

**Tayport Primary Parent Council
Minutes of Meeting
7th May 2024**

In Attendance

Laura McDonald (Chair); Kirsten Rae (Treasurer); Sarah Brankin (Secretary); Rosie Coutts (Vice Chair); Jillian Feist (Shadow Treasurer); Kirsty Connor (Shadow Secretary); Gillian Rennie; Lynsey Miller; Nicola Gilogley; Susan Davie; Fiona Pattie; Sam Beattie; Victoria Tweed; Jennifer Peterson; Amanda Simpson; Heidi Ford

Apologies

Michele Hamilton; Catriona Sharp

Welcome

Laura welcomed everyone to the meeting and thanked everyone for attending.

School/Nursery Update

Slides from Victoria Tweed. Main points from slides:

Attendance at the school is overall very good, sits around 95%. This was until chicken pox hit the younger classes and it dropped in February/March. The school follow up on those children where attendance is below 85%. Unauthorised holidays are the biggest impact.

Nursery survey – this is a new survey from the Scottish Government regarding the 1140 hours. The nursery has been selected at random and the children selected to take part have been selected at random. Results from this will be helpful for Jennifer Peterson particularly.

School have submitted their silver rights respecting accreditation.

Seesaw

The contract for seesaw is ending in June.

Discussions welcomed around the suggestion of the Parent Council supporting the cost in continuing the subscription to Seesaw. For the past 3 years Fife Council have funded Nursery-P3 but this is ceasing as of June 2024.

Approximate costings at the moment:

- Nursery-P2 - approx. £500 per year (for 3 years commitment). If we agree to only one year the cost is approx. £600;
- Nursery-P3 - approx. £700 per year (for 3 years commitment) and approx. £840 for one year only.

Laura has already emailed Council members to seek their thoughts. Some people have fed back. Laura noting people can discuss this now or let Laura know their thoughts privately later if not comfortable in group setting.

Main points from discussion:

- This does not include P4-P7 so not for the whole of the school;
- There is an expectation that children use Glow when at Madras;
- Concerns re tying us in for 3 years – don't think we are allowed to do this as a Parent Council;
- Funds not there just now;
- Could we perhaps utilise Glow more;
- Classes could have own blogs;
- Suggestion of training sessions for parents for Seesaw;
- Too many routes of communication currently.

Tonight's discussion has given food for thought and the start of the conversation. There is no decision on Seesaw tonight.

Reading Eggs for P1-3; Sumdog; Mathletics – all subscriptions that the school have and need to see the benefit of having.

Sports Day

Sports Day is booked for 31 May 2024 (weather depending).

Laura is looking for more volunteers for this.

The P1-3s go first, then the P4-7s.

Regarding the snack and water – no response yet from Spar who usually supply these. We need to think about funding and what else we can do for this.

House Games on 17 May are athletics themed – Committee suggesting whether we could link in with this and have a dress down day in sportswear (no football tops) and 50p donation to go towards cost of Sports Day. Victoria Tweed agreeing to this. The fundraising would help to cover the cost of snack (fruit).

For getting snacks from the Co-op, we need to go through their head office if we were to do this.

Nicola Gilogley suggesting that her husband works for Brakes and gets a good discount so will ask him if this is possible to help with snacks for sports day.

We need 18/19 adults to walk the children down to the football ground and about 8/10 to help with the running. Active Schools are also coming along to help out on the day.

If anyone else can volunteer/help out, please let Laura know.

Fundraising

Larick Markets – we could do these markets in conjunction with the school but Parent Council could run it.

The September fete worked well last time – this took place on a Friday night. When going ahead with another evening fete, there should be no hot food. We could use the sports hall and maybe also the dining hall.

Agreed a date of 20 September for this. Discussion around craft and whether the children should make things in class to sell. No decision made on this but agreed it is a money earner.

If anyone has any ideas for fundraising, please let Laura know.

We don't want a year of panto/photos/spending money. The fete in September should generate good funds then we could do little things throughout the year to top it up. The fete could pay for the panto – agreed it would be better for them to go to a panto this year rather than a panto coming into the school again.

WhatsApp Group

At the last meeting, we discussed setting up a group chat. This hasn't been done yet because people were concerned that their number would be visible.

Laura noting that we should all sign consent forms to be added to the WhatsApp group – this will mean members of the group cannot share anyone's number and the chat will be for Parent Council business only.

Laura asking everyone to sign a consent form at the end of the meeting if they are happy to do so.

Any Other Business

Fundraising opportunities – Victoria has asked for fundraising towards Twinkl which costs £500 and runs out on 31 May.

An idea for this is the Spar Community Payback Fund – for any group to get funding from this, you need to be seen to help and improve the school – this closes on 22 May. This would mean showing how we include community within the school.

Victoria is going to think about it and let Laura know.

Amanda Simpson asking about funding for sports kit in a sports material. Could we maybe look at Sponsorships? They would need roughly 15 t-shirts.

There is money received from the Courier – Pound for Primaries – worth thinking about.

Date of Next Meeting

5 September 2024, 6pm, at school.