

Tipperty Parent Group

Meeting Minutes – Wednesday 10th January @ 6.30pm

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

Item	Notes	Actions
1	<u>Welcome and Apologies</u> Mrs. Comery thanked everyone for attending.	
2	<u>Minutes of Last Meeting</u> The minutes from the last meeting on 15 th November 2023 were approved.	
3	<u>Chairperson's Report</u> Mrs. Comery chairperson read out her report as follows. Since our last meeting we have had a flurry of Christmas events in the school with the Christmas concert and raffle to name but a few. I'd like to thank the teachers at the school for all their efforts in making these events a success. I'm so glad that we were able to get the kids to the panto this year and I hope they enjoyed it. I hope that we can get some fundraising ideas sorted so we can repeat it this year if you would like to. Looking forward to what the next few months bring, hopefully we have a few people come to our open door invite. Again thank you for all your help over the first two terms and they have been jam packed! Happy new year to you and yours	
4	<u>Head Teacher's Report</u> It has been great to welcome the children back for term 3! I would like to start by congratulating our p7 pupils on winning 3rd place out of 147 Aberdeenshire Schools in a Minecraft Christmas Build Challenge in December. The children had to work as a team to discuss, design and build accommodation for Santa to a specific design brief. A big well done to all 4 pupils who were involved in this challenge! In term 2 we were delighted to welcome the families of Tipperty School to join us in our Christmas Performance: "The Landlord's Cats". I am sure you will all agree that the children really put on an excellent performance both in singing and in learning their lines for the show!	

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In the final week of term 2 we also held a very successful Christmas raffle which raised £668 for Tipperty School fund. A big thank you to everyone who supported the raffle either by selling raffle tickets or donating prizes. Your support is very much appreciated!

On the last day of term we were fortunate to visit the Pantomime at His Majesty's Theatre in Aberdeen. This was a fantastic experience for the children and a great way in which to finish up the term. Many thanks to the Tipperty Parent Group for organising and funding this Pantomime trip.

Plans for Term 3

As usual we have a lot of activities planned for this term. Next week we will be visited in school by the Tech Fest Dome. This links to work on Day/Night in P1/4 and Space in P5/7. Workshops will be delivered separately to the lower and upper stage pupils.

This term we are beginning work on the John Muir Award in P4/7 and RSPB Wild Challenge award in P1/4. This links in well with our work towards our 8 the Green Flag. We aim to get the children involved in conserving the natural environment of the school and in thinking about the role they have to play in helping wildlife. As part of our work on the John Muir Award we are arranging a whole-school outdoor learning workshop in a woodland environment, funded by the Parent Group. We are also making links with the Aberdeenshire Ranger service to arrange an outdoor excursion to another outdoor environment, potentially Bennachie Visitor Centre. This would also link well to the P5/7 local book study later on in the term.

In the next few weeks following our Space topic we are moving on to a short Scottish focus, involving the children in a Scottish celebration with Scottish country dancing and Scottish poetry. We also plan to invite parents and families into school for a Scottish Ceilidh in the final week of term 3.

Work is planned to continue in the Garden Group with Mrs Dew. The pupil Working Groups this term will all be working on a Green Flag focus, as we look towards presenting the Green Flag evidence for verification by Eco Schools.

In the second half of term 3 we will be learning more about a Social Enterprise Schools topic. The aim of this project is to involve the children in identifying an issue they want to solve and to take steps to make that change happen. We will be supported by the Social Enterprise schools academy in planning this project.

We are also looking into First Aid courses for the children, as previously discussed and we will update the Parent Group when we have any further information.

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5	<p><u>Treasurer’s Report</u></p> <p>In the absence of Mrs. Gillies, Mrs. Comery advised that there was £3831.33 in the account at present. The invoice for the panto and ice cream have been paid.</p> <p>£240 needs to be paid to cover the bus, so this brings the total to £3,591.33</p> <p>We currently have £811.55 for the defibrillator: £531.55 from the fayre and £280 from various donations.</p>	
6	<p><u>Fundraising & Planning</u></p> <p>£668 was raised with the Christmas raffle, which is a great amount, and thanks were made to all those who sold raffles, and donated prizes.</p> <p>At the last meeting, we discussed using some of the money raised by the Parent Group to fund a school trip and various options were discussed.</p> <p>As mentioned in the HT report, an outdoor workshop is proposed, using the contact that Cllr Davidson provided at the previous meeting.</p> <p>A full day workshop can be run for £150. Miss Buchan thought of using a local woodland for this, as it would tie in with the goal of achieving level 2 of the John Muir award for the older children, which needs to be done out-with the school grounds. Miss Buchan has suggested they use Auchmacoy Estate for this. We would need to check with the owners if this would be permitted, and if they would allow use of a firepit, and access to the hall for use of the toilets. Miss Buchan had thought March would be a good time, but April was also discussed as the daffodils will be in bloom at this time. Miss Buchan going to let Maggie know we wish to go ahead and get a date confirmed.</p> <p>Trump Estate or the Christmas tree place was also thought of as other venues. Mrs Yeoman volunteered to look into the Christmas tree option.</p> <p>Dinky Doctors are no longer in business, but Miss Buchan is going to follow up with a contact provided by Miss Bergh to organise first aid training for the children.</p> <p>The panto was deemed a success and it was agreed that we should arrange it for this year. Money would need to be raised for this and it was decided that another rock n roll bingo would be a good fundraiser. Different dates were discussed and Friday 22nd March was confirmed to be a good date, and the event will be Easter themed. Mrs Watt will complete the Lets Lease. It was also agreed that a community newsletter should be distributed a week before the event to remind local residents.</p> <p>Miss Buchan asked if the seats they had at the panto were suitable or if they should try and get different seats this time. It was agreed the stalls were fine, but perhaps more central, with maybe the possibility of seats being behind each other over split rows, rather than all in one long row.</p>	<p>MB</p> <p>MY</p> <p>MB</p> <p>SW</p>

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7	<p><u>School Open Day</u></p> <p>A poster to advertise the school and inviting people to come for a visit has been shared on various Facebook pages, including the Aberdeenshire Council post regarding P1 applications.</p> <p>A request has come in from a former pupil who would like to visit the school with his siblings. Miss Buchan is going to get in touch with them to arrange. Mrs Mackay has also had someone ask her about the school so hopefully this will lead to something.</p>	MB
8	<p><u>A.O.C.B</u></p> <p>Defibrillator SADS UK have been in touch to ask if we want to give them the money raised now, and it will then be used to purchase the defibrillator when we are ready. It was discussed and decided that we would prefer to keep the money in our account for now and send the money to SADS once we are ready to make a purchase – this is in case the model we want goes out of stock, or a newer model becomes available. Mrs Comery is going to contact SADS and ask how far in advance we need to purchase the defibrillator – the current one is due to expire in July 2025 – so we plan to look at purchasing the new one at the end of this year, depending on the reply from SADS. Miss Buchan will include a section in the next newsletter to remind people of the amount raised and to communicate our plans to purchase a new one closer to the time of the current one’s expiry.</p> <p>Commemorative Bench This was concreted in but was a little loose and needs to be properly fixed. The invoice has been sent and will be paid once completely secured.</p> <p>100 Club Emails should be going out this week.</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. Miss Buchan advised that Mrs Macalister from Ythan Valley Rotary Club had mentioned there may be a grant available for planters . Miss Buchan will ask Mrs Macalister if there is any update on this.</p> <p>Shelter Mrs Comery has received a quote from Jane Bradford for re-painting the shelter, which has come in at £380. Jane has suggested a seasons and friendship theme, using one board for each season. Draft pictures were shown to those attending the meeting. Work cannot start until the weather warms up.</p>	<p>CC</p> <p>MB</p> <p>MB</p>

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	<p>It was confirmed the current design had no legacy, and once the re-painting had been done, Mrs Gillies would be asked to sign something to confirm her preference to the maintenance of the shelter for future work. It was suggested that a 'grand opening' be held once work is completed and Mr Donald should be invited along to this.</p> <p>As there will be some money left over from the donation, the idea of adding new benches was discussed. Miss Buchan thinks if they are to be attached to the wall like the current bench, this would need to be done by the Council, however we may be able to install plastic benches that are secured into the ground. Miss Buchan will check on this.</p> <p>Another suggestion for the leftover money would be to purchase new planters.</p> <p>School Interior</p> <p>This was brought up at a previous meeting. Miss Buchan advised someone had visited the school at the end of last year to look at the work required so a quote could be prepared. Miss Buchan has not heard anything since, but advised it would go to the Cluster Manager rather than the school directly. She will chase this up. It was confirmed that work within the school must be done by a contractor as chosen by the Cluster Manager.</p>	MB MB
9	<p><u>Date of Next Meeting</u></p> <p>Wednesday 28th February – Parent Group meeting</p>	