

## Blackford Primary School Parent Council

### Minutes of Meeting held on Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> September 2018 in the Blackford Primary School, Blackford.

<b>Present</b>	
Andrew Sinclair	
Ms M McMillan (Head Teacher)	
Shiona Walker	
Lissa Clark	
Tracey Millar	
Angela Reid	

Item	Subject	Action by
1.	The Chair welcomed those in attendance.  <b>Apologies:</b> Laura Peacock	
1a.	<b>Quorum:</b> The revised constitution is now in force therefore a quorum is 3. As three people in attendance the meeting proceeded.	
2.	<p><b>Head Teachers Report:</b></p> <p><u>School Improvement Plan</u>- our two priorities for this session are</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Development of the approaches and contexts used within Health and Wellbeing will ensure appropriate and relevant progression in learning</li> <li>• Identified learners have improved performance in Literacy and Numeracy against prior levels of learning</li> </ul> <p><u>Pupil Equity Funding</u>- £6000- this will be used for staff training in Hi 5 (Literacy) and Self- Regulation. It will also be used to increase staffing.</p> <p><u>Forest School</u>- The school has funded these sessions for this academic year</p> <p><u>Bikeability</u>- Training to take place for P5-7 during Term 4.</p> <p><u>Seesaw</u>- will launch again once all the letters have been returned and GPDR regulations have been met</p> <p><u>Potential changes to homework</u>- we are considering changing some of our homework to online tasks. More information will follow.</p>	

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	<p><u>It is our intention to have a Carol Concert at Christmas and Gala Show.</u></p> <p><u>Read2Dogs</u> programme will continue for a few pupils</p> <p><u>Social Bite</u>- Wee Sleep Out- we are considering taking part in this event next term.</p> <p><u>Charity</u>- the children have arranged a few events before Christmas and as a whole school we are considering supporting Mary Meals in Term 3/4</p> <p><u>The Fiddle group</u> is continuing as an after-school club and places for the <u>Guitar group</u> will be allocated shortly. More options may be available later this session but these will not be free.</p> <p><u>Swimming lessons</u> will take place for P5-7 in term 4</p> <p>Request for Parent Council to consider funding for the Forest School programme in coming years, the pantomime bus and class trips.</p>	
3.	<p><b>Treasurers Report:</b></p> <p>In the absence of a formally appointed treasurer Andrew Sinclair provided a summary.</p> <p>Money Received:</p> <p>Fiddle Club Money Received (Final) £248.90</p> <p>Blackford Shop/Penny Mile Donations £190.27</p> <p>Highland Spring Flowerbed Wheelbarrows £128.00</p> <p>Highland Spring Accelerated Reader £700.00</p> <p>Money Paid Out:</p> <p>Fiddle Club Tutor (Final) £360</p> <p>Due to Pay:</p> <p>Wheelbarrow Garden Costs £52</p> <p>Accelerated Reader say £700.00</p> <p>Bank Balance as of 18<sup>th</sup> September 2018 £1,718.47</p> <p>Less: to pay £752.00</p> <p>Net Balance Available £966.47</p> <p>Accelerated Reader bill still to be received but will be paid on receipt.</p> <p><b>FUNDRAISING/FUN EVENTS</b></p> <p>Halloween Disco – It was agreed we would run this fun event again, date proposed Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> November 2018</p>	<p><b>AS, SW, TM</b> <b>LC</b></p>

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	<p>Christmas Raffle – It was agreed we would run the Christmas Prize Draw Raffle once again; the draw will happen on 19<sup>th</sup> December at the Christmas Carole Concert. 5 or 6 Key prizes are to be asked for then tickets printed and to be sold in early December.</p> <p>Events into 2019 will considered at the next meeting but the emphasis would be probably smaller fun events as opposed to one larger event.</p> <p>An approach will be made to Highland Spring to ask if they would be prepared to support Forest School in 2019/2020 and beyond.</p>	<p style="text-align: right;"><b>AS</b></p> <p style="text-align: right;"><b>AS</b></p>
4.	<p><b>BIG – Play Park Report:</b></p> <p>The park opened on the Friday before Blackford Gala and is being well used.</p> <p>The fenced off area has been left uncompleted by the contractor who has now been dismissed from the site. PKC are to arrange to finish this with another contractor but will involve a laser grading machine to ensure all drainage is directed correctly to the bio-diversity area. The area will then be seeded and then returned to public use once established. There will also be the planting of the bio-diversity area which the school will be asked to assist with.</p> <p>Gordon Shankland has agreed to assist in developing a memory garden area for those in Blackford who are no longer with us. This will be developed between now and the spring. Planting is likely to be in the form of shrubs.</p> <p>An opening event is happening on Friday 28<sup>th</sup> September with a BBQ and refreshments. It will be from 3.15pm.</p>	<b>AS SW</b>
5.	<p><b>Trees between School and the Play Park:</b></p> <p>The project of the trees is ongoing. Andrew Sinclair has spoken with Wallace Landscaping and they are considering the job but do not have a quote as yet. It would be easier once the leaves are off the trees as branches etc will be not as heavy.</p> <p>Andrew Sinclair to continue with discussions on this and report back.</p>	<b>AS</b>
6.	<p><b>Blackford Twinning Opportunity:</b></p> <p>Blackford Community Council has been in contact regarding a possible Twinning of Blackford with a community in Germany called Trebsen. A public meeting is being held on Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> September in the lower hall of the Moray Institute at 3pm. Involvement of the school is hoped for.</p> <p>Ms M McMillan and Andrew Sinclair are to attend and report back.</p>	<b>AS MM</b>

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8.	<p><b>The Way Forward:</b></p> <p>Day time meetings probably will not work as well as first thought due to people's day time jobs.</p> <p>We will continue in the meantime meeting at 7pm but on a Tuesday instead of a Monday which is one evening which does not clash as much with out with school activities.</p> <p>The AGM will take place before the next meeting. This will be on 6<sup>th</sup> November at 7pm. The roles of Chair, Vice Chair, Secretary and Treasurer will be available for nominations.</p>	
9.	<p><b>Any Other Business:</b></p> <p>Adult Cyclists on Pavements – It has been advised by Katherine Huggett of the Community Council that there are parents riding their bikes on the pavement on Moray Street with their children and some at speed. We have been asked to remind adults to exercise caution riding on the pavements which technically is an offence in Scotland. This was noted.</p> <p>Luke Graham MP will be visiting the school on 9<sup>th</sup> November 2018.</p>	
12.	<p><b>Date of next meeting.</b></p> <p>The next meeting will be held on 6<sup>th</sup> November immediately following the AGM which will be at 7pm on the same night. All are welcome.</p>	