

TPS Parent Council Meeting Minutes – 23rd May 2018

at Toward Primary School

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| Present | Gemma Robinson Pam Cheng Amanda Hampsey Jamie Gerrish Ersand Gerrish Helen Campbell Nicola Law Lisa Marle Lyndsay Els Diane Thorton |
| Apologies | Kat Simms Graham Baines Gail Baines Claire McCann Karen Steele Siobhan Bowden |

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| Minutes | Minutes of previous meeting approved | Prop AH 2 nd NL |
| Head Teacher Report | <p>LM would like to thank all parents, staff and pupils for their continued support. LM is looking forward to working at Toward as the permanent Head Teacher. LM has been accepted on to the Into Headship programme which commences in August.</p> <p>Inspection</p> <p>During the week beginning 12th March Toward Primary School was inspected by HMIE. The staff worked hard in the weeks leading up to this. The findings reflected the school's self-evaluation. Staff were very pleased with the findings. They were accurate and reflected our own self-evaluation. The school is in the process of writing the new Self-Improvement Plan based on the findings. The school had a supportive and efficient inspection team and the staff are excited about the future of Toward Primary School.</p> <p>The inspection team found the following strengths in the school's work.</p> | |

* The nurturing and caring ethos across the school which is underpinned by very positive relationships. The strong sense of community extends to parents, staff and partners. As a result, children feel secure and supported and enjoy coming to school.

* The teamwork of staff to improve the school. All staff work well together to provide positive learning experiences for children. Throughout a period of change, they have maintained their focus on supporting all children to achieve their potential.

* The good use of outdoor learning and the local environment to develop children's skills. Children are encouraged to be curious, creative and independent.

* The inclusive learning environment. Staff are committed to ensuring that all children participate and achieve success.

The following areas for improvement were identified:

* Develop approaches to self-evaluation to provide a shared vision for change and improvement that drives the work of the school.

* Continue to develop approaches to assessment and monitoring children's progress to ensure all children experience appropriate pace and challenge in their learning.

* Continue to develop the curriculum so that children make progress across all curriculum areas.

Pupil Equity Funding

Toward Primary School will be receiving Pupil Equity Funding in August from the Government. This funding is given to close the attainment gap in schools across Scotland. The school did not qualify for funding last year but this year we should be getting £3,600. As the aim of the fund is specifically to close the attainment gap the school should be able to show positive outcomes in this area as a result of this. We will be asking parents and pupils for ideas on how to make best use of this funding.

Courses attended by staff:

- * Lisa – Fire Awareness Training, Risk Assessment, Accident Reporting
- * Jaime – Moderation
- * Lisa & Jaime – GDPR Training
- * Laura – Messenger 5 Advanced

GDPR (General Data Protection Regulation)

All staff have now completed the GDPR e-module training from the Council. JG and LM have attended training. School is working with the authority to ensure that guidance is being followed.

Staffing

Lucy Edgar has joined us for one day a week to support pupils in the school.

Lisa Marle is now permanent Joint Head Teacher of both Toward and Innellan Primary Schools.

Activities and Events:

- * Swimming Lessons
- * P3/4 Football Coaching & Festival
- * Rural Schools Observatory visit
- * Scottish Opera P4-7
- * Parent Evening
- * Daffodil Tea
- * P7 Volleyball
- * P7 Benmore
- * P1 & P7 Dental Inspections with NHS
- * P4/5 Forest Tour
- * P7 Orienteering

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| | <p>* MOD singers visit to school</p> <p>A big thank you to the Parent Council for the Fish and Chip Quiz night.</p> <p>Clubs</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * After School Shinty at Innellan PS * Choir Club * Sports Club at Innellan PS * Beach Club <p>Dates for Diary:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * 31st May – P4-7 Sky Academy * P1 Transitions visits * P7 Transitions at DGS * 15th June – Police Sports * 18th June – Beaver Talk * 21st June – School Trip – Vikingar * 28th June – Sports Day * 29th June – School closes <p>Septic Tank</p> <p>An asbestos survey was recently carried out. The septic tank is due to be installed over the summer.</p> <p>School Roll</p> <p>There are 2 P7's leaving us in June. The roll for session 2018-19 will be 32.</p> <p>A big thank you to all of the parents and staff who work together to make this a special school.</p> | |
| Treasurer's Report | <p>Paid in £88.25 Outgoing £30 Balance £1900.78</p> | |

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| <p>School Inspectors report</p> | <p>Thank you to teachers for all their hard work. Staff are in general happy with it. No surprises in the report as teachers had identified what needed improving already. We are happy that they don't want to come back. Lisa will use report to help write improvement plan.</p> <p>Lisa wants to get questionnaire out to parents before the summer holidays so she can take on board our thoughts and work them into the improvement plan. Also the children will be asked their thoughts on the school.</p> | |
| <p>Fundraising - BBQ</p> | <p>Date of BBQ- Wed 27th June 18.30- 20.30 Separate Planning Meeting to be held on 29th May, 19.00 @ Amanda's house.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Amanda to order glitter tattoos and stencils for face painting. -Coastguards are coming -Water balloon and filling equipment with bulls eye -No band this year, kids suggest play list this year and email over to Diane. -Pam will bring bouncy castles and mascots. -Tombola and raffle. | |
| <p>Outdoor Space</p> | <p>The structural engineer is currently away and will be back on the 29th May. He has all the info he needs to proceed. Fyne wood are storing the outdoor classroom for us.</p> <p>Nicola has suggested Kosco plastic brick type play equipment. Lisa will bring to staff and pupils and get their opinions. Lisa will let us know the outcome.</p> <p>Jamie is working on painting the playground. She has spray paint etc.</p> | |
| <p>Uniforms for Malawi</p> | <p>Helen suggested we have a uniform swap at the bbq and the left overs could go to a local Malawi clothing charity.</p> <p>Diane has suggested that this could have wider social economic implications in Malawi. She will</p> | |

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| | <p>speak to Vicki, the person who sends the clothes, to see if this is a good move for the school.</p> <p>There could also be a richer cultural event with school exchange.</p> | |
| AOCB | <p>Acrylic paint for the school, parent council can buy a lot cheaper than the school</p> <p>Wider achievements, still ongoing.</p> <p>Event for newcomers. Amanda will convene a planning meeting after the summer holidays</p> <p>ACA bid in at Innellan and Toward can make it a joint application. £1000 per school.</p> <p>Sum dog competition the 1st June.</p> | |
| Date of next meeting | TBC | |