

Blackford Primary School Parent Council

Minutes of Meeting held on Tuesday 6th November 2018 in the Blackford Primary School, Blackford at 7.15pm.

Present	
Tracey Millar	
Mrs S Hoggan (PT)	
Andrew Sinclair	
Angela Reid	
Lawrence Crompton-Howe	
Shiona Walker	

Item	Subject	Action by
1.	<p>The Chair welcomed those in attendance.</p> <p>Apologies: Ms Margaret McMillan (HT), Laura Peacock and Lissa Clark</p>	
1a.	<p>Quorum: The revised constitution is now in force therefore a quorum is 3. As three people in attendance the meeting proceeded.</p>	
2.	<p>Head Teachers Report:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Staffing changes have taken place after Miss Little's resignation at the end of term. Ms McMillan is now class committed 3 days a week with Ms Keating teaching the other 2 days. Mrs Wilson is now covering Mrs Hoggan's management time and Mrs Whyte's RCCT. Mrs Simpson will be undertaking her final placement from 26th November until Christmas. WSP civil engineers visited the school last week, giving a very interesting presentation to P5/6/7 about engineering and setting a challenge. They went on to answer questions about their jobs from the pupils. P3/4 and P5/6/7 have visits to Highland Spring planned this month relating to their context for learning. Mr Luke Graham MP visited the school last week, visiting all classes and answering questions from P5/6/7 relating to his job. Trees have been offered to the school re The Queen's Commonwealth Canopy project, there are 6 in the constituency office some or all of which they would happily donate to the park. School Improvement Plan- Mrs Hoggan has undertaken training for the Hi 5 programme and Ms McMillan's training in Self-Regulation is ongoing. Perth and Kinross are making some changes re digital service in schools. Mrs Hoggan will be keeping us informed of this as Digital coordinator. Christmas carol concert preparations are underway. 	

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Many thanks for the Halloween disco, very positive feedback from the children.									
3.	<p>Treasurers Report:</p> <p>Andrew Sinclair provided a summary.</p> <p>Bank Balance as of 18th September 2018 £1,718.47</p> <p>Banked</p> <table><tr><td>Blackford Store Collection Box</td><td>£42.71</td></tr><tr><td>Halloween Disco Net of DJ Cost</td><td>£117.50</td></tr></table> <p>To Pay</p> <table><tr><td>Halloween Disco Hall Hire</td><td>£41.85</td></tr><tr><td>Highland Spring Accelerated Reader</td><td>£700.00</td></tr></table> <p>Net Balance Available £1,136.83</p> <p>It was agreed at the last meeting the PC would fund the Panto Transport Costs once again.</p>	Blackford Store Collection Box	£42.71	Halloween Disco Net of DJ Cost	£117.50	Halloween Disco Hall Hire	£41.85	Highland Spring Accelerated Reader	£700.00	
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4.	<p>Fundraising/Fun Events</p> <p>Christmas Raffle – We now have 5 or 6 really good prizes for the raffle so we will go ahead and print 1000 tickets. This is 500 less than the last two years as we generally sell slightly less than the 1000 each year. Once tickets are printed we will distribute to local businesses to assist with sales.</p> <p>Events into 2019 – carrying on from the last meeting it was felt that smaller fun events should be trialled. Plans to include a family quiz night and bingo tea. Events will continue to be reviewed.</p> <p>Lawrence Crompton-Howe suggested that he may be able to assist/support bringing back the senior citizen lunches at the school whereby soup and sandwiches and crockery could be delivered for the lunch and then collected afterwards. SH to follow up to check on feasibility of this with Tayside Contracts</p> <p>Halloween Disco as already reposted was a great success with children having a great time – Halloween in 2019 falls on the Thursday so provisionally the Disco is set for Wednesday 30th October 2019.</p>	<p>AS for Printing All for selling</p> <p>TM, AS, AR</p> <p>SH/MM</p>								
5.	<p>Trees between School and the Play Park:</p> <p>The project of the trees is ongoing. Andrew Sinclair has spoken with Wallace Landscaping and has a quote for £6,000. Funds at present cannot be released from the park project due to contractual disputes. These may not be resolved until this time next year. There is nothing that can be done financially until then.</p>	<p>AS</p>								

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	<p>Shiona Walker met with contractors who are working with Network Rail and have offered their services, Shiona has pointed them in the direction of Ms McMillan to discuss further.</p> <p>Angela Reid proposed that perhaps a quote could be obtained from David Methven (Tree Surgeon) to get advice and a comparable quote. Angela will arrange an appointment for David to attend when Ms McMillan and Andrew Sinclair are free.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">MM</p> <p style="text-align: center;">AR</p>
6.	<p>Blackford Twinning Opportunity:</p> <p>Ms M McMillan and Andrew Sinclair attended the meeting on 27th September. There was a good attendance and interest in taking the matter forward.</p> <p>Further detail is awaited following correspondence being sent.</p> <p>Ms M McMillan and Andrew Sinclair would continue to take part in any future meetings but agree that only one need to attend each. They would agree this between them.</p>	AS/MM
7.	<p>Any Other Business:</p> <p>Tracey Millar would like to see more visibility of the parent council. Discussions around having a twitter account were put forward, however it was felt that we would continue with the Facebook page and ensure that posts are scheduled to keep parents up to date with upcoming events at school.</p> <p>School newsletter should also be added on to the Facebook page to increase visibility and parent touch points.</p> <p>It was felt that the current school website is very dated and we would like to see this brought more up to date. Mrs Hoggan is the digital lead for the school and will look into this further.</p> <p>It was noted that perhaps a Parent Council representative could attend the pupil council meetings to hear their thoughts. SH to advise if this might be possible.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">TM/AS</p> <p style="text-align: center;">SH</p> <p style="text-align: center;">SH</p>
8.	<p>Date of next meeting.</p> <p>The next meeting will be held on Tuesday 5th February 2019 at 1800hrs. All are welcome.</p>	