

DRAFT MINUTE OF THE TINGWALL SCHOOL PARENT COUNCIL

Held on Tuesday 7th September 2021 at 8:00pm via Vscene

Present

Emily van Tonder	Chairperson
Louise Moar	Vice Chair
Sam Christey	Parent Member
Allason Peterson	Parent Member
Joanna Christie	Parent Member
Anna Moar	Parent Member
Jade Keenan	Parent Member
Alicia Hunter	Parent Member
Louise Milne	Parent Member
Toyah Peterson	Parent Member
Ryan Thomson	Parent Member
Maurice Jamieson	Parent Member
Dana Fraser	Parent Member

In Attendance

Cheryl Spofforth	Head Teacher
Dawn Ratter	Clerk

1. Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr Ian Scott, Cllr Davie Sandison and Cllr Moraig Lyall.

2. Approve the Minutes of the meetings held on 27th April and 2nd June 2021

The minutes of 27th April 2021 were approved by Emily van Tonder and seconded by Jade Keenan. The minutes of 2nd June were approved by Louise Moar and seconded by Emily van Tonder.

3. Matter's Arising

Car Park

There has been communication between Cheryl, Colin Gair (Roads) and Cllr Moraig Lyall (Hall Committee) regarding the car park issues. The Hall Committee have given permission for the Roads Department to install white lining in the car park. It was hoped the works would be completed over the summer but this has not happened.

Antisocial Behaviour

Magnus Malcolmson, Sport & Leisure organised a fence to be built to block of the area at the back of the multicourt. Catriona and Aidan are delighted with the fence and asked Cheryl to pass on their thanks to all involved in making this happen. There have been no further reports of antisocial behaviour in the playground.

Janitor

The janitor who helped out at the school is no longer in post. Shona Thompson, Executive Manager – Schools is currently looking to recruit to this post. Mike Bradley who is the janitor at Scalloway has agreed to take on some additional hours and provide some support to Tingwall in the meantime. This has been really helpful. Mike's son, Duncan, who is a supervisor at the school has been working alongside Mike to learn some of the regular jobs e.g. fire alarm testing, which has been great.

Cheryl expressed her thanks to all the parent volunteers who have helped with various jobs and garden maintenance over the summer – this has been very much appreciated by everyone in the school. A brilliant community effort.

Sensory Room

Cheryl said they are delighted to have secured the remaining funding from Children's Services to move forward with the Sensory Room. The DLO have been in and measured up for works due to start next weekend.

Polycrub

At the last meeting, the Parent Council were not keen to take this forward due to the work that would be involved in the upkeep of a polycrub. Cheryl thought the reason behind the request for the polycrub maybe wasn't very clear. The idea is to create an outdoor classroom which can be used by whole classes as an additional space. The Nursery are keen to have a polycrub to grow things as well. Transition Turriefield is running a 3 year project (2021-2021) called Grow Shetland to support the Shetland community to grow more of its own fruit and vegetables to increase access to affordable food and encourage healthy eating. Grow Shetland is working with Teachers, the SIC Education Department and Garden Organic, to develop learning packs to support school staff to make food growing part of the curriculum. Cheryl said this would be a really good additional space for the school. She noted if the Parent Council are not keen to take this forward, the school would move forward with it themselves as it ties in with development projects ongoing at the moment and the staff are all supportive of this. The estimated costs are around £12,000. Emily and Louise will look into the process of applying for funding from the Viking Energy Fund.

ACTION: Emily/Louise Moar

4. Parent Council Matters

COVID

A parent raised a query over close contacts for any positive cases identified in the school. Cheryl advised the guidelines state that as long as all mitigations are in place in the school then they are keeping pupils as safe as they possibly can. Cheryl noted they have reintroduced the class bubbles following the recent case in the school, as an added layer of protection, however this is not a requirement.

Changes to Food Regulations

Unfortunately, due to the updated guidelines, the school are no longer able to have 'party food' at the end of term or to celebrate a special events.

5. School Report

Vision, Values and Aims

Towards the end of last term the school consulted on updating the Vision, Values and Aims for the school and are now looking at pulling the results together. The final piece of this project will be to look at the School Logo – the pupils don't like the logo. Cheryl said they are thinking to run a family competition to come up with a new logo in line with the Vision, Values and Aims.

School improvement plan

There are 3 main targets on the School Improvement Plan for 2021/22:

1. Health & Wellbeing

- Develop a whole school Play Pedagogy.

- Continue to expand on outdoor Learning.
 - Provide opportunities for the ELC pupils to participate in PE activities in the hall.
2. Raise Attainment in Literacy and Numeracy
 - To improve attainment in literacy through consistent, qualitative feedback – joint project with Bell's Brae Primary School.
 - To create a literacy tracking document to track pupil progress.
 - To link more literacy and numeracy activities through play from Early Learning stage through to P7.
 - To ensure progression from Early Learning through to P7 by use of effective and manageable planning, assessing, monitoring and tracking systems.
 3. Create more opportunities for whole school STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths) activities.
 - Provide staff development to increase staff confidence in skills to enable them to provide high quality lessons to learners.
 - Develop a progressive framework to provide the resources necessary to deliver it.
 - Invite parents and other community members into the school to speak to pupils about the skills required for different jobs.

Cheryl has submitted a bid to the Early Learning and Childcare (ELC) Team for some indoor/outdoor play resources. The ELC Team are there to support Play Pedagogy from Early Years through to P7. There was a discussion around what the Parent Council could do to support fundraising for the school. There are quite a few schools who have been organising some online raffles. Emily noted the Parent Council will take forward an action to discuss some fundraising ideas.

ACTION: Parent Members

Roald Dahl Day

The school are organising some fun classroom activities on Monday to celebrate Roald Dahl Day. Pupils can dress up a character from their favourite Roald Dahl book if they wish.

6. Treasurer's Report

The balance in the bank account is £454.45. A grant of £130 from the SIC has been approved. Dawn will arrange for the signatories on the bank account to be updated to reflect the new appointments of Chair and Vice Chair following the AGM.

ACTION: Dawn

7. AOCB

Parent Members

The Parent Members will try to recruit a P7 parent onto the Parent Council. All other year groups are covered in the membership.

ACTION: Parent Members

8. Date of Next Meeting

The date of the next meeting will be held on Thursday 4th November 2021 at 8pm via MS Teams.