

Tipperty Parent Group

Meeting Minutes – Wednesday 15th November 2023 @ 6.30pm

Attendees: Miss. Buchan (Head Teacher), Mrs Irvine, Mrs Baillie, Mrs. Comery, Mrs. Mackay, Mrs Watt, Cllr. Davidson, Miss Sheriffs

Item	Notes	Actions
1	<p><u>Welcome and Apologies</u> Mrs. Comery thanked everyone for attending.</p> <p>Apologies were noted from Mrs. Gillies, Cllr. Owen, Cllr. McAllister, Cllr. Crawley, Mrs Yeoman, Mrs Hewitt</p>	
2	<p><u>Minutes of Last Meeting</u> The minutes from the last meeting on 6TH September 2023 were approved.</p>	
3	<p><u>Chairperson's Report</u> Mrs. Comery chairperson read out her report as follows.</p> <p>Sorry for change of date</p> <p>We have had a busy few months with the open day and the Christmas Fayre.</p> <p>Firstly I would like to thank everyone who came to help with the courtyard to help get it ready for the open day. What a fantastic transformation. Also to Mrs Dew, Mrs Mackay and Mrs Yeoman for your ongoing support in the garden!</p> <p>We also purchased and distributed bark for the courtyard which had made a huge difference.</p> <p>We had 3 families visit the school and had positive feedback so here's hoping for positive things.</p> <p>I think we should maybe have another one in the new year.</p> <p>The Christmas Fayre was a huge hit, we raised £531.55 for the defibrillator and it was really great to see the school busy and thank you to all of you who gave up your time to help make it the success it was. Also to those who donated items to the tombola!</p> <p>Aberdeen Drilling School donation really made a big difference to the profit allowing use to purchase all necessary items such as mince pies, selection boxes, napkins etc.</p> <p>I know that Mrs Watt has sent out thank you letters to Aberdeen Drilling school, Mr Willox for opening the road and also to Santa.</p> <p>I have been humbled with the team work that has been displayed over the last few months and look forward to seeing what we can achieve in the coming year.</p> <p>Thank you all for your continued support</p>	

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Head Teacher's Report

Tipperty Parent Group Christmas Fayre

A big well done to the Tipperty Parent Group for the recent Christmas Fayre which has raised a fantastic £531.55 for the Tipperty Community Defibrillator! What a fantastic achievement! A lot of hard work went into organising and running the event. It was great to hear that so many children were also involved in volunteering on the day. The Parent Group are making excellent progress in their fundraising in conjunction with the SADS UK charity. Well done to everyone involved.

October Parent Open Afternoon

Thank you to everyone who attended our Open afternoon in October to help the children with their crafts for the Christmas Fayre. It was great to see everyone working together on the Christmas Crafts!

In October the Tipperty Parent Group also held a successful Open Afternoon. Many thanks to Mrs Comery and the Tipperty Parent Group for organising and supporting this. Thank you to everyone who helped transform the courtyard area in the run up to the open afternoon. Many thanks also to the Tipperty Parent group for their donation of bark for the courtyard area.

New Bench

Our new playground bench has been delivered. A big thank you to the Tipperty Parent Group for funding the purchase of this bench and for arranging the installation by Ellon Men's shed. Thank you in particular to Mrs Mackay for coordinating this.

Activities this term

All pupils have had the opportunity this term to work with Alice, the Active schools coach, focusing on rugby skills. Mrs Okumu, music instructor, is delivering Kodaly sessions in school this term. During these sessions the children are engaged in a variety of active games and singing activities. The children appear to be greatly enjoying these sessions so far!

Working Groups Update

Health Group

The Health Group recently organised a Harvest Collection for the Community Larder at Ellon Parish Church. Thank you to everyone for your kind donations. The food donated was collected by Pam from Ellon Parish Church at the Harvest assembly.

The Health group have recently been learning about Dyslexia awareness week. The children were interested to learn about how dyslexia can impact upon people's learning. The health group members distributed blue ribbons to represent this special week.

Beach Clean

In September we went on a Beach Clean at Newburgh Beach. We joined up with classes from Newburgh Mathers School and the East Grampian Coastal Partnership.

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	<p>Poppy Appeal The pupils of Tipperty School have been marking Remembrance by making an individual Poppy keepsake which we displayed on a Remembrance tree in school. Thank you once more for your support of the Poppy Appeal.</p> <p>Rotakids: Shoebox appeal The families of Tipperty School have once more been supporting the Rotary shoebox appeal for children and families in need. Pictured are some of the children with their shoebox donations. We were delighted to be joined by Eleanor Macalister from Ythan Valley Rotary at a recent Assembly. Eleanor explained that she has been working with Tipperty School for over 40 years. We look forward to working with the Ythan Valley Rotary in the coming months.</p> <p>Gardening Group - Bulbs We have been fortunate to receive an allocation of spring flowering bulbs from Greenspaces and we are planning a bulb planting session in November with the help of Mrs Dew and our garden volunteers. We have also been donated purple crocus bulbs by the Rotary. Thank you to the Watt family for their kind donation of planters for this activity. Thank you also to the Yeoman family for volunteering to support the bulb planting out of school hours and also for donations of compost and gardening items. Thank you to the Mackay family for tidying up the overgrown plant on the shelter shed in the October holidays.</p> <p>We look forward to working with the children in the coming weeks on our Christmas show which we will be sharing with you on the 13 th December. I trust you have all been enjoying the song practice at home so far!</p>	
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5	<p><u>Treasurer's Report</u> In the absence of Mrs. Gillies, Mrs. Comery advised that there was £3881.88 in the account at present. This does not include the money raised at the Christmas Fayre.</p> <p>We currently have £801.55 for the defibrillator: £531.55 from the fayre and £270 from various donations.</p> <p>£1,000 was donated from Mrs Gillies mum.</p> <p>Invoices have been received for Sumdog (£89.10) the bark for the courtyard (£103) and for the panto (£287.50), which totals £479.60.</p> <p>Once the current invoices have been paid and the money for the defib is deducted, there will be £2,062.28 remaining.</p>	

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6	<p><u>Fundraising & Planning</u></p> <p>The Christmas Fayre was a great success and £531.55 was raised. Lessons learned for any future fayres would be to circulate community newsletters or leaflets the week before the event to local residents. The max number of stalls should be 11 to allow everyone to be in the hall.</p> <p>There are 25 selection boxes left. 14 will be used for the school children and it was agreed the remainder could be donated to Newburgh Playgroup, along with some of the mince pies. The rest of which will be used for the Christmas Concert.</p> <p>There is also tea/coffee/juice left to be used for future events.</p> <p>Thank you letters were sent to Aberdeen Drilling School, Mr Willox, Ms Birnie and Mr Merson (Santa).</p> <p>£45 has come in from Easy Fundraising.</p> <p>It was agreed we would have a break from fundraising as we have asked a lot of people recently, and we are now close to our defib target. We will look to do another event in Spring/Summer. A car wash was suggested but agreed this may be hard to manage. A BBQ was also suggested.</p> <p>Future fundraising will go towards school trips/experiences for the children and different options were discussed including:</p> <p>Internet safety – this has been covered before but it was agreed this could be looked at again from a different provider – Mrs Irvine and Miss Buchan are going to look into this</p> <p>Pond dipping – Cllr. Davidson has a contact who may be able to do this and will pass on the details to Miss Buchan</p> <p>Dinky Doctor – Miss Buchan will try and arrange this for term 3. Previous correspondence with them confirmed a cost of £200 for 90 mins, which includes 30 mins set-up and 60 mins presentation.</p> <p>Other suggestions included Huntly Falconry, Greenwood Loch, Waulkmill Menagerie</p>	<p>MB/MI</p> <p>ID</p> <p>MB</p>
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7	<p><u>School Open Day</u></p> <p>The school open day was successful with 3 potential families visiting. It was suggested that another be held in January – around the time of P1 registrations for 23/24 school year. A date to be chosen for this.</p> <p>This also brought about discussion about the current school roll and forecasted numbers for the next few years. At the time of the meeting, we had still not received a reply to the letter we sent to Laurence Findlay back in June voicing our concerns, however a reply is expected imminently.</p> <p>Cllr Davidson advised there isn't a specific number of students that will determine a school being mothballed/closed and various things would need to</p>	

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	<p>be looked at before making this decision including planned house builds in the area, forecasted zoned children etc. Miss Buchan consulted the school roll projections currently available on Aberdeenshire Council’s website. The projection states that by 2027 the school roll would be 8. Miss Buchan noted that the school roll projections for 2024 and 2025 appeared to be inflated by 3 pupils, due to pupils having moved away since school session 2022/23.</p>	
<p>8</p>	<p><u>A.O.C.B</u></p> <p>Defibrillator The cheapest machine is £868 and we currently have £801.55 raised through fundraising and donations. The child pads are £110.80. A big thanks to all who have contributed time/money/effort into this. SADS UK have said they can cover the remainder required if needed.</p> <p>Commemorative Bench This has now been put into the playground but still needs to be securely concreted in. We are awaiting the invoice from the Men’s Shed for this. The plaque from the previous bench is also to be fitted.</p> <p>100 Club This was discussed at the last meeting at it was agreed to continue with it. Miss Buchan advised the email will be sent out in January.</p> <p>Planters Miss Buchan advised some planters had been donated but they could still use more, as some of the current ones are needing replaced. It was suggested we could all keep an eye out on marketplace for second-hand ones to keep costs down.</p> <p>Raffle Donations A reminder that raffle donations would be welcome for the Christmas raffle. Miss Buchan will have the community newsletter ready for the beginning of December so Mrs Comery and Mrs Watt can distribute these around Bridgend whilst selling raffles to the residents there – this made a lot of money last year. The newsletter will include an update on the defibrillator.</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">MB/CC/SW</p>
<p>9</p>	<p><u>Date of Next Meeting</u></p> <p>Wednesday 10th January – Parent Group meeting</p>	

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