

## **Tipperty Parent Group**

### **AGM meeting minutes**

**Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> October 7pm**

#### **Attending**

Nicola Gillies, Lucy Hewitt, Andrea Elrick-Stewart, Sue Harrison, Leah Longley, Leanne Park, Miss Buchan, Mrs Irvine, Mrs Stewart, Mrs Dew.

#### **Apologies**

Mrs McKerrow

#### **Agreement of Minutes**

Last year's minutes were reviewed and decided that they were accurate.

#### **Chairperson's Report**

Considering the last year to date from the last AGM meeting, it was agreed that it has been an unusual time due to the Covid 19 situation and the children being off school for several months. In the past year a permanent Head Teacher has been appointed. Unfortunately, no fundraising has been accomplished by the Tipperty Parent Group (TPG) this year. The Maureen Smith event was put on hold due to current restrictions. This new year moving forward will be a 'start from scratch' year with regards to fundraising etc and a meeting will be held soon to discuss and welcome ideas from parents to support the TPG and school.

#### **Treasurer's report**

The bank changeover from the old bank account and signatories is now fully complete and up to date. The balance in the bank is 125.14. Mrs Gillies is arranging for the accounts to be audited.

#### **Head Teacher's report**

This term has been a busy term and I am delighted how well the children have adapted to the new school routines, demonstrating flexibility and adaptability in their approach. We are looking forward to celebrating Roald Dahl Day tomorrow as a bit of fun to conclude the novel study that has taken place in P1-4 this term. We hope the children will have a great time and look forward to seeing everyone's creative ideas.

This term has seen considerable progress in terms of the courtyard garden area, with both classes also using the outdoor area for PE and other learning, in line with government guidelines. We are also delighted that the Gardening group has been successfully reintroduced, led by Mrs Dew. I am sure this group will play an important role going forward.

This term we have been able to start up our working groups in the p5-7 classroom, offering the children the opportunity to think about the themes of Health, Eco, Road Safety and the Rotakids group. We hope to share an update from each group before the end of the week. We have continued to promote the school values in class through the use of values tokens, led by the Pupil Council.

In terms of reporting, we will be issuing interim reports by encrypted email on Thursday this week. As usual, parental and pupil feedback is an important part of the reporting process and we would encourage you to use the feedback form to provide any comments that you wish.

In terms of staffing, I am pleased to confirm that from Term 2 onwards Mrs Baillie and Mrs Dew will be working in P5-7 as a permanent job share arrangement, working 3 days one week then 2 days the

next. We are also delighted that we will be joined by Mr Thornley, a PGDE Student, in P5-7 in term 2. I am sure the children will give him a warm welcome.

In terms of future fundraising we are organising a school fundraising quiz for late November, as discussed at the last Parent Council meeting. Full details will be available at the start of term 2. We would like to gather some feedback as to whether we should go ahead with the Christmas Raffle, given the ongoing restrictions.

I would like to thank everyone once more for their support this term and I wish the children, parents and staff of Tippetry School an enjoyable October Break.

### **Christmas gifts**

It was suggested that instead of the school giving gifts to each child this year, it would be nice for the children to give back to the community. It was suggested that the Ellon round table accept toy donations which are collected and then given to the 'cash for kids appeal' at Christmas time, this would reinforce what the children have been learning in class about kindness and good behaviour towards others. Leah agreed that she would look into it and come back with a provisional plan.

### **AOB**

Mrs Harrison enquired if the Defibrillator should have a location code on the box. Mrs Park said she would find out.

- Mrs Park provided the following update on the 13<sup>th</sup> October 2020

***The Scottish Ambulance Service do not use Identifier codes. The new national Defibrillator register <https://www.thecircuit.uk/> is where the school defib is registered and is what the Ambulance service will use to activate someone to come and get the Defib if required.***

Mrs Irvine mentioned that the soft tar cover at the front of the school may need replaced going forward. Additionally, the school IPADS may need updated soon.

Miss Buchan advised that some ICT equipment is reaching the end of its life. Miss Buchan will find out how old equipment is disposed of/recycled.

Raffle- the school has already obtained tickets. It was agreed that 4 books per family would be sent home and people could always ask for more if necessary. People have less people to sell tickets to just now due to Covid-10 restrictions, and there is an awareness that ticket sales will be less. There is also an awareness that less prizes will probably be available. Any donations could be suitably quarantined, and the drawn online. The school office can arrange electronic payments and there could be a box placed outside for raffle ticket returns.

There was a suggestion that the school could contact a local care home and write to people there at Christmas.

### **Election of officers-**

The following people were nominated and seconded into the following positions on the committee.

Chairperson- Sue Harrison

Vice Chairperson- N/A

Treasurer- Nicola Gillies

Secretary- Leah Longley & Lucy Hewitt

**Date of next TPG meeting- Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> November 2020, 7pm**