

**Minute of Meeting
of
Twechar School Parent Council
Held on
Tuesday 25th January 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 S MacDonald, Cllr S Murray

Apologies: EP.

1. Welcome

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

2. Minute of previous meeting

Proposed: TD. Seconded: SF.

3. Matters Arising

Storage container – Cllr MacDonald advised that as these are expensive, EDC has put it out to tender. There were no companies interested so EDC will just buy one – when they can find a supplier. He will keep the PC up-to-date and MG thanked him for his help in the matter.

4. Treasurer's report

Report attached. S-A B queried if the donation for the playground equipment (£200) was coming from the £751 ring-fenced money.

5. H.T. report

Report attached. JS queried the staff turnover and asked if there were any specific reasons for this. MG advised that one teacher had resigned for personal reasons, one had taken up a permanent post elsewhere within the authority. One 0.6 support staff member recruited had attained a full-time post and another new recruit was unable to provide references. Both of these positions will be re-advertised.

6. Playground Committee

The children have put in their requests for additional playground equipment. 6 storage boxes will also be required and it was suggested that it would be cheaper to source these from the likes of B&M or Home Bargains. The classes having their own box will encourage the children to take responsibility for their equipment. It was agreed for the PC to fund the boxes as well as the playground toys. Cllr MacDonald suggested that the HLEC may have boxes they could lend or donate to the school. Cllr Murray suggested that a small storage shed could be looked at as a sturdier option (Argos perhaps) and TD will look into this as well as check stores for suitable boxes. £3,000 worth of scooters and helmets were given to the school thanks to Donald McDonald and Sustrans.

7. Go Fund Me

S-A B has set up a fund-raising platform in order to try and raise funds to the tune of £9,500 in order to enhance the playground. £2,500 proposed to paint the railings and purchase raised beds for plants with the other £7,000 to be used for a Trim Trail or similar type of equipment. This go-fund-me is not aimed at parents necessarily but hopefully businesses will contribute. The platform must be agreed to formally by the Parent Council and all members agreed that it should be taken forward. The motion was duly minuted. Cllr MacDonald stated that Gillian Telfer of EDC could be a good source of advice and information and S-A B said she would contact her.

Summer Fundraising

Comments were made that the 2 raffles held late last year were too close together. There was a general thought that the hamper idea had run its course. Twechar Miners Club have offered free hire of their hall for any fund-raising events – race nights, bingo etc. Some other suggestions included a sponsored scoot-a-thon, fun-run (around the village), an Easter-themed activity and a treasure hunt. MG stated that events had to be in a more controlled setting. Activities taking place outwith the school grounds raised safety issues. A sub-group will be set up to pull fund-raising together – MB, JS and EB will set up and liaise with MG.

8. Road Safety

Claire Robertson (ex-chair) raised this point at a previous meeting and Twechar Early Learning Centre have also raised concerns regarding road safety issues with EDC. To date, neither have had any response from the Council. TD has written a letter to the East Dunbartonshire Council (to be reviewed by the PC prior to being sent) and Cllr MacDonald stated that he and Cllr Murray could be copied in and they will add weight behind it. The Council are currently discussing local travel plans so this may be a good time to bring the matter to their attention. MG said that he would raise awareness of the need for bright and/or reflective clothing, lights on bikes etc. at school assembly.

9. Review of Actions

Storage container – still ongoing.

Go Fund Me sub-group – S-AB has set up a platform and will contact Gillian Telfer for advice.

Playground equipment – Toys for each class have been purchased with storage to follow shortly.

Summer fundraising – Ideas sought and suggested for different ways to raise funds, sponsored walks, treasure hunt, scoot-a-thon etc. Sub-group to be set up with MB, JS, EB and MG.

TD to redraft road safety letter prior to viewing by PC.

8. Date of next meeting

The date of the next meeting will be Tuesday 15th March 2022 at 6.00pm.