

Tayport Primary
Playgroup and Ferryport Nursery
Parent Council
Minutes of Committee Meeting
Held on Thursday 10th November, 2016
At 6.30pm in the school

Present: Sherree Rennie (Chair), Jill Tennant (Vice Chair), Linda Welsh (Treasurer),
 Vanessa Rengger(Secretary), Jane Holmes (HT), Jen Peterson (DHT),Niki Sage,
 Kirsten Rae, Anna Moss, Jo Eismont, Ashley Clark, Lauralee Williamson.

Apologies: Cllr Maggie Taylor, Laura McDonald,

7.	Approval of Minutes of Last Meeting 25.8.16. Approval of the minutes was proposed by Kirsten Rae and seconded by Jo Eismont.	
8.	<p>School News-JH</p> <p>Inspection The return visit by Education Scotland went very well and they are now satisfied with the overall progress made since the initial inspection in April 2014. JH is very grateful to the management team and staff for their work in making the required improvements. One of the inspectors had been involved in the initial inspection and saw a big difference. Positive comments were made on improving behaviour in the school, progress in meeting Additional Support Needs, support received through the Education Officer, staff reflective practice, the format of ‘you said..we did’ which was highlighted as good practice. They also commented on the improved pace of curriculum development, safeguarding, how the school is meeting learning needs, and the input of Nicola Wallace. A letter will be sent by the inspectors to all parents before Christmas. The school will receive a written record of the visit which will highlight any areas for further improvement, of which one is to improve self-evaluation.</p> <p>Forest School – Awards for All funding The school has received provisional confirmation of funding so that Primary 5’s can attend Forest School this year.</p> <p>JH and a group of P7’s will attend Tayport Remembrance Service.</p> <p>Mac bus- This will bring its ‘Fife in the First World War’ exhibition to the older school pupils for four days next week. It will park somewhere near the school as it is too big for the playground entrance. SR suggested JH consult with the community police about the best location.</p> <p>Library visits for next week are cancelled.</p> <p>M and M Panto Friday 16th December -Pinocchio. JH asked if the Parent Council could donate £500 towards this again. This was agreed.</p> <p>Dates for Christmas A newsletter will go out next week with dates.</p> <p>Christmas discos P5-P7 disco will be organised by the class teachers. Parent Council will provide £1 per child for these classes to cover juice, crisps and chocolate. Parent council will also provide each child with a selection box. P1-P4 disco will be organised and paid for by Parent Council, but the</p>	LW/SR cheque

	younger classes will also have a class party where snacks will be covered by school funds.	
9.	<p>Nursery News (JP)</p> <p>Nursery children started Explore the Shore on 2.11.16 Parent chats started last Monday 7th November. PEEPS (Parents as Early Education Partners) first session ran 9.11.16. Only 2 parents attended although 4 had signed up. 17.11- Children in Need day, nursery children will come to gymhall first thing in the morning and then visit classes. Nursery children started coming to the school for gym on Thursday 3.11.16. Those children who attend all day at the beginning of the week will not get gym. Transition will start in January. Scottish Book Week will be 21st -25th November. All children will receive a gift book. Children in Need Day- everyone will be dressing spotty and there will be some fundraising stalls with hook a duck and cakes and candy.</p>	
10.	<p>Playgroup News (SR)</p> <p>Laura had provided news: Everything is running well. Care inspectorate are due at any time. Coffee morning will be Saturday 3rd December.</p>	
11.	<p>AOCB</p> <p>Jo Eismont asked about homework survey as she did not receive one to complete at the recent parents' night. JH said that 125 questionnaires had been completed. Answers could be summarised as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 81% correct amount of homework • 15% too much homework • 4% too little homework • 83% considered homework useful • 17% did not • 95% found parent prompts helpful • 5% did not <p>Comments were made to the effect that some of the choices need to be more straightforward. Teachers are taking comments on board eg Mrs Duncan has changed literacy homework since the survey. Niki Sage asked about a recent query when her child thought they needed to provide a memory stick to complete work at home. JH said that if such were needed the school would provide a memory stick. NS also commented that many recommended websites operated with flash which doesn't work on a Huddle or an I-pad eg sumdog. JH recommended that parents go back to the teacher if school technology is incompatible with home technology, so alternatives can be found or maybe homework could be done at homework club.</p> <p>Tayport Top Park opening ceremony. Anna Moss mentioned that Sunday 20th November had been touted as a date for the opening, but this date is not definite yet as snagging issues are still to be resolved so people should wait for the official date to be posted.</p>	

	<p>Sunday 27th November Community Christmas lights switch on. School ran a competition to design one of the lights. Royal Geographical Society – maps on playground. Forgot to discuss this, but Anna Moss has more information.</p>	<p>Diarise for next meeting.</p>
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Meeting closed at 8.35pm

Next meeting will be Thursday 19th January at 6.30pm.