Blackford Primary School Parent Council

Minutes of Meeting held on Tuesday 5th February 2019 in the Blackford Primary School, Blackford at 6.00pm

Presei	nt		
Tracey Millar			
Ms Margaret McMillan (HT)			
	Peacock		
Angela	a Reid		
Linzie	Ellis		
Lissa (Clark		
Item	Subject	Action by	
1.	The Chair welcomed those in attendance.		
	Apologies: Andrew Sinclair, Shiona Walker, Lawrence Crompton-Howe		
1a.	Quorum:		
	The revised constitution is now in force therefore a quorum is 3. As three people in attendance the meeting proceeded.		
2.	Head Teachers Report		
	 Mary's Meals- members of the School Council attended the 		
	meeting to request some support with approaching local		
	businesses re the Back-Pack project. We have pledged to make		
	up 57 backpacks and the parent council will support by		
	approaching local business. Linzie and Tracey have agreed to	ALL	
	approach Tullibardine and Highland Spring for tennis balls and	ALL	
	back packs, Laura Peacock will approach Simon Howie and ask if		
	they would consider giving money to purchase flip flops. Angela		
	will work with the local community and staff from Gleneagles to		
	gain as many back packs and fillers as we can.		
	 Staffing –a teaching post is to be advertised due to the resignation 		
	of Mrs Wilson. Mrs Simpson is leaving next week, interviews for a		
	new Primary School Support Worker are taking place this week.		
	Tayside Contracts- lunches are continuing to be brought into		
	school from Auchterarder due to staff absence. Mrs Brown will be		
	leaving her post in March. As part of delivering agreed savings of		
	£463,000 for facilities management (Council's approved budget in		
	February 2017), eight School Crossing Patrollers on light		
	controlled or zebra crossings are being removed including		
	Blackford's. This is not likely to happen before the summer and		
	before any SCP is removed the Council's road teams will be		
	reviewing the crossing to see if there are any additional traffic		
	calming or other infrastructure measures which would improve		
	the safety of the crossing.		
	 <u>Senior Citizen's Lunches</u> – these are now taking place in the 		
	church hall with children supporting/entertaining. It is hoped to		

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develop this into an intergenerational project next session.

- <u>The school website</u> this is under review and may be developed next session.
- <u>Registration</u>- 6 children have registered so far for P1 next session with some additional children joining other classes. The school role likely to remain stable into next session.
- <u>Trees</u>- Ms McMillan is awaiting further communication from PKC having submitted the information from the Parent Council in December re lopping the trees.
- Music, Rugby and Bikeability- P5/6/7 will be benefiting from workshops in the coming months.
- <u>Blackford Games</u>- a meeting is scheduled with a committee member to discuss the races for this year with a view to improving the children's experience.
- <u>Gala Show</u>- preparations are now underway for Pirates of the Curry Bean, all children will be involved and the show will be finished in plenty time for the P7 meeting at TCSOA later in the evening.
- End of year Church Service- change to time from previous years -9.30am on 28th June.
- <u>Incredible Years/Strengthening Families</u> these programmes are running again in Auchterarder/ Crieff, feedback from those attending these courses is very positive.
- <u>Self- regulation</u>- Ms McMillan shared some short videos relating to the training she is currently undertaking which will be shared with staff and developed with individuals, groups and classes in the future.

3. Treasurers Report:

In Andrew Sinclair's absence, Tracey Millar provided the following summary –

Bank Balance 3/12/18 £763.03

Add: Banked

Blackford Shop Box £42.63 Christmas Raffle £655.00 Blackford Shop Box £45.59

Less: Paid Out

Halloween Disco Hall Hire £41.85 Transport to Museum £260.00

Bank Balance 6/2/19 £1,204.40

Ms McMillan enquired if the parent council would be happy to support the other classes school trip transport (as we did for the P3/4 class) and

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	everyone in attendance agreed to this.	
4.	Outstanding points from previous minutes: Trees- Ms McMillan is awaiting further communication from PKC having submitted the information from the Parent Council in December re lopping the trees.	ММ
	Network Rail Contractors – Ms McMillan has confirmed she has a contact within Highland Spring and all communications will be channelled through this one main point of contact going forward.	
	Blackford Twinning Opportunity – Ms McMillan indicated that a programme is currently being developed for delegates coming over from Tresben in Germany which is likely to include visits to Blackford Primary School, TCSOA and local businesses.	ММ
	Facebook Page – The scheduled alerts on the page are working well and Ms McMillan confirmed that there has been a great uptake on Parent Pay system too.	
5.	Fundraising Plans for 2019 – What and When:	
	Ms McMillan confirmed the school will hold a Spring Fayre on Friday 26 th April from 1530hrs at the School. They will be having a raffle, tombola stall, face painting and some enterprise works to help raise school funds.	мм
	Discussions around the table as to what we could do to support raising more funds for the school. A Bingo Tea was the favoured option with a potential date of running this on a Sunday afternoon. Tracey Millar will liaise with Shiona Walker to discuss dates and options and report back, so that the parent council can give it full support.	TM/SW
6.	Any Other Business:	
	Ms McMillan advised of a proposal from a local community group to upgrade the cycle path between Auchterarder and Muthill. A link will be shared on the Parent council Facebook page for parents and carers to find out more and to fill in a short survey.	тм
	Tracey advised that the construction of the rail freight yard for Highland Spring commences Spring 2019.	
	As Mrs Simpson is leaving next week it was agreed that the parent council would give an admin fee of £120 for her support throughout the year. It was also agreed that a gift from Pandora and a bouquet of flowers would be given to her on Tuesday 12 th February as it is her last day.	
8.	Date of next meeting. The next meeting will be held on Tuesday 21 st May 2019 at 1800hrs. All are welcome.	