

**Minute of Meeting
of
Twechar School Parent Council
Held on
Tuesday 15th March 2022 at 6.00pm**

Present

Parent Council: JS (Chair), TD (Vice-chair), EB, MB, S-AB, LB, SF, LS

In Attendance: Mr M Glancy (Headteacher), Mrs L Munn (Clerk), Cllr J Jamieson, Cllr S Murray, A Dalziel

Apologies: EP.

1. Welcome

JS welcomed everyone to the meeting and thanked them for attending.

2. Minute of previous meeting

Proposed: S-AB. Seconded: SF.

3. Matters Arising

Storage container – Cllr Murray has spoken with a donor who is going to donate a container to Twechar Community Action who will then donate it to the school. Cllr MacDonald is still liaising with the Council for one to be organised, so we may end up with two. MG thanked Cllrs MacDonald and Murray for all their help with this.

4. H.T. report

JS stated that it was good to see the pupils back into school uniform and lining up when coming into the school – it made a good impact. MG thanked her for the positive comment. AD queried if parents could donate items of uniform which their children had grown out of. MG agreed that this should be promoted on the parents' page and also to promote the school clothing grant. It was discussed whether the uniform swap-shop was a good idea and if it was useful. It was stated that working parents were not able to make use of the swap shop due to the 2.30 time – MG said that this could be reviewed.

5. School Charter

LS advised that the school would be updating the Vision, Values and Aims. The staff have been consulted and the Pupil Council will be involved shortly. The values underpin the school ethos – the consultation will take place shortly.

6. Treasurer's Report

There hasn't been much activity due to covid and JS asked if anyone had any queries re the report – there were none. MG stated that the £437.97 raised via the Easy Fundraising page was a great amount to be raised 'for nothing'.

7. Healthy Eating

TD asked if the school rule of no sweets or fizzy drinks from Monday to Thursday and anything on a Friday had fallen away? MG asked what the other PC members thought. All stated that this should be continued and enforced – Friday should be 'treat day'. MG was happy to hear the support for healthy eating and this would be reiterated to parents/carers. AD agreed that healthy snacks should be encouraged and re-commenced after the Easter break. MB agreed but was looking for clarification on the definition of a healthy snack and queried how fussy eaters could be catered for.

MG stated that this will be promoted after the Easter break and healthy snack suggestions will be provided, building on the basic premise of no huge bars of chocolate and fizzy drinks. SA-B asked if a reward could be given to children who follow the rules and MG said this idea could be looked at.

8. Spring Fundraising

The PC are going to have a chocolate tombola on 3rd April at the HLEC Spring Fayre. There will be a non-uniform day on Friday 25th March and the children will be asked to bring in something chocolatey as a donation. JS asked for volunteers to help run the stall – EB and TD said they would assist. There will also be an online raffle to win a £100 Amazon voucher which will run from 19th to 27th April. Tickets will be £2 each and the raffle will be drawn on the PC Facebook page on 3rd May. MB will create a flyer which will be sent to all parents. JS, EB, MB are all happy to continue in the fundraising sub-group. MG thanked all who put both of these events together.

9. Go Fund Me

S-AB stated that £450 had been raised so far. It was hoped that a local Estate Agent and other larger businesses would also make donations. Scotplay have helped to put together a ‘visual plan’ which can be taken to companies to let them see what we’d like to achieve. The costing for this initiative amounts to about £40,000. Members stated that they were happy for her to approach businesses with this plan. MG thanked S-A for all of her hard work. The Outdoor Centre in the village could help with promoting this. EDC Property Maintenance would need to be fully involved as the upkeep of the playground will be important.

10. Summer Trips

School trips are now able to go ahead again. MG is looking into costs for these. EB queried about a P7 residential stay. MG stated that TPS are keen for these to resume but probably not this year. The Outdoor Education team will be able to advise on suitable venues. S-AB asked if a contribution to costs made by the PC would help.

11. A.O.B

The HLEC will be having their usual Twechar Beach Day on the first Saturday in June and TD asked if the PC should have a stall there – all agreed.

TD has had a reply from EDC regarding the road safety letter she sent. The letter stated that the Council carried out studies regarding traffic calming measures which indicated they were successful but they will undertake another one. Access safety for the new Outdoor Centre should also benefit the school and the village as a whole.

MG thanked JS for chairing the meeting and Anne Dalziel, both Councillors and all members for attending.

12. Date of next meeting

The date of the next meeting will be Tuesday 17th May 2022 at 6.00pm.