

Tipperty Parent Group Meeting

2nd September 2021 – Via video link

Attendees: Sarah McKerrow (Chair), Clare Anne Buchan (Head Teacher), Mrs Dew, Andrea Elrick-Stewart, Margaret Yeoman, Hannah Fuller, Pamela Watt (Secretary)

Apologies: Councillor Davidson, Councillor McAllister, Councillor Owen, Sue Harrison, Lucy Hewitt

Item	Notes	Actions
1	Welcome - Mrs McKerrow thanked everyone for attending the meeting this evening and apologies were noted.	-
2	Minutes of last meeting - None presented	-
3	Chairperson's Report - Mrs Mckerrow introduced herself as the new Chair and thanked all school staff for their hard work and commitment to the school in challenging circumstances.	
4	Treasurer's Report - As at April 2021, the current statement balance is £510.86. £209.95 of this has been ringfenced for school benches. It was agreed that the sum of money previously allocated for plants will now be directed towards other school resources with a small amount still going towards plants.	-
5	<p>Head Teacher Report - It has been lovely to see the children back in school for term 1 and I hope everyone is settling back well into a school routine.</p> <p>As you will be aware, we continue to operate under some restrictions for COVID-19 and we thank everyone for their continued support in following the guidelines.</p> <p>This year we are continuing to focus on the area of Health and Wellbeing in order to further support the learners of Tipperty School. We are fortunate that in the latter part of this term we have the opportunity to engage in the Decider Skills programme by taking part in sessions run by Jenny Radford, Intervention and Prevention teacher for the Ellon Cluster. The children will be introduced to various strategies to enable them to recognise their own thoughts, feelings and behaviours, enabling them in future to manage their own emotions and mental health. I hope to share more aspects of the programme with parents in the coming weeks.</p> <p>This session we are also continuing to work on planning our Health and Wellbeing curriculum. We hope to involve parents in reviewing our curriculum in the area of Relationships, Sexual Health and Parenthood. We hope to update or refresh the resources we have, after having used the Living and Growing resource for many years. We would like to share our curricular plans and allow parents access to the resources in order to gather valuable feedback to help us to improve our planning for the children in our school community.</p> <p>Outdoor Learning will be a key focus for this term, in line with the current guidelines from the Scottish Government. The courtyard area, which was developed with the help of the Tesco Grant and the Parents Group, is in use in school daily and has been an important development over the past 18 months. The children will soon begin work on their working groups for this session, bringing forward key themes, working towards renewing our Eco flag. The Working groups this session are Health, Eco,</p>	

	<p>Rotakids, JRSO (road safety), Gardening group and the Pupil Learning Council. These groups will operate on a rotational basis across each term.</p> <p>In term 4 we were fortunate to receive a £1200 grant from Cash for Kids to develop the sensory room in school and it is pleasing to see this area being opened up to benefit learners across the school. Many thanks to Mrs Gillies for originally making us aware of the grant scheme.</p> <p>In the next few weeks, we have art sessions scheduled with Mrs McLeish and also a music workshop with Ms Marshall. We look forward to continuing to offer as many different curricular opportunities as possible to the pupils across this school session.</p>	
6	<p>Health and Wellbeing RSHP – Parent Consultation – As mentioned in the Head Teacher report, Miss Buchan discussed the desire to review the current resources available as they may be somewhat outdated and no longer fit for purpose. Miss Buchan discussed the intention to ask parents to take part in reviewing the current resources. It is hoped that this can take place as a group session within the school involving some of the parents and teachers if covid restrictions are relaxed further to allow visitors into the school. Alternatively, if this is not viable, then resources can be shared electronically then discussed via a video-link call. Miss Buchan will include this in the next newsletter and seek parent volunteer input. Intended timescale for this would be to seek volunteers during Term 1 and have something set up for the review in Term 2.</p>	Miss Buchan (Head Teacher)
7	<p>Community Defibrillator – Previous discussions in relation to the maintenance and insurance for the defibrillator have been resolved. However, this community resource still incurs costs to maintain in relation to replacement batteries/pads etc which are funded by the school. Miss Buchan suggested a relaunch of this service might be an ideal fundraising opportunity. Mrs Elrick-Stewart suggested re-instating the Community Newsletter and using this to communicate important events to the local community. It was further suggested that the children at Tipperty School could also contribute. Miss Buchan will look into this.</p>	Miss Buchan (Head Teacher)
8	<p>Fundraising – It was agreed to try and reschedule the Maureen Smith fundraising event in February/March 2022. Mrs Elrick-Stewart advised that Maureen Smith has started taking bookings again up until Christmas. Mrs Elrick-Stewart will make some enquires to see if she would take a booking for early next year. There were also discussions regarding a suitable venue and it was agreed to keep the costs low to maximise the revenue from this event. Mrs McKerrow will make some enquires into a suitable venue.</p> <p>Mrs Dew suggested a Beetle Drive as another fundraising idea. It was agreed to canvas the wider Parent Group members for other fundraising ideas and Miss Buchan will send out a reminder about ‘Easy Fundraising’.</p> <p>Mrs Dew also advised that Morrison’s are running a voucher scheme for gardening equipment. She will look into this further as another potential opportunity.</p>	Mrs Elrick-Stewart Mrs McKerrow (Chair) Mrs Dew
9	<p>AOCB – There was discussion in relation to the Parent Group Facebook page and whether this should be a closed group page for Tipperty School parents or if it should be open to the wider public. Miss Buchan shared her view and some feedback she received from Christine McLennan that it should be for the Parent Group to decide</p>	Mrs McKerrow (Chair)

	what this page should be used for before making a decision as to whether the page is closed or public. Mrs McKerrow will consider and look into this.	
10	<u>Date of Next Meeting</u> – Thursday 30 th September 2021 was proposed as the date for the AGM. Date to be circulated encouraging parents to attend. Mrs McKerrow to draft message.	Mrs McKerrow (Chair)