

## Tipperty Parent Group AGM Meeting

**30th September 2021 – Via video link**

**Attendees:** Sarah McKerrow (Chair), Clare Anne Buchan (Head Teacher), Nicola Gillies (Treasurer), Andrea Elrick-Stewart, Margaret Yeoman, Pamela Watt (Secretary)

**Apologies:** Mrs Buckle

Item	Notes	Actions
1	<p><b>Welcome</b> - Mrs McKerrow thanked everyone for attending the meeting this evening and apologies were noted. Mrs McKerrow reiterated the importance of the Parent Group, working in Partnership with the School, having a say and that all contributions are valued no matter how small. It is hoped more parents will be able to support the Parent Group at future meetings.</p>	-
2	<p><b>Minutes of last meeting</b> - Minutes of the last AGM and of the Tipperty Parent Group Meeting on 2<sup>nd</sup> September were approved.</p>	-
3	<p><b>Chairperson's Report</b> - Mrs McKerrow began by thanking all the Staff at Tipperty School for their continued support of all the children at the school and for providing stability during what has been a challenging time.</p> <p>Mrs McKerrow confirmed that the date for the rescheduled Maureen Smith event is 4<sup>th</sup> March 2022 at the Station Hotel, Ellon. Further details to follow in due course.</p> <p>Mrs McKerrow highlighted that the elected membership for the constitution of the Parent Group should be four. Currently we only have three members. Mrs Elrick-Stewart has put herself forward as the fourth member which was agreed by the group.</p>	-
4	<p><b>Head Teacher Report</b> - We have had a busy term so far. This week the children have been on a successful trip to the Aberdeen Science Centre, linked to the P5-7 curricular focus of natural disasters. The children took part in a Volcanoes workshop at an appropriate level for each class, and they also had the opportunity to explore the newly-refurbished Science Centre.</p> <p><b>Working Groups</b></p> <p>This term the pupils have been working in their working groups, focusing their activities on Eco topics, in preparation for the next Green Flag application. The <b>Eco Group</b> (Auchmacoy House Group) are currently working on promoting recycling within the school community. They have been learning more about the Rag Bag scheme and what happens to the clothing after it is deposited in the Rag Bag bin. We aim to inform members of the community about this scheme in our end of term community newsletter.</p> <p>The <b>Health Group</b> (Ythan House Group) have completed a litter survey in the school grounds. They are now planning a litter pick which will be completed in the surrounding area of the school before the end of term.</p> <p>The <b>Rotakids</b> (Forvie House group) have been working on planning a One Planet Picnic. This is a picnic that is good for you and is environmentally friendly. The</p>	-

	<p>children have been looking into food miles and the impact on the environment of transporting food over large distances. Pupils will be encouraged to bring along a locally sourced snack with minimal packaging.</p> <p>We are keen to keep up our links Ythan Valley Rotary Club although they currently are unable to visit the school. Next week the Rotakids will be organising work on the Rotary Shoebox appeal which aims to help families in need in other countries. We appreciate any support that your families can give to this appeal.</p> <p>We will provide further updates on the Garden group, the JRSO group and the Pupil Learning Council over the course of term 2.</p> <p><b><u>Reporting to Parents</u></b> Interim reports for both classes will be issued on 4th October 2021 by email. Parent Appointments this term are being held on Microsoft Teams, in line with current guidance. These appointments will take place in the last two weeks of term 1.</p> <p><b><u>Health and Wellbeing Working Group</u></b> We are still looking for Parent volunteers to help us review resources in the curricular area of Relationships, Sexual Health and Parenthood. Thank you to those who have already volunteered. We will share materials by the end of term 1 and then we will arrange a meeting to discuss these resources early in term 2.</p> <p>In the last few weeks of term, we are also looking forward to a visit from the Scottish Coastguard who will speak to the children on the topic of Water Safety. A further trip is planned to the Aden Farming Museum, in line with the P1-4 curricular focus.</p> <p>I wish all the families of Tippetry School a relaxing October holiday when the time comes!</p>	
5	<p><b><u>Treasurer's Report</u></b> - Mrs Gillies reported that there has been no movement on the account and the balance remains at £510.86. This includes a small amount still set aside from the Tesco Grant previously awarded.</p> <p>Miss Buchan advised there should be an annual payment from the Council to the Parent Group and queried whether this had been received. Mrs Gillies advised she is not aware of this. This may be due to the changeover of bank account. Mrs Gillies to advise when this was changed over, and Mrs McKerrow will follow this up with Christine McLennan.</p>	Mrs Gillies/ Mrs McKerrow
6	<p><b><u>Nomination of Auditor</u></b> – Mrs Gillies advised that Mrs Laura Abel will carry out the Audit of the Tippetry Parent Group Account.</p>	Mrs Abel/Mrs Gillies
7	<p><b><u>Nomination of Parent Group Members</u></b> – The Parent Group Members were elected as follows:</p> <p><b>Mrs McKerrow – Chair</b> Proposed by Mrs Elrick-Stewart, Second by Mrs Gillies  <b>Mrs Gillies – Treasurer</b> Proposed by Mrs McKerrow, Second by Mrs Elrick-Stewart  <b>Miss Watt – Secretary</b> Proposed by Mrs McKerrow, Second by Mrs Elrick-Stewart  <b>Mrs Elrick-Stewart – Parent Helper</b> Proposed by Mrs McKerrow, Second by Miss Watt</p>	-
8	<p><b><u>AOCB</u></b> – Mrs Elrick-Stewart queried what was happening with the procurement of the chairs for the school. A quote was previously received from WP Hardwood Ltd</p>	Mrs Gillies

	<p>back in February which stated a delivery time between 6-8 weeks. It was discussed and decided there was still a need for these. Mrs Gillies will follow this up and report back.</p> <p><b>Maureen Smith Event</b>  There was some discussion around the planning for the rescheduled Maureen Smith event. It was agreed by the group to keep the ticket price at £20 and this will be for ticket only. As the event is being held at the Station Hotel, people attending the event will be able to purchase refreshments from the bar if they wish. The night will also feature a raffle. The deposit has been paid to secure the booking and Mrs Elrick-Stewart will complete and return the booking information details to Maureen Smith. Posters etc to be circulated early 2022 to publicise event. Miss Watt will be the contact for ticket sales and will keep a record accordingly. Mrs McKerrow thanked Mrs Elrick-Stewart for arranging this.</p> <p><b>Fundraising</b>  Mrs McKerrow is keen to kickstart fundraising activities again as restrictions continue to ease and advised that a reminder regarding EasyFundraising has been sent out to parents by the school. A few other fundraising ideas were proposed including wreath making, quiz sheets and Christmas cards/crafts. Mrs McKerrow will draft a survey for parents to have some input into potential fundraising ideas.</p> <p><b>Tipperty Parent Group Facebook Page</b>  This page is currently active. Mrs Gillies is the only known Admin still associated with the school for this page at present. Any parents with permissions no longer involved with the school should be removed. Mrs McKerrow will look into this. Miss Buchan will forward the logo for the Parent Group which was designed by one of the P5 pupils to be uploaded.</p> <p><b>Christmas Raffle</b>  Miss Buchan advised that the raffle tickets have been purchased for this year's raffle as discussed at the last meeting. Last year, due to covid restrictions, prizes were purchased and donated by some local businesses. There was some discussion on whether to do it this way again this year or to make our own hampers etc in addition to any donations. It was agreed Mrs McKerrow would include this in the Survey to canvass opinion.</p>	<p>Mrs Elrick-Stewart/ Miss Watt</p> <p>Mrs McKerrow</p> <p>Miss Buchan/ Mrs McKerrow</p> <p>Mrs McKerrow</p>
9	<p><b>Date of Next Meeting</b> – Mrs McKerrow thanked everyone for attending the meeting this evening. The next meeting will take place on Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> November via Teams.</p>	-