

PTA minutes – Tuesday 28th September 2021

Apologies: Kelly Brown, Megan Gow, Kirsten Scougall,

Present – Cat MacKay, Elaine Wallace, Lysette Ingram, Sanjay Samani, Fred Conacher, Matilda Scharsach, Fiona Tasker, Amy McKinlay, Rachel Cross

Item 1:

7 parents voted for Parent Council

10 parents voted for PTA

6 parents voted for neither but were willing to offer help.

1 no return

The difference between the Parent Teacher Association and the Parent Council was discussed.

The PTA is an informal arrangement with parents and teachers working together.

The Parent Council is a more formal arrangement with committee members.

Another vote was suggested with further information about the benefits of Parent Council to be sent out on the app.

Concerns were shared about number of members.

Rachel Cross suggested sticking with a PTA this session to reinvigorate parental involvement and then reconsider a Parent Council further down the line.

Item 2:

Charity shop – available from Saturday 23rd October.

This time may be too short notice for collecting items.

The workload was also discussed.

Decided not to do at this point, maybe later in the year.

Car boot sale/sale at the Community Hub/cake sale at the fete was suggested.

Potential links with the Community Hub on a Sunday.

Potential link with the duck race – bric a brac stalls.

Sponsored walk - during the October break to raise for funds. Kelly Brown to share the sponsor form with Rachel Cross to distribute.

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School funds - £1430

Christmas gatherings were suggested to raise funds. COVID restrictions will be revisited to see if this can be permitted. Parents suggested carol singing, hot chocolate and mince pies. Fundraising through donations.

Item 3:

Collection for Cash for Clothes – deadline is Friday 1st October

Item 4:

Woodchip – can be provided. Parents/staff to look into provider of woodchip

School garden is now owned by the Hub – Parents have discussed plans to help maintain it.

Possible community links.

Children will be able to access the garden to facilitate committee time.

Autumn tidy up is scheduled for next Wednesday 6th October.

Parents have queried the curricular time dedicated to Outdoor Learning and hope that previously bought resources can be put to use.

Matilda to look out inventory for the previously bought equipment from Tesco's sponsorship.

There is currently £120 left from the fundraising – this may be transferred to school funds. Mrs Neave to check how Matilda can transfer this.

Item 5: Therapets

COVID – Restrictions would not allow this at moment.

Item 6: Fundraising for future projects

Matilda to look at projects that may allow experts to attend the school or visits- also grants suited to specific topics.

Item 7 – Dalguise

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It is looking likely that it may be a skiing trip as opposed to Dalguise due to the residential element.

Nae Limits has been suggested as an alternative.

Dalguise on a daily basis was also suggested.

Willowgate – is a possible option too.

Item 8 – Playground markings

Parents to look at possible community projects that may be able to spray the playground and refresh the grounds.

Item 9 – Outdoor space

Parents have asked to help with the upkeep of the garden.

Parents have mentioned felling some of the trees to encourage light and more biodiversity.

Hallyburton – contact them to organise felling of the affected ash trees.

Parents have asked for more opportunities for pupils to access outdoor learning linked to Numeracy and Literacy

Item 10 – School office move and revamped space

We now have a support base and have created a sensory area.

Parents have queried the upkeep of the school toilet block.

Item 11 – School App

Is it a suitable method of communication? Parents who attended have said they are happy with the communication as all messages are in one place.

Another virtual meeting will be arranged for term 2 at a different time to see if more parents/carers can attend.

