



Tynewater Primary School Parent Council

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Meeting Minutes

Meeting No 67 of Tynewater Primary School Parent Council,
Held on Friday 26th January 2018 in Tynewater Primary School Community Room 2

Present:

Shondra Riley - Chairperson
Jennifer Such - Secretary
Julia Critchley - Member
Emma Diffley - Member
Matt Elliott- Member
Laura Else - Member
Lisa Green - Member
Roslynn Newman - Member
Gill Penfold - Member
Lynsey Roy - Member
Douglas Lawson - Head Teacher

Kirsty Broadfoot -Parent
Michelle McQueen - Parent
Carla McClair - Head Girl
Flavius Lunca - Head Boy
Rebecca Marr - Depute Head Girl
Ewen Green- Depute Head Boy
David Woods- 3rd Year Student Teacher
Paul Johnson Communities Officer, Midlothian Council

Apologies:

Nicola Marr - Treasurer
Sally Barlow - Member
Lucy Christie - Member
Sandra Liddle - Member
Aurora Mancini - Member
Jane Brown -Co-opted Member

Welcome and apologies

SR welcomed attendees, who each introduced themselves. SR thanked parents and school staff for their involvement in 2017.

Minutes of previous meeting and matters arising

Sports Tops- LR and Pupil Heads agreed to progress this action with an aim to finalise decision of sports tops design.

Treasurer's Report

The bank balance stands at £4,063.59. We are now arranging payment of the Reading Cloud subscription for £620.00, bringing us to a revised balance of £3,443.59.

SR noted that our funds are almost all earmarked to previously agreed spend including digital learning supplies and P7 Prom. In light of this we will look to progress fundraising activities.

Headteacher's Report

DL provided an update on staffing and commended the work of the Pupil Voice Leadership groups. DL confirmed that the diary will be issued shortly and the Digital Learning launch and

the additional Parent info session has been delayed due to Midlothian Council-wide General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR)'s compliance checks. DL confirmed that the Reading Cloud and Accelerated Reader are not affected by this.

Subgroups/Parent Partnership Groups

SR proposed that the Parents and Carers be represented on the pupil voice leadership groups. The following PC members put themselves forward as follows:

Eco-Committee - Julia Critchley
Digital Leaders - Emma Diffley
Junior Road Safety Officers (JRSOs)- Rosslyn Newman
Health and Wellbeing - Gill Penfold
(further parent partners to be identified)

SR also proposed that the work of the Parent Council be split into teams to ensure focus on required actions. This will give Parents and Carers a chance for focused involvement in school without having to join the PC. LE agreed to lead on Fundraising. It was agreed that once other subgroups were identified, Parents/Carers will be invited to join subgroups.

Events and Fundraising

Christmas Fair 2017- LE summarised the feedback from the Fair. It was felt that it went well and would improve based on previous experience. Increased communication about donations was identified as a key area for improvement. There was discussion of exploring ways to reduce the waiting times for the Santa's Grotto and making this year's Fair more festive. It was agreed by all that mulled wine might be a possible addition to the Fair.

DL agreed to investigate whether Skanska could provide a new PA system and whether the atriums could be used.

TyneWater 10th Anniversary -SR confirmed that our small grant application to Midlothian Council was not successful. SR will make an application to a similar scheme operated by Scotrail. We are currently seeking funding ideas as well as activity suggestions for a family fun day to mark the event.

Charitable status - SR confirmed that the PC should consider becoming a registered charity. This will be discussed at the next PC meeting.

Midlothian Communities Officer

PJ thanked us for the kind meeting invite and explained his task/role in the community. The Neighbourhood Plan was discussed with encouragement for participation from the Parent body. It was greatly appreciated that PJ would support the Parent Council with any charitable status application.

Community Concerns

Park and Stride - RN highlighted current and future options as well as encouraging participation in the Travel Plan creation process. This is undertaken by Midlothian Council with the opportunity for local input.

Dog Fouling - Dog Fouling is again a pressing issue. Immediate action was agreed as follows:

- JC to liaise with Janet Gilbert to instruct pupils on drawings for banners
- JC agreed to obtain prices for a Banner and spray chalk
- SR agreed to liaise with local community groups and obtain prices for stakes and signs

It was decided that a walking/marketing campaign would be planned, hopefully receiving local media coverage.

AOB

SR confirmed that the Friday Art Club sessions ended last term. A massive thank you to Liz Crombie for delivering these highly enjoyable and valued sessions. We wish Liz the very best for the future.

SR acknowledged the volunteers for the Accelerated Reader labelling project. Special thanks to Jane Brown, Beatrice Burns, Julia Critchley (and wee Imogen), Monika Dec, Laura Else, Nicola Faux, Lisa Green, Marlena Kasprzak, Catherine Learmonth, Sandra Liddle, Claire Malone, Michelle McQueen, Sara Parfitt, and Lynsey Roy for their time and hard work.

Action(s)	Owner(s)
Finalise requirements for sports tops	LR and Pupil Heads
Identify subgroups and invite Parents/Carers to join	SR
Investigate whether Skanska could provide a new PA system and whether the atriums could be used	DL
<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Instruct pupils on drawings for banners- Obtain prices for a Banners and spray chalk	JC
<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Liaise with local groups regarding the dog fouling issue- Obtain prices for stakes and signs	SR

Date of Next Meeting

Thursday, 1st March at 6.30pm (Venue TBC)