

TIPPERTY SCHOOL PARENT COUNCIL

Monday 25th May at 4pm

Meeting Minutes

1. Apologies

Moira McKessick

2. Minutes of last meeting

PTC Budget shopping list- It was agreed by all present that we will look to spend the PTC budget on the garden area as a priority.

Tesco Tokens update- Helen Philips of Groundworks confirmed 6 months extension due to Covid 19. The Tesco Grant has been extended to 30-01-2021. The design and workscope for the outdoor area was reviewed with new staff and proposal prepared. These were costed by two landscape contractors. It was agreed that the costs for landscaping works did not leave any monies for equipment. A decision prior to the PTC meeting was made to minimise the landscaping and just tidy up / clean the area. Andrea had approached patio cleaning companies but due to lockdown, no cost has been suggested as they need to visit the site. A provisional Shopping list for equipment has been made.

Maurine Smith event- This has been postponed due to Covid 19. We will need to see when legislation would allow us to hold another event. It was agreed that we should wait and see if we can reschedule the event rather than cancel it altogether. Some tickets have been refunded as requested by the buyers, but others have not yet come forward to ask for a refund, this money is currently being held by various people who took the payments originally.

3. Chairman's Report

Defibrillator

The defibrillator that is placed on the school playground is not currently working. It was advised by that it is not the Schools responsibility to maintain the defibrillator. This will need looking into so that we can potentially get it back up and running so it can be suitable for use if needed. It was suggested by Mrs Irvine that a facebook page could be useful for getting the Tipperty community involved to take it in turn to check the defibrillator out of term time.

Constitution

As no one has come back to discuss the constitution further, we will go ahead with the proposed constitution. This will be drafted up and then sent back to parents to be approved.

New name of the PTC- it was agreed that it might help the parents to feel more comfortable to get involved if there was a better name for the PTC. It was also raised that new parents might feel more inclined to get involved if there was some information handed to them about what the parent council do and how parents can get involved.

4. Treasurers Report

We assume that the current situation with changing the signatories is at a standstill due to Covid 19.

5. Head Teacher Report

Three new primary 1s have enrolled for August 2020 start. The class sizes have changed slightly with a younger class for P1-P4 and older class of P5-P7. We will have 2 P7s leaving the school to move on in July 2020. There will be an online leavers assembly for the 2 P7s which details have already been sent out. The vacancy for the new head teacher post is currently being advertised on my job Scotland and is due to close soon. Updates will follow regarding this in due course.

6. Coronavirus update

It has been confirmed by the Scottish government that the children should return to school on the 11th August under a social distancing routine.

Seesaw

As the school is currently using the free seesaw app, a question was asked about the possibility to upgrade this. The school is considering doing a free trial to see if this would be worth paying for. We agreed in the meeting that the free trial would be worth doing. After the free trial it would be £120 per year to have this upgraded version.

7. Planning and Fundraising

It was advised that when we can have a physical meeting again, we will draw up a yearly calendar in association with the school of how we will move forward with new activities throughout the year, how we can involve families and how this can support the PTC efforts for fundraising.

8. Parent Items

It was raised that the rag bag chute is currently full, and recycling has currently been suspended. Parents are asked to please hold onto their donations if possible until recycling can start again.

9. Date of next meeting

4pm 29th June 2020