

Tarves Primary School PTA / School Council Update Meeting

Tuesday 22nd June 2021 7pm – ZOOM Call

Minutes of Meeting

Present: Liam McKinney, Anna Best, Lynne Mackay, Shannon Dowdles, Gill Newlands, Jill Moir, Lara Conn (Head Teacher), Miss McBeath (PSA and Forest School Lead), Miss Gauld (Teacher), Stacey Barr, Bryan Dickson.

Apologies: Kerry Rettie, Linda Mitchell, Pete Holland & Loretta Ross

No	Item	Action
1	Welcome LMc addressed the meeting and thanked all for attending and apologies.	INFO
2	Financial Report Shannon confirmed that there was £4,365 in the SC/PTA account as of 15/06/21. Figure based after hardship loan/charity donation/leavers book costs. Money to be given to help school garden fund - amount TBC by Emma Liddell.	INFO
3	Matters arising from previous minutes: Rags Bags – Clothes bin for old clothes has installed in the playground and has been very popular, being filled and emptied several times already. This has brought additional revenue of ~£80 per month to the SC/PTA funds. If anyone has old/used clothes which they are going to throw out – consider putting them into this clothes bin. However for any clothes which are still in good condition, instead of throwing these out, these can be passed to the school for other kids to use.	INFO
4	Fundraising LMc asked the group if they had any ideas around fundraising. Based on the unknown state of the world due to COVID, it was accepted that the annual school fete would not be taking place this year – certainly not in its usual guise. An idea was floated about having a type of Christmas fete – which was well received and was going to be investigated further at the start of the next school year. Miss Gauld put a suggestion in place regarding Christmas cards as a method of raising funds for the PTA.	INFO
5	School Council Mrs Conn gave an update on the school issues. All the COVID related constraints will remain in place for the foreseeable – though updates will be issued as and when guidelines change. Recruitment - new cluster funding. Tarves sitting with 164 roll for return in August. Additional PSA recruited for 14hrs per week and also a probationer teacher have been recruited. An additional PSA and class teacher still to be confirmed. Miss Gauld is unfortunately moving on for a new challenge – and the SC/PTA team wish her all the very best in this role. Curriculum - Nurture to be become a main area of learning.	LMc

	<p>Literacy and reading to be focussed on next year with an overhaul of reading material to be purchased by school.</p> <p>Numeracy was a great success this year with Numicon having been introduced and embraced by the children. This will be extended into next years teaching and rolled out longer term.</p> <p>Tarves School are looking to introduce the Forest School which is a child led outdoor learning experience – which originated in Scandinavia. Jackie McBeath is currently undergoing training to become forest school teacher which will allow children access to outdoor school once a fortnight at the least. These classes will go ahead in all types of weather and will expose the kids to the natural environment.</p> <p>PTA agreed to help fund the forest school to purchase all materials to help as required – ring-fencing £1k for forest school budget so that the required items can be purchased throughout the year ahead and beyond.</p> <p>There will be a requirement for waterproofs/fire safety equipment/wellies/etc for these classes.</p> <p>Discussed a bee keeping option - Gill N to ask for contact details from her contact to see if this is something that could fit into the for Forest School.</p> <p>Free school meals - will be extended to P4 from August. Then P5's from January and so on until all year groups are fully funded.</p> <p>Coaching - no football coach volunteers as yet. A reminder to go out explaining you don't require a qualification...just enthusiasm!</p> <p>Gill N offered netball after schools club again in August. Anna to look into a possible tennis club offering.</p>	
6.	<p>2nd Hand Clothing Stock & Hardship Fund</p> <p>If anyone has any 2nd hand clothes that are in good condition, these can be handed into the school for quarantine initially, then sorting for anyone who may wish to use them. For clarity – this doesn't include school uniform attire, but all items of clothing including jackets, shoes, trainers etc</p> <p>Appointments to review the stock can be made through the school, with slots allocated accordingly.</p> <p>The school are also accepting 1st year Meldrum Academy uniforms for any P7's moving up to academy for the next school term.</p> <p>The hardship fund has been set-up and now open for applications – only 1 application made.</p>	INFO
7	<p>AOCB</p> <p>Snack – The PTA now cover the costs of snacks that kids occasionally forget instead of the school having to pay for these.</p> <p>Flowers and bubbles to be arranged for Marion by Anna as a thank you for PTA contribution.</p>	INFO
8	<p>Future/Upcoming school Related Activities</p> <p>Nothing planned due to COVID 19 Restrictions.</p>	
9	<p>Dates of Future Meetings</p> <p>13th Sept. 2021</p>	