**Tarves Primary School PTA**

**AGENDA**

**Tuesday 21st January 2020 7pm**

Present: Pieter Van Derveyver, Bryan Dickson, Nick Grove-White, Peter Holland, Lynne McKay, Gill Newlands, Mrs Conn, Miss Gauld, Liam McKinney

Apologies: Caroline Brown, Carol Brown, Kerry Rettie, Anna Best

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| No | Item | Action |
| 1 | **Welcome**  Completed welcomes, introductions & apologies for absentees. |  |
| 2 | **Meldrum Active Kids**  Pete Young from Meldrum Active Kids was present and gave an excellent presentation on his role, what he/Aberdeenshire are working towards as part of active kids scheme and highlighting areas where they can help volunteers.  Pete made it clear that it would be down to the volunteers to have the activity work around their schedule, PVG’s would be paid for by the Aberdeenshire council and they would also contribute to costs to training courses. PTA advised that they could assist with costs so there shouldn’t be a cost impact to the volunteer.  The most popular sports in the area were football, rugby and jogging. If any parents are interested in volunteering to take on a group sport they can either contact Mrs Conn at the school or Peter Young direct on peter.young @aberdeenshire.gov.uk  **Action** - Add to the PTA FB page requesting feedback on the more popular sports that the kids are interested in and also to encourage parents to become volunteers to take on these groups – at a time that best suits their schedule. | LMK |
| 3 | **Financial Report**  No updates available as treasurer wasn’t present for meeting. |  |
| 4 | **Halloween Disco (Review)**  In general everyone involved thought it was a great success.  Pick up and drops off’s (side door for younger kids) went well.  Date for the 2020 Halloween disco was set for 30th Oct.  Nicki Walton to book the hall & Caroline to secure the DJ for 2020 date. | NW & CB |
| 5 | **Beetle Drive**  January 31st 2019, Aberdeen Arms Hotel  Group call was going to be arranged with Caroline Brown in order to address the ticket sales and how this will be completed.  There are plenty of pencils and dice at the school, however query over where the beetle templates are. If these cannot be located, then need to order more.  Half time Quiz is now ready – completed by Miss Gauld and Miss Slessor. | CB |
| 6 | **Race Night & Disco**  Aberdeen Arms & Race Night Organiser both booked for 7th March 2019.  Gathering at the AA from 7 o/c for a 7:30 start.  Need to actively promote this event using fliers for schoolbags & posters for village.  Tickets (80 capacity) – Priced at £7.50 each. Lynne McKay to produce the tickets and ready for sale.  Prices for ‘Horse’ and ‘Jockey’ owners being £2.50 each.  The PTA are looking for donations of 16 x bottles as prizes for the horse and jockey owners – ie. 8 x races in total. Also looking for individual race sponsors – these are based on a donation basis. Anyone interested in either booking a horse, jockey or sponsor a race to either contact someone in the PTA or Lynne McKay direct.  Refer interested parties to the PTA FB page for horse names etc.  Spot prize donations are welcome from interested parties - these could be raffled or auctioned off to raise additional funds on the night.  Also looking for a bottle of whisky & gin as a prize for £1 ‘closest to the bottle’. | ALL |
| 6 | **Summer Fete 23rd May 2020**  Nothing to really get concerned about as yet as this event is still some way away. However the long lead items are identified in place – ie.   * Climbing Wall arrangements   This has now been booked and secured by Nick Grove-White.   * Inflatable Bungee –   Caroline Brown to secure this.   * Pipe band – Nicki   Nicki Walton to advise status of this. | Closed  CB  NW |
| 7 | **School Council**  School Pupil Council – currently there is no pupil council in the school. However Mrs Conn is currently investigating how to best put one in place. The pupil council roles will change from a term to term basis to revolve kids in the role.  Numeracy Curriculum - Currently for the older kids there is a lack of material / learning props to assist them in their learnings. School looking at potentially utilising a practical problem solving equipment called ‘Numicon’. This comes in various guises and can be tailored exactly to what the school requirements are. Although it is quite expensive, it offers great assistance during kids learnings. If this is introduced the PTA acknowledged they could contribute financially in some form as introducing this new resource clearly has learning rewards.  Parent/Guardian Overview – These overview will be issued to parent/guardian to assist them with where they can best support their kids in learning certain subjects.  Nurture Room – The downstairs cloak room has been cleared out, turning it into a better use of space. Half of this large room will be turned into a nurture room which can be used as a break out area as / when required or for some one to one learnings.  Golden Time – School is looking to do away with the existing methodology of this on a weekly basis. Instead the kids will get it this time awarded or removed daily so they better understand the implications of actions that particular day. | Mrs Conn |
| 8 | **AOCB**   * Fundraising option - AFC football match tickets.   Game selected was AFC vs Hearts on the 4th April – due to majority response from interested parties. Currently there is ~30 persons interested. If anyone else is interested – pls either confirm via the PTA FB page or let one of the PTA members know so we can get you added to the list.  LMK to contact AFC to get all the details for the day, payments etc.   * Christmas Cards   The giving of Christmas cards by pupils was raised by a Parent. Discussion regarding the giving of cards, distribution of cards and ecologically friendly alternatives followed.   The Parent Council felt that the decision to take part in the current system and whether to give to whole class groups or just immediate friends had to be made by each parent/guardian after discussion with their child/children .The School Council would not wish for parents/ guardians or pupils to feel under any undue pressure to follow any one path.  Mrs Conn and Miss Gauld indicated that Christmas cards were distributed by senior pupils from a central postbox to trays rather than to individual pupils in an attempt to reduce one pupil comparing the number of cards they had received to another.  Alternatives to Christmas cards used in other schools were highlighted such as one card per class and Christmas messaging.  The Parent Council did not propose any change to the current system at this time but supported the promotion of recyclable/reusable cards.   * PTA and School Parent Council   The PTA and School Council constitution has been updated by Marian Jamieson and paper copies handed out. Any comments on these document should be returned to Caroline Brown by 4th Feb, otherwise its assumed members are satisfied with its content.   * PTA Equipment / Decorations etc.   The PTA have quite a bit of equipment which is spread around various locations around the school. Mrs Conn has proposed that this is consolidated and stored in the school loft and can be accessed as and when required. The equipment will be stored in suitable containers so as not get damaged or dusty. | LMK  ALL  Miss Gauld & GN |
| 9 | Dates of Future Meetings:  3rd March 2020  May 5th 2020  Sept 8th 2020 |  |