

Tinto Parent Council

Tuesday 21st January 2020 – 7pm

Tinto Primary School

Present: Lorna Christie (Chairperson), Alex Stark (HT), Laura Garrett (Minutes), Debbie White, Diane Laing, Jean Lyon, Lorna Kilgallon and Rebecca Lyon

Apologies: Ailsa Forgie, Alistair Reid, Pam Duncan, Claire Thomson and Sarah Cook

Minutes from Previous Meeting: Agreed.

Matters Arising: None

After School Club Update: LG reported that there is currently a Rugby and a Snare Drum after school club running, both are well attended and running well. There are plans to have a Lego and sports club next term. LG advised there is still an issue with parent helpers which may affect the running of future clubs.

Tinto Fundraisers Update: J.L and R.L reported that the Christmas Fair raised £145.95 and the Nativity raised £32.60.

Bingo Night - This will be the next Fundraisers event which will take place on Friday 27 March at Symington Football Club. Prizes will be Easter Eggs again as this was very successful. Parents will be asked to donate these. Ailsa Forgie has agreed to be Bingo caller again and Debbie White will assist. There was a discussion around what games to have and agreed on a Gin and sweetie slide, lolly pop game and beat the buzzer.

Other upcoming events are Village day (6th June), Shorts and Shades Disco and P7 Leavers day. Fundraisers to arrange lets for school hall, Hot Dogs etc for Village Day and DJ for Discos.

Head Teacher's Report – Handed out to PC.

AS reported that currently 21 pupils have enrolled for P1, with 13 P7s due to leave. There is no update on staff yet. Discussion around Validated Self Evaluation (VSE). There had been a team of other Headteachers in Tinto recently, looking at how the children are supported. This had been extremely positive especially the feedback on the 20/20 reports.

New School website: LK advised she had been working on updating the school website. The school is required to have this; however, LK confirmed the school app will be the place to find the most up to date information. We viewed the website and suggestions were made for a gallery of pictures from different school events and clubs to be added. LK hopes to have the school welcome video on the website too.

Homework: Discussion around issues with homework. LG spoke about how there was no set day for homework and how homework can be missed if not checking Google classroom each day. Discussion around the use of school diaries and Google classroom. AS will discuss with teachers and put a homework survey together to gather parent feedback.

ECO Friendly Parties: Discussed the amount of waste at school parties. LC suggested using cups at parties rather than cartons and having separate rubbish bags to help with recycling. Agreed to separate rubbish bags for recycling and AS will ask the Eco committee to investigate how the juice cartons could be recycled.

Date of Next Meeting – Monday 16th March 2020