

Tarves Primary School PTA / School Council Meeting

Tuesday 26 January 2021 7pm – ZOOM Call

Minutes of Meeting

Present: Liam McKinney, Anna Best, Linda Mitchell, Lynne Mackay, Lara Conn (Head Teacher), Gill Newlands, Jill Moir, Mrs Craft (Teacher), Miss Gauld (Teacher), Pete Holland & Brian Dickson.

Apologies: Carol Brown, Kerry Rettie, Marion Jamieson, Sharron Dowdles, Nick Grove-White & Loretta Ross

No	Item	Action
1	Welcome LMc addressed the meeting and thanked all for attending.	INFO
2	Financial Report Shannon was not present at the meeting however the account balance was confirmed as £4290.	INFO
3	Matters arising from previous minutes: Rags Bags – Rag bin installed in the playground and has been very popular and is waiting to be emptied once again.	INFO
4	Fundraising LMc asked the group if they had any ideas around fundraising, the following ideas were discussed: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Lucky Squares with a cash prize – had been run for Barthol Chapel school and was a success.• Zoom Quiz - £1 entry• Easter Quiz around the village• Design a School Mascot• Cauliflower Christmas Cards• Sponsor walk/run marathon type event• School Raffle These ideas will be reviewed and best options will be progressed in line with current COVID-19 constraints.	INFO
5	School Council Mrs Conn gave an overview of the current Hub Model (for schooling kids of essential workers in the Tarves area) and on how the current arrangement may change if lockdown continues. Currently Tarves has maximum of around 15 pupils daily but this varies. A Google Classroom questionnaire has gone out to parents to get some feedback on how it is working for families and children. All the schools IT resources have been allocated at the moment, with a further request in place for additional devices to give to teachers and children who may	Mrs Conn

	<p>need them. The demand this lockdown has been increased from the first time around.</p> <p>Mental Health & Wellbeing of the children is important. Miss McBeath has been running mindfulness workshops which have been quite popular and had positive feedback. It was raised that it was a large age span and could this be split in to a younger and older session. Mrs Conn advised she would speak with Miss McBeath and did not think this would be an issue.</p> <p>Google Meet seems to be well received by pupils.</p> <p>Mrs Conn advised that the grid system seemed to be working well and based on some feedback they would try and issue the grid before a Monday morning to allow parents to prepare for the week ahead.</p> <p>Mrs Conn advised that there is no clear understanding when all kids/young people will be returning to the school. They will await guidance from the SG & Aberdeenshire Council. Post Meeting Note: This date for N-P3 has now been suggested from 22nd but awaiting Government guidance.</p>	
6.	<p>Hardship Fund</p> <p>LMc advised that towards the end of last year himself, Mrs Conn and several SC/PTA committee members discussed implementing a hardship fund as there appears to be a requirement for such a fund to be in place for families that were going through difficult times and required a little help.</p> <p>Mrs Conn went on to explain the principals of how the fund would work in practice, ie. the Parent/Carer would make contact with Mrs Conn via the formal hardship application form initially. Mrs Conn would then make a call on whether the application be successful. If it was, Mrs Conn would contact the SC/PTA who would approve the funds ASAP, then the school would source the items requested by the applicant with these being presented thereafter. For clarity – the SC/PTA team members will have no knowledge of the applicants (which covers the team from a GDPR perspective) and the applications will be made in the strictest of confidence by the school team.</p> <p>The suggested amount for the Hardship fund was 10% of the current PTA funds. All members present agreed to this fund and Mrs Conn thanked the committee for agreeing to this.</p> <p>Action on SD to ring fence 10% of the SC/PTA funds for this fund.</p> <p>Tying in with the hardship fund, Mrs Conn also advised that the school would act as a clothing bank for lightly used items such as School Shoes & Jackets in the main but also for and any other items of clothing that people had (and had good usage left in them).</p> <p>All items can be handed into the school where they will be quarantined for 72 hours before being sorted out. All ages and sizes welcome but it was noted that there is a specific shortage in the P4-P7 groups.</p> <p>AB – to put a post on FB to make people aware of this.</p>	<p>LMc</p> <p>Mrs Conn</p> <p>SD</p> <p>AB</p>
7	<p>AOCB</p> <p>Violin – Mrs Conn advised that she would contact Zoe the Violin teacher and establish if lessons would be available for younger children and report back to the PTA. Post Meeting Note: Update email has now been received by PTA from Zoe and</p>	<p>Mrs Conn</p>

	<p>she will look into expanding lessons wider once lockdown lifts and Covid restrictions change.</p> <p>Snack – Mrs Conn advised that it was becoming more of a regular occurrence of children not having a snack at school throughout all ages, and it was agreed that PTA would subsidise this on a need and demand basis.</p> <p>Aberdeenshire PTA Chair Forum – LMc advised that he had been requested to attend a Zoom call on the 9th February with the Lawrence Findlay to the Director of Education and it was agreed it was of value if he could attend on behalf of Tarves School. If anyone has any queries that they wish to be asked – contact the PTA team in advance.</p> <p>PTA Treasurer Vacancy (POST MEETING NOTE) Shannon will be stepping down from the position of Treasurer, therefore the team will be looking for someone to fill this post. If anyone is interested, please get in touch with any of the PTA members.</p>	
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>April 2021</p>	