

Tipperty Parent Group

Meeting – Wednesday 11th January 2023 @ 6.30pm

Attendees: Miss. Buchan (Head Teacher), Mrs. Comery, Mrs. Elrick-Stewart, Mrs. Fuller, Mrs. Mackay, Miss Sherriff's. Mrs. Yeoman, Via Teams: Mrs. Bailey, Mrs. Dew, Mrs. Harrison, Miss. Watt,

Item	Notes	Actions
1	<p><u>Welcome and Apologies</u></p> <p>Mrs. Comery thanked everyone for attending. The high number of attendees was welcomed.</p> <p>Apologies were noted from Mrs. Gillies, Mrs. Hewitt, Mrs. Watt, Cllr. Crawley, Cllr. Davidson, Cllr. McAllister and Cllr. Owen.</p>	
2	<p><u>Minutes of Last Meeting</u></p> <p>The minutes from the last meeting on 15th November 2022 were approved. Outstanding actions were as follows;</p> <p>It was noted that Parents had been informed of the National Discussion on Education through the facebook page as well as an email from the school.</p> <p>Miss. Buchan advised that the children had submitted comments to the National Discussion On the Future of Education.</p> <p>Mrs. Comery confirmed that it had been agreed by the Parent Group to buy pupils a small gift at Christmas in lieu of a larger item, with the thought that the money could be best spent on funding an activity or trip for the children in the new year.</p> <p>The Parent Group had been lucky enough to get the selection boxes donated from Tesco Ellon.</p>	
3	<p><u>Chairperson's Report</u></p> <p>Mrs. Comery chairperson read out her report as follows.</p> <p>Good evening and welcome to our first meeting of the new year.</p> <p>I would like to thanks all who have attended tonight it is much appreciated.</p> <p>Since our last meeting on the 20th November we have taken delivery of and distributed the much needed bark for the cosy corner. This area is a great asset to the school. Big thanks to all involved with making this happen.</p> <p>The school had a very busy festive season. I hope you all agree the children were great in their nativity. Well done to all the staff and pupils in delivering a great show.</p> <p>With your help the school raised £843 from this year's raffle, which is astounding. The raffle would not happen without your donations, so a huge thanks for your contributions to this and also the foodbank. I know times are tough at the moment, but for a small school we did extraordinarily well.</p> <p>I look forward to working with you all in Term 3.</p>	

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4	<p><u>Head Teacher's Report</u></p> <p>We were pleased to welcome the children back to school this week for term 3.</p> <p>In December the children were delighted to share their nativity show with their family members. Thank you to all those who attended the performances. It was lovely to welcome family members into school once again, following two years of restrictions.</p> <p>The children of Tipperty School joined up with Slains School to visit the Ellon Parish Church for a Christmas service. Some pupils shared a Christmas poem and the children enjoyed singing some Christmas songs in the church. It was lovely to see so many family members in the church.</p> <p>The Rotakids group members in Forvie House group have recently been learning about food banks and the group decided to organise a Food Bank collection. A donation of non-perishable food was made to the Community Larder at Ellon Parish Church during our visit to the church in December. These donations will now be used to help those in need in the local area.</p> <p>Thank you so much to everyone who supported our recent Christmas Raffle. The total raised was £843, which is a fantastic contribution towards school funds! A lot of hard work has gone into the raffle. Thank you to all those who donated raffle prizes, who purchased raffle tickets and who spent time selling tickets to friends, neighbours and family.</p> <p>We were delighted to be joined on the day of the raffle by Mr Porteous who sang some songs with the children before the arrival of our special guest, Santa! Thank you to the Tipperty Parent Group for their continued support of the school.</p> <p>In particular a big thank you to Yvette and Caleb who sold £160 of raffle tickets!</p> <p>Many thanks to the Tipperty Parent Group for the recent donation of bark for the Cosy Corner. We are grateful to the Comery family and the Stewart family for moving and dispersing the bark. Thanks also go to the many families who offered support.</p> <p>During the recent snowy days the children were delighted to make use of the waterproof trousers which were kindly donated by the Tipperty Parent Group. A great time was had by all in the snow!</p> <p>This term the children in both classes will be focusing on the topic of Scotland, working towards a Scottish Celebration in February. P5-7 will be learning more about the Jacobites and P1-4 will be working on the topic of Kate Morag. We look forward to sharing the children's learning with you in the coming weeks.</p>	

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5	<p><u>Treasurer's Report</u> In the absence of Mrs. Gillies, Mrs. Comery advised that the account balance stood at £3,043.46</p> <p>An invoice for the bark is awaited from Landscape Services. Miss Buchan to pass to the Parent Group on receipt. The cost is to be £388.00. Miss Buchan noted that there may be an additional 10% admin charge but this would be borne by the school.</p>	CB
6	<p><u>Defibrillator</u> Mrs. Elrick-Stewart advised that the paediatric pads were still awaited for the Defibrillator machine. AES to pursue SMG Safety again in regard to this.</p> <p>Mrs. Elrick-Stewart advised that the supply of the parts for the Lifepak Defib was a global issue and SMG did not carry spares for this brand of Defib so they needed to be specially ordered.</p> <p>Miss Buchan and Mrs. Elrick-Stewart recalled that the Defib had about 2 years of its lifespan left. CAB and AES to check their records.</p> <p>Mrs. Elrick-Stewart advised that they had obtained costs for a new defib from SMG last year, which was around £1600. AES noted however that this more expensive type of Defib had cheaper parts, which SMG regularly stocked.</p> <p>Miss Buchan to obtain a new contact at the Scottish Ambulance Service as the old contact 'Donald Montgomery' was no longer available.</p>	AES AES / CB CB
7	<p><u>Fundraising & Planning</u></p> <p>Tesco Tokens: As announced previously Tipperty Parent Group have been successful in the Blue Token appeal, achieving 2nd place and awarded £1000.</p> <p>The Parent Group asked staff what they would like to purchase with the monies. Mrs. Elrick-Stewart noted that although there was not an urgency to spend the monies, it would be good to conclude the matter and allow the children to start benefiting from the donation.</p> <p>Miss. Buchan advised that part of the money could be spent on a Subscription to Sumdog if this comes back online. The estimated cost would be around £150-200.</p> <p>Protective cases for the 2 new ipads purchased in Summer were also required.</p> <p>An appeal is to be put out to ask parents if they have any old 10" ipad cases no longer required they could donate. If none then these will be purchased.</p>	CC/AES

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7	<p><u>Fundraising & Planning continued..</u></p> <p>Tesco Tokens: An Apple TV was also suggested. Miss. Buchan confirmed that the school already had a TV donated.</p> <p>It was agreed that the monies could be used for 3 new ipads (approx £767), Max 5 protective cases and monies held back to fund a Sumdog subscription once available.</p> <p>Paperdoll: Mrs. Elrick-Stewart informed that £60 commission had been made from the Paperdoll photography sessions.</p> <p>Mrs. Elrick-Stewart advised that they had been offered another Spring session, however all felt this was too soon. It was suggested to hold a session later in the year. AES to advise Paperdoll.</p> <p>Future Fundraising: It was agreed that a Quiz or Rock & Roll themed Bingo evening would be held later in the year. A date is to be agreed and Mrs. Elrick-Stewart to book the school hall. AES noted that the cost of the hall hire should be around £40.</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">AES</p> <p style="text-align: right;">AES</p>
8	<p><u>A.O.C.B.</u></p> <p>Bee Crafty Claire Comery suggested that the Parent Group fund a 'Bee Crafty' event for the children in lieu of the Christmas gifts. Bee Crafty were offering a paint your own ceramic mug or animal session for £12 per child. It was suggested that the event could be tied into the school study topic that term, which was 'The Jacobites'. Designing and painting their own tartan was put forward as one possibility.</p> <p>The staff agreed that this was a good idea. Mrs. Comery to get some potential dates for the event from Bee Crafty and put these to the school for approval.</p> <p>Mrs. Comery suggested that a visit to a Panto could be arranged for next December, which would be funded by the Parent Group in lieu of gifts. Miss. Buchan will ask the school office to look into possible Panto's and costs. HMT, The Tivoli, The Arts Centre and The Inverurie Panto were all suggested.</p> <p>School Maintenance Miss. Buchan advised that the pupil toilets were due to be refurbished in the next few months. There had been plans to form an accessible toilet but this was not within Aberdeenshire Councils budget and would not be implemented.</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">CC</p> <p style="text-align: right;">CB</p>

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8	<p><u>A.O.C.B</u></p> <p>School Maintenance The frequency of school maintenance was queried by the parent group. Miss Buchan noted that school maintenance was limited and infrequent.</p> <p>Concerns over the damp patch and peeling paint on the hall wall/ceiling were raised by the group. It was noted that there were mould spores, which was concerning for the health of the children using the hall. Miss Buchan to take these concerns to Aberdeenshire Council.</p> <p>Outdoor Tap Miss. Buchan advised that enquiries had been made into the creation of an outdoor tap, however the cost was excessive and this would not be taken forward.</p> <p>Catering Services – Food Waste With regard to the previous discussion on food waste and the Response from Catering Services. Mrs. Comery suggested a way to reduce the food waste at the school was to adopt a 'Too Good to Go' system where some unused foodstuff from the lunches could be bagged up and offered to people who may have a use for it. Miss Buchan to take this suggestion to Catering Services.</p> <p>Easy Fundraising: Parents are reminded that Tipperty Parent Group is registered on Easyfundraising. Please feel free to register on this website to earn money for the school while you shop. https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk</p>	<p>CB</p> <p>CB</p>
9	<p><u>Date of Next Meeting</u></p> <p>Wednesday 15th March 2023 at 6.30pm.</p> <p>Reminder that all parents/carers are welcome to attend in person or via Teams.</p>	