



Tayport Primary School, Playgroup and Ferryport Nursery Parent Council

Minutes of Meeting

Wednesday 22nd January 2014 at 7pm

Apologies: Sherree Rennie (Vice Chair), Fi Tough, Cllr Maggie Taylor, Kevin Wilson, Laura McDonald.

In attendance: Allison Wilson (Chairperson), Linda Welsh (Treasurer), Alison Christie (Secretary), , Jane Holmes (HT), Jennifer Peterson (DHT), Jill Tennant, Susan Mains, Catriona Sharp, Samantha Dykes, Chris Torrance, Vanessa Rengger.

1	<p>Matters Arising from Last Meeting</p> <p>Minutes of the last meeting were approved by Catriona Sharp</p>	
2	<p>Chairperson's Report (AW)</p> <p>Allison highlighted to PC members that it is coming up for one year since Mrs Holmes took up her HT post at Tayport PC and extended her thanks for the work she has done so far.</p> <p>Miss Baird would like to give a presentation on her Africa trip at the next meeting.</p> <p>Allison encouraged PC members to observe common courtesy during discussions and to keep points concise.</p> <p>Allison thanked the outgoing secretary for all her hard work. With such a small turnout, there were no volunteers for the secretary's post. Allison will get a bag drop out to try and fill the post. Catriona Sharpe volunteered to take on the website duties.</p>	
3	<p>Treasurer's Report (LEW)</p> <p>Lind to provide separate sheet.</p>	
4	<p>Secretary's report (AC)</p> <p>No news to report.</p>	

5	<p>School News (JH)</p> <p>Xmas celebrations and open afternoon were a great success and the children all enjoyed their Christmas parties. JH thanked the PC for their contributions.</p> <p>Since the last PC meeting children have enjoyed Travelling by Tuba and the Scottish Book Week with Hamish McHaggis.</p> <p>New Member of staff Amanda Simpson will be teaching P6/7.</p> <p>Nominations for Space School are in awaiting a final decision.</p> <p>Weavers Week (Wk beginning 27th Jan) – texts and bag drop going out.</p> <p>Burns Competition will take place on 3rd February.</p> <p>A Scottish Ceilidh afternoon for children will take place on 5th February.</p> <p>Standards & Quality Report was made available during the meeting detailing what went on last year and what the school improvement priorities are for 2014.</p>	
6	<p>Nursery (JP)</p> <p>Nursery are right in the middle of P1 enrolment (completed forms for P1 intake = 40).</p> <p>Nursery application deadline 31st January.</p> <p>Caledonia Play has visited the nursery to develop the outdoor space for a traverse wall, magnifying posts etc. Should know by the end of January if Cash For Kids bid has been successful.</p> <p>Burns celebrations were held on 24th January.</p> <p>Chinese New Year (Year of the horse)</p> <p>Elizabeth Downes (RSPB) coming in for bird watch.</p> <p>Nursery to P1 transition started on Friday 17th.</p>	
7	<p>Playgroup News (AW)</p> <p>Thank you to the Pc for their donation for the Christmas parties.</p> <p>Administrator – Mike finished with us on 31st December. All paperwork has been handed over and Louise is going through it.</p> <p>Fundraising – The pub quiz and coffee morning was a success and raised about £700. Events planned for the next months are as follows: Bag packing at Marks and Spencers on Sat 15th February, Hollywood themed disco at the</p>	

	<p>Bell on Sat 26th April. Emma Baillie (parent) is running the Edinburgh marathon to raise some funds in May and finally Laura McDonald (Manager) and Amanda McRobert (Treasurer) are climbing a Munro in June. We also have other things in the pipeline such as a car boot sale in Cobbies beer garden, the smartie tube appeal and a sponsored rhyme time.</p> <p>Hall fees – Cllr Maggie Taylor has been in contact with Fife Council. They are working with Laura and Louise to see if anything can be done.</p> <p>Numbers have gone up from 28 to 32 with a further 2 starting with us in February.</p> <p>Extended hours – Jane Mason was in contact with Maggie Taylor and was able to inform her that calculations for funding next year will be about £4.10ph per child when they are eligible. We currently have 12 children who will be funded from August and another 8 who will be funded from January. The numbers of children already registered for playgroup for the yr 2014-15 is higher than any other year. The session hours for next year will be 9am-12:30 = 3hrs 10mins.</p>	
8	<p>Any other business</p> <p>Playground (VR)</p> <p>Short term – 11 x planters, paint for markings on playground.</p> <p>Long term – Fife Council need to give us a proper plan. Caledonia Play coming in to talk end January.</p> <p>Vanessa pointed out the amount of sweetie wrappers etc that are wedged between the wall and fencing at the back playground that is not being cleaned up. JH to speak to janitor. Vanessa investigating getting someone to design games for the playground.</p> <p>Jennifer Peterson requested a donation from PC for P2/3 trip to Edinburgh for an Egyptian exhibition which is costing £315. Parents will be asked to contribute £5. PC contribution £190.</p> <p>Chris Torrance made a request for the 70% split to be more flexible to ensure children do not miss out on educational opportunities like the Edinburgh trip. Susan Mains pointed out that we should prioritise and earmark the money for the playground project. PC committee in agreement, no change made.</p> <p>Jane Holmes assured PC members children will not miss out on educational opportunities. School budget is flexible in that regard.</p>	

9	<p>Date of Next Meeting</p> <p>.</p> <p>Wednesday 5th March</p> <p>Wednesday 7th May</p>	
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