

**Minute of A.G.M.
of
Twechar School Parent Council
Held on
Tuesday 31st August 2021 at 6.00pm**

Present

Parent Council: CR (Chair), TD, SF
LB, EB, EP, MA, JS.

In Attendance: MG (Headteacher), LM (Clerk)

Apologies: LS

1. Welcome

C R welcomed everyone and thanked them for coming to the A.G.M.

2. Minute of previous A.G.M.

Proposed: CR Seconded: MG

3. Matters Arising

The Easyfundraising is gradually being used by more parents and the donations to the school are coming in nicely. The school was closed to most pupils from January until the end of March 2021 due to the Covid lockdown.

4. School Improvement Plan

The Parent Council differs from the PTA in that it discusses issues other than fundraising. The school is looking for parents to help take the school forward and how to improve on what has already been done.

Reading and Health & Wellbeing are our current points of focus. Play-based learning will be continued and rolled out to P3/4 children as well.

P.E.F. will be focussed on HWB and additional staff. MG re-iterated the need for parents to sign up for free school meals (even if they already get those from the Government initiative).

The Parent Council will help to increase parental involvement to promote sustainability, cultivating crops for cooking lessons and identifying parents who can help with relevant skills and abilities to advance children's learning. Activities are currently curtailed due to Covid protocols, but hopefully this will improve in the not too distant future. MG is keen to promote sustainability, for example, by operating a school uniform exchange system.

The Parent Council can have two co-opted members from outwith parents and everyone agreed with this premise.

Treasurer's Report

MG read out report from JS. This will be included within the minutes as a separate document.

5. Fundraising

School discos will probably not be going ahead for the foreseeable future. We have received donations of some good quality items and the question arose whether to raffle them or hold a silent auction. It was discussed that there could be both or that there could be differently-priced raffle tickets for the more valuable prizes. MG suggested that a fundraising sub-group be formed to discuss and feedback to CR. SF volunteered to go forward with this and TD and CR also volunteered. Christmas hampers will run again this year and CR suggested also having a children's raffle for a cuddly toy as this has proved very popular in the past.

5. Membership of the Parent Council

There have been several new members who have joined recently. Current members will continue trying to encourage new members to come along.

6. Office Bearers

CR agreed to remain as the Chairperson. Proposed: T D
Seconded: S F

T D agreed to be Vice-Chair. Proposed: C R
Seconded: S F

JS was voted in absentia to remain as Treasurer. Proposed C R
Seconded: T D

LM agreed to remain as Clerk to the Parent Council. Proposed: T D
Seconded: C R

7. Road Safety around the school

CR has noticed that children are sadly lacking in road sense and road manners – even within the upper school. EP stated that traffic and road safety issues are things which should also be mentioned to E.D.C. TD will liaise with HLEC and the Residents' Association to make sure there are no 'doubling up' of queries/issues.

8. Any business of the Parent Forum

MG advised parents in the May newsletter that if any parent wished a matter to be raised at the A.G.M. they should contact the Clerk. No matters were raised.

9. Date of next AGM

The next A.G.M. will be held in 2022 – date to be confirmed.