

Tayport Primary School
Playgroup and Ferryport Nursery
Parent Council
Minutes of Meeting

AGM: Thursday 27th August 2015

7pm at Tayport Primary School

Present: Sherree Rennie (Chair), Jill Tennant (Vice Chair) Linda Welsh (Treasurer), Vanessa Rengger(Secretary), Jane Holmes (HT), Jennifer Peterson (DHT), Jimmy McCluskey, Cllr. Bill Connor, Joan Jamieson, Elaine Moyes, Louise Price, Jacqui Sugden, Kirsten Rae, Cllr. Maggie Taylor, Christy Allan, Amanda Simpson.

Apologies: Angela Scott, Laura McDonald.

1	<p>Minutes of Last AGM 3.9.14 Approval of the minutes of the last AGM were proposed by Jacqui Sugden and seconded by Jill Tennant.</p>	
2	<p>Chairperson's Report Sherree thanked the committee for their hard work this year and thanked everyone for attending the AGM tonight. Attendance has fluctuated a lot during the last year, often only 4 of us, although in the past we have seen as many as 25. Everyone was encouraged to bring a friend to the next meeting as more people joining in would provide more ideas and help share the load. Sherree also congratulated Mrs. Holmes and Mrs. Peterson for the progress that has been made since the last inspection. There has been a lot of positive feedback from parents after the open afternoons showcasing literature and maths work. Parents have commented that they would like more newsletters and for them to include information on academic issues as well as activities. The Parent Council had originally intended to take 2 years to raise funding for the playground, but we were fortunate in receiving grants from the Lottery, Cash for Kids and Bank of Scotland, plus a few other donations, which meant we were able to install the trim trail within a year. Thank you to Vanessa for her perseverance in getting this project completed. Unfortunately the discussions with BT's volunteer scheme about a stage and seating did not come to fruition, so we have decided to fund this ourselves. Sherree is in talks with a joiner about methods of constructing a stage which cannot be moved and some parents have offered assistance too. The Funky Fitness sponsored aerobics last term raised about £400, which is sufficient to buy a new Boom Box. Fundraising this year will start with a Halloween Coffee afternoon on Friday 30th October and we will aim for another 3 larger events. Sherree thanked the teachers who had attended the Parent Council meetings last year and wondered again if a rota would be the best way of ensuring</p>	

	<p>there was always at least one teacher present.</p> <p>The plan to appoint a parent representative for each class was discussed again. There was concern that most parents could not go in to the school during the day to collect views and comments. JP suggested that maybe any comments could be brought to a pupil council meeting by each class representative and then passed to the next parent council meeting. More discussion needed.</p>	JH/SR
3	<p>Treasurer's Report</p> <p>The accounts as at 31.3 15 showed a balance of £19,033.53, which was boosted by grant funding of £8543 received from the lottery, £4500 received from Cash for Kids and £500 from the Bank of Scotland Community Fund. Private donations were also made by Euan Fern's family (£700), Sherree's gran (£300) and Scott and Fyffe (£50). Our school fundraising contributed £1712.18 from the 2014 summer fete, £830.51 from the Halloween coffee afternoon and £1084.30 from the Christmas open day.</p> <p>Expenses included £90.92 for playground paint for painting games on the playground, £1476 to the school for visualisers, £1080 for 12 playground planters plus small amounts for compost, £75 for a balance beam at the nursery, and £318.53 for wheelie bins for the eco group, which the school has ringfenced as there is still an ongoing discussion with Fife Council about them. Donations of £775 were made towards the Panto and Christmas parties and £125 towards a P2/3 trip Egyptian trip to the National Museum in Edinburgh. Since the end of March the balance has reduced because we have paid £12,300 for the trim trail.</p>	
4.	<p>Secretary's Report</p> <p>VR reported that the Parent Council had seen increased activity last year due to extra fundraising and commissioning of work. We held 5 ordinary committee meetings: 3 in the Autumn term and 1 each in the Spring and Summer term plus an engagement meeting in December to discuss Fife Council's proposals for changing the school timetable (which were not pursued).</p> <p>The minutes from all the meetings since VR took over as secretary in May 2014 are now posted on the Parent Council website.</p> <p>All indemnity insurances, licences and memberships are up to date for the year.</p> <p>Newsletters from the Scottish Parent Council have been distributed to those on our parent council mailing list.</p> <p>VR will be starting a part-time college course in September and will remain in post as secretary until the paperwork is completed on the lottery funding, but will be looking for a replacement in due course. If someone feels they might be interested they are more than welcome to shadow the job for a while. Please get in touch with the committee via the website or facebook if you are interested.</p>	
5.	<p>Election of new office bearers</p> <p>JH took over control of the meeting and thanked the committee on behalf of the school for all their hard work this year. As all members of the committee were prepared to stand again, the elections were made as follows:</p>	

	Role	Name	Proposed	Seconded	
	Chairperson	Sherree Rennie	Kirsten Rae	Jimmy McCluskey	
	Treasurer	Linda Welsh	Sherree Rennie	Jill Tennant	
	Vice Chair	Jill Tennant	Sherree Rennie	Vanessa Rengger	
	Secretary (Co-opted)	Vanessa Rengger	Kirsten Rae	Elaine Moyes	
6.	<p>AOCB</p> <p>Funding for trips for individual classes</p> <p>In the last few years the Parent Council has contributed to a few trips for specific classes (Rugby matches at Murrayfield and the Egyptian trip to the National Museum) which has generated a lot of discussion at meetings about fair distribution of resources. JH mentioned that this has also been discussed with staff.</p> <p>It was decided not to fund specific class trips for the next 12 months whilst we are concentrating on finishing the playground. We would perhaps consider fully covering the cost of the school panto or maybe funding a disco for each class at Christmas. JH to discuss with SR.</p> <p>NB donations towards the panto and Christmas parties/discos are not included in the 70/30 split of funding for the playground and the school.</p>				

The AGM closed at 7.35pm