

Tarves Primary School PTA & General Meeting

AGENDA

Tuesday 2nd JUNE 2020 7pm- Zoom call

Present: Bryan Dickson, Nick Grove-White, Peter Holland, Lynne Mackay, Gill Newlands, Liam McKinney, Sharon Dowdles, Anna Best, Marion Jamieson, Loretta Ross, Carol Brown & Kerry Rettie (9th June)

Apologies: Kerry Rettie (2nd June) Nick Grove White & Marion Jamieson (9th June)

No	Item	Action
1	Welcome Completed welcomes, introductions & apologies for absentees.	INFO
2	AGM Election of Committee LMK gave a brief summary to new attendees of the meeting and what the School Council (SC) consisted of and how it interacted with the PTA group. The SC roles in the group were discussed and agreed as follows: Liam McK re-elected as Chair – this was seconded by MJ Marion J re-elected as Vice-Chair – this was seconded by LMK Sharon D was re-elected as Treasurer – this was agreed by group Lynne & Anna were re-elected to continue as split secretary – this was agreed by the group	INFO
3	Financial Report SD updated that the account was sitting just over £5000.67p. Only items outstanding for payment are the P7 leaver's books. MJ highlighted that we are due to pay the Insurance Liability renewal at the end of July. Need to clarify details on this.	LMK
4	Race Night It was agreed that the event was a success and lots of fun and that it would be worth booking in for next March. The event raised £1460.50 which was a boost to PTA funds. Lynne to re book for next year.	LM
5	Rag Bags On Hold.	NGW
6	Candy Floss Machine Process will be looked at and the PTA will take over the bookings and store the machine within the School instead of going via School Secretary. Machine currently being stored by Nicki Walton.	LMK
7	Parent Involvement in SC & PTA Meeting During the SC / PTA meeting, Mrs Conn discusses school related issues which may be specific to all or just some classes. In order to ensure the message is migrated to all the parents / guardians in a timely manner, it is suggested / hoped that at least one parent / guardian representative from each class year attends the SC & PTA meeting. This is also seen as an ideal opportunity for the class representative to ask about the school / class concerns or even ideas they may have. Due to lack of current PTA activity it is hard to push on or promote the FB page. But going forward this tool should be used more often. Currently the PTA FB member page is outdated and needs to be trimmed to only include parents / guardians of pupils in the school currently. This should be completed in conjunction with Mrs Conn to ensure no-one is incorrectly removed.	LMK

8	<p>Summer Fete 23rd May 2020</p> <p>This event was cancelled for this year due to the COVID crisis. Although it was originally hoped that it could take place later in 2020, unfortunately it has become clear that this cannot happen due to social distancing constraints etc. therefore it is expected to return as usual in May 2021.</p>	INFO
9	<p>Halloween Disco</p> <p>DJ is booked – “Touch of Magic” Caroline updated – she will pass Liam’s contact details on as he is happy to take cancellation up-to 1 week prior without a fee. At this stage and its TBC, but it’s highly unlikely the Halloween discos will be able to go ahead due to the COVID -19 outbreak. It was discussed about virtual activities and to speak with school about activities that may be able to take place – however felt we were not able to make any decisions at this point in time.</p>	LMK
10	<p>School Council – Update at Meeting 9th June 2020 at 7pm</p> <p>Mrs Conn updated the meeting that the PEF (Pupil Equity Funding) for the school year 2020/21 had been cut for the year compared to the 2019/20 budget which was disappointing.</p> <p>Mrs Conn ran through where Aberdeenshire Council were at in terms of the return to school on August 11th 2020. They are looking into a number of issues and hopes to have updates on these before the end of term on Friday 3rd July 2020.</p> <p>Return to School – proposed 11th August</p> <p>At this stage – the following appears to be the case;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lots of work required in the school to get it ready for the return of pupils, • Class Bubbles – looking likely to be around 10 pupils per class, • Based on this, potentially only have 1/3 of pupils attend school at any one time, • School learning will be completed in conjunction with home learning, • Options for the school and home learning schedules are still being reviewed, • A combination of blended learning is expected to be case – ie, via classrooms and pupils joining via electronic interaction from home, • Options of how the school learning will work are to be confirmed but will take account siblings and existing friendships per class bubble where possible, • Aberdeenshire Council are to advise which online platform can be used moving into the new academic year to assist with this concept of learning, • The curriculum will be focused on Health & Wellbeing, • Impact on school meals & travel to/from is still being discussed, • Children returning to school will be provided with resources and will NOT be required to come to school with school bags or pencil cases. Only themselves and a jacket, possibly a water bottle (that only the pupil can use), • There will be no mandatory wearing of the school uniform for pupils returning to school, <p>Mrs Conn advised that there are many issues still to be resolved / finalised, however once all things were confirmed it would be communicated out to all parents/guardians.</p> <p>School Uniform – incl Jumpers, Cardigan & Polo shirts</p> <p>The school are proposing to move to a web based company called ‘School Ware Made Easy’. The company supply many schools in the area and provide free returns and orders can be made through them at any point of the year. This should make things much easier for families to obtain school uniform with some additional items</p>	Mrs Conn

	<p>added. Mrs Conn will be issuing an update on this in due course and when ordering of uniforms can commence.</p> <p>However – as per point above, because of the undermined school schedule, the wearing of a school uniform will not be mandatory for the start of the school year. Mrs Conn will advise on this over the future weeks.</p>	
11	<p>AOCB</p> <p>PTA team members have offered assistance to the Mrs Conn if it's required – be it in terms on general, administration or IT assistance.</p>	INFO
12	<p>Close of meeting</p> <p>Liam, Chair thanked all for attending and advised he would speak to Mrs Conn re getting another date in the next week or so to discuss School Council business and that he would update the group with the time and date.</p>	LMK
13	<p>Dates of Future Meetings</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • September 2020 	INFO