

Tipperty Parent Group
Minutes
Tuesday 22nd March 2022

1. Welcome and apologies

Present: Mrs Elrick-Stewart, Mrs McKerrow, Miss Buchan, Mrs Dew, Miss Buchan, Mrs Hewitt, Mrs Fuller, Mrs Comery

Apologies: None noted.

2. Minutes of previous meeting

Approved.

3. Chairperson's Report

Defibrillator

Generous donation from member of the public, Mr Porteous, of £100. Mrs Elrick-Stewart will contact SMG Safety to arrange installation and invoicing for the new pads and battery as near to the end of term 4 as possible – they don't expire until July. Parent group and School Fund will split the remaining cost. Miss Buchan to settle invoice and Parent Group will reimburse for their share of cost.

Fundraising

Maureen Smith event tremendous success raising £1528 in total. Thanks to all the local businesses who donated to our raffle, the parents who supported the event by coming along or donating prizes and Mrs Elrick-Stewart and Miss Watt for selling and distributing tickets.

4. Headteacher's Report

Firstly, on the behalf of Tipperty School I would like to congratulate the Tipperty Parent Group on their recent fundraiser which was very successful. I am aware that a lot of hard work went into organising this event which will ultimately benefit all the children of Tipperty School. A big thank you to everyone involved.

This has been another busy term and the children have recently been on two successful school trips. Last week the children were fortunate to be able to attend the RSNO performance of Gaspard's Foxtrot at the Music Hall. The children in both classes have

enjoyed learning more about the instruments in orchestra and have experienced the music of a live orchestra.

This week we have also enjoyed visiting St Machar Cathedral and have learned a lot about the history of the Cathedral. The children had the opportunity to make shields inspired by the shields on the roof of the Cathedral. We were also delighted to finally visit Mrs Williams in her new work environment! The school will be donating to St Machar Cathedral to thank them for the work and materials that were purchased for the trip. We also intend to ask Mrs Williams if there are ways in which the school could work together with St Machar in future sessions.

The pupils and staff of Tipperty School were delighted to welcome the Vice-Lord Lieutenant of Aberdeenshire to plant a tree on 31st January 2022. The event was attended by families of Tipperty School. The tree planting was organised as part of the Queen's Green Canopy to mark the Queen's Platinum Jubilee celebration. Thank you to Tipperty Parent Group for funding the purchase of the tree. Many thanks also to Mrs Dew and the Gardening group for their work in preparing the soil for the tree planting. We are sure the community will enjoy seeing this tree grow over the coming years.

We recently received a very generous donation from a Community Member, Mr Porteous, who donated £100 towards the replacement pads for the defibrillator situated at the front of Tipperty School. This donation will help ensure that the defibrillator continues to be available for the community over the next two years.

Our Outdoor performance of Jack and the Beanstalk took place in February. The children had the opportunity to share a selection of songs from the performance with their families. The outdoor courtyard area provided an enclosed space in which the performance could take place. This was a wonderful opportunity for the children to host a live performance for the first time in 2 years. The performance was a great success!

Children in both classes enjoyed taking part in our recent Scottish Celebration. There was an opportunity for the children to recite their Scottish poems and to take part in some Scottish Country Dancing. We were delighted also to watch an individual dance performance from Blair in P2 and we enjoyed listening to Kasper in P6 playing his violin. Next week we are holding a special Titanic Day to round off the work the P5/7 class have been completing on Titanic. We also hope to mark Easter with some activities on the last day of term.

I hope that everyone has a pleasant Easter Break when the time comes!

5. Treasurer's Report

The treasurer was unable to attend the meeting this evening.

Income this month has consisted of the proceeds from the recent fundraiser of £1528 and expenditure has amounted to £56.97 (reimbursement to Mrs Dew for tree and compost for the Jubilee tree planting).

6. Maureen Smith event and proceeds

Technology is required but Miss Buchan feels that this wouldn't benefit all the children at the present time. Currently, iPads are functional and support the necessary applications. The outdoor area has benefited massively from recent investment and could be developed further for the benefit of all. Some maintenance is required for "Cosy Corner". Mrs McKerrow suggested that funds could be split to cover different items and needn't be spent in one area.

It was agreed that Miss Buchan and school staff will discuss priorities for investment, after which Mrs McKerrow will canvass the parent community for their views.

A decision will be made quickly so that the children can benefit as soon as possible.

7. Fundraising

Mrs McKerrow advised the meeting that current advice on fundraising is to be mindful of the financial challenges families may be facing considering rising living costs. Moving forward, larger events that draw on support from the wider community might be a good way to raise funds without too much pressure on our very small parent body. That said, it's also important, now that restrictions permit, to offer opportunities for families and our small community to get together where fundraising may not be the primary goal. Mrs Comery suggested a Bingo night. Mrs McKerrow to gauge interest in a Bingo night and feedback to group. Miss Buchan will check updated Risk Assessment for any prohibitions.

8. AOCB

School Values – feedback. Mrs McKerrow to post on Facebook Group requesting parents' feedback on this.

9. Date of next meeting

Wednesday 20th April at 6.30pm