Tarves Primary School PTA / School Council Update Meeting

Tuesday 14th Sept 2021 7pm – ZOOM Call

Minutes of Meeting

Present: L.McKinney, A.Best, G.Newlands, J.Moir, J.McBeath, P.Holland, K.Craft, L.Conn, L.Mackay, R.Hull-Bailey, S.Dowdles, L.Crighton, K.Stein & M.Jamieson

Apologies: Stacey Barr and Kerry Rettie

No	Item	Action
1	Welcome	
	LMc addressed the meeting and thanked all for attending and passed on apologies. The meeting was technically the PTA AGM with all the committee positions up for grabs and offered by LMc to any takers – though there were none. All the School Council members were happy to assume these roles in PTA for the upcoming year ie. Chair – Liam McKinney	INFO
	Deputy Chair – Gill Newlands Treasurer – Jill Moir	
	Secretary – Anna Best	
2	Financial Report	
	Jill Moir (JM) has taken over the role of treasurer – many thanks to Shannon Dowdles for her help acting as treasurer over the years. Bank balance - £4,570.15 in the SC/PTA account as of 14/09/21.	INFO
	Figure based after hardship loan/charity donation/leavers book costs have been deducted. Forest school £1,000 which PTA committed to is still to come out. Hardship Fund - 2 x applications so far. £450 has been ring fenced for this fund for	
	2021/22 year. £438.23 to be added to the balance after Emma Liddell's summer plant stall. Many thanks to Emma for this – it really was a great effort and commitment. Lara Conn (LC) to arrange thank you gift to Emma by way of thanks. POST MEETING NOTE: JM has collected these funds from the school for depositing.	
	Money to be given to help school garden fund - amount TBC by Emma Liddell. LC to check and revert.	LC
3	Matters arising from previous minutes:	
	NTR	INFO
4	Euch casked the group if they had any ideas around fundraising. Christmas cards are currently being designed by pupils for ordering merchandise/cards with the school getting a percentage of the sales. Unfortunately due to C-19, the traditional Halloween disco will not go ahead this year either. It was suggested that we have a Halloween dress up/pumpkin carving completion, with pics uploaded onto google classroom and winners picked on Monday 1st Nov. The PTA to contribute prizes for boy and girl winners in each year group including the nursery group.	INFO

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Mrs Conn gave an update on the school issues.

COVID-19 Update

- No change to existing restrictions mitigations still in place
- CO₂ monitor in school,
- J.McBeath is COVID-19 Coordinator and helps families with C-19 regulations etc.

Warn & Inform letters

• School protocol to send out to class only if positive case. Track & Trace then deal with closer contacts out with school.

Clothing Donations/Hardship Fund

- School passed on massive thanks for all clothing donations it has been a great response,
- P7's have been sorting and putting in order for families to access when required, Older ages clothing winter jackets would be great - plenty younger years clothing
- LC sent info out to parents re Aberlour Fund and Northsound for vouchers as additional support for families if required,
- PTA/SC have a hardship fund in place applications forms can be found on the school website and sent to LC.

Forest School

- The forest school is now running and being used by all class groups,
- J.McBeath leading initiative and will be fully qualified soon,
- £500 out of £1k has been spent on various pieces of equipment hand washing facilities and fire safety equipment,
- Feedback has been great/positive from parents and children,
- This helps collect data for health and well-being tracking which is now required for all schools

Google Classroom

- Going to be used for updates on class info, will develop this academic year
- Also if children are off due to C-19 and 10 day isolation, work will be provided for each individual child to keep up to date if fit and able to complete.

Homework

- Reading is high priority learning across whole school,
- LC discussing internally how to implement useful/beneficial homework based on individual classes. Reviewing as a staff in light of recovery curriculum.

School Trips

 All trips are being planned for next year but still too early to say whether will go ahead or not.

	Before /After School Club	
	Application/discussions are ongoing with council at moment through local	
	childminders and any updates will be communicated. This is likely to take 6	
	months due to backlog of applications.	
6.	After School Sports	
0.	LMc sent out messages looking for volunteers to take over running of the school	
	football team, unfortunately there is still no interest. Although the league started in	
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	Aug, the winter league kicks off in October – so it would be good to get someone in	
	place for this. For clarity – there is no formal qualification required,	
	support/facilities/equipment will be offered by the Aberdeenshire Active Schools	
	and training can be organised around the volunteer's schedule. For further information contact LC.	INFO
	LC is speaking to Aberdeenshire Live Life Active and they can help get assistance with	
	a coach to involve the p7's running a lunchtime coaching session for younger year	
	groups	
	Anna Best (AB) volunteering and starting tennis sessions in Tarves on a Wednesday	
	and Gill Newlands (GN) getting netball started on a Thursday. Links for these	
	activities can be found on the Aberdeenshire Active Schools webpage.	
7	AOCB	
	Road safety concerns were raised as the afternoon collection seems to be busier	
	than ever. LC confirmed that this issue was raised to the council previously.	INFO
	Due to congestion around the entrance area – some kids are being forced onto the	
	road, which is far from ideal.	
	LC to investigate opening other front gate for older children to get out and stop	
	blockage at front entrance. Also looking into possibly kids exiting out the back into	
	park again.	
	AB suggested possibly contacting Scotia to help to put something in place via their	
	new housing development.	
	Post Meeting Note : Scotia do have planning contributions, which are distributed to	
	the local community. Too early in the development to know where these funds will	
	be allocated. Worth following up in 6 months with local MP to express school road	
	crossing safety concerns.	
	Parent/Carer consultations will take place virtually again this year – more	
	information to follow.	
8	Future/Upcoming school Related Activities	
	Nothing planned due to COVID 19 Restrictions.	
9	Dates of Future Meetings	
	16 th Nov. 2021	
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