15am.</p> <p><u>FORMARTINE IN BLOSSOM</u></p> <p>The judges for Formartine in Blossom, which included Carol Baxter from Beechgrove Garden and Bob Davis have visited the school. The staff and pupils have been invited to Meldrum Academy on Thursday 9th October to find out which schools have been awarded gold, silver and bronze. All participants will receive a certificate.</p> <p>Each year the school has the opportunity to bid for a £100 grant. Last year the money was used to purchase a bird box camera. The local authority will install this allowing the bird box to</p>	

be viewed from a classroom PC. This year the money will be used to fence the playing field before 200 new trees are planted.

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STAFF TRAINING

- All staff have participated in additional child protection training.

VISITING STUDENTS

- A 3rd year MA student will be joining the P1 to 3 class for 4 weeks during November and December. They will return in February and March to join the P4 to 7 class for 4 to 5 weeks.
- A PSA student will be joining Tipperty School on a Monday and Tuesday morning starting in November.

KITCHEN STAFF

Mrs Gina Bruce, our dinner lady has been on sick leave for the past year and will be returning to work at a new post in Newmachar Primary as their PSA. Ms Lynn Edwards has been covering the time that Mrs Bruce has not been well. The post has been advertised internally.

PARENT INTERVIEWS

Parent interviews will take place next week.

FOOTBALL TRAINING FACILITIES

After the October holidays football training will be held indoors. P4 to 7 pupils will be able to use the same hall that was available last year at Ellon Academy. The younger class will be able to use Tipperty school's hall. The suitability of these hall arrangements has been raised in previous meetings and was discussed again. Since losing the booking for the large hall at Ellon Academy where both classes were able to train side by side, the training has been split between Ellon and Tipperty. Several parents have raised concerns regarding the safety of so many pupils training in the available space at Tipperty School. With the new P1 footballers the numbers have increased in the younger training group and an alternative training location maybe required. Mrs Dawson has been enquiring as to the availability of the large hall which was previously available and is waiting for a response. Councillor Rob Merson has requested to be copied on any correspondence. An alternative option maybe to look at hiring the school halls at other primary schools in Ellon.

IMPROVEMENT PLAN

Mrs Dawson provided printed copies of the Improvement Plan for the session 2014 to 2015, detailing the key objectives for the coming year. The plan is available for all to read.

Active Literature is an initiative being rolled out through Aberdeenshire. Teaching staff are receiving training in this area.

PIPs assessments are in place for P1.
INCA assessments are in place for P3, 5 and 7.

SQUIP REPORT 2013-2014

A copy of the Standards and Quality Report will be available for all parents.

All agreed that there was considerable information available both in the improvement plan and SQUIP report and that any questions could be raised at the next Parent Teacher Council Meeting.

3. Election of the new Committee

We all agreed that the Committee would remain as:

Chairperson: Mark Temple
Treasurer: Sarah Reid
Secretary: Elaine Harrower

4.	Any Other Business	
	<p><u>FUNDRAISING</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Car Boot Sale: There is a Car Boot Sale taking place on Saturday 4th October. There are 10 stalls still available and are available to the local community. In addition tea, coffee and home bakes will be on sale. There will also be bonus ball, chocolate tombola and raffle stalls. • 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 6th December is yet to be agreed with Costcutter. All agreed that we should review the cost we charge per ticket/book for next year's raffle. Rather than charging £1.00 per book we could charge £1.00 per ticket. • Bingo Night: A bingo night is planned for Friday 7th November at Tipperty School. • Calendar: All agreed that the 2014 calendar was a success and that we should do one for 2015. Soon letters will be sent to local businesses requesting their sponsorship and the new calendar prepared. EH agreed to do prepare the calendar. • Christmas Fayre: All agreed that the fayre last year was a great success and that we should do again this year. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ We agreed the date Saturday 29th November 1pm to 3pm. ➤ There will be a PTA meeting to discuss the different things we need to do to organise the fayre this year. We agreed the date Thursday 30th October 2pm at Tipperty School. 	
6.	Date of the Next Meeting	
	The next meeting will take place on Thursday 4th December 2014 at 6.30 pm.	

Signed _____ Date _____
Mark Temple, Chairperson

Signed _____ Date _____
Elaine Harrower, Secretary