

TPS Parent Council Meeting Minutes – 31st Jan 2018

at Toward Primary School

Present	Gemma Robinson Pam Cheng Amanda Hampsey Anders Gerrish Helen Campbell Nicola Law Lisa Marle Kat Simms
Apologies	Ashley Diamond Graham Baines Lyndsay Els Siobhan Bowden Claire

Minutes	Minutes of previous meeting approved	1 st AH 2 nd HC
Head Teacher Report	<p>I would like to thank all parents, staff and pupils for making me feel so welcome. I began as Acting Joint Head Teacher at Toward and Innellan Primary Schools on 8th January 2018 and have enjoyed my first few weeks.</p> <p>Courses attended by staff:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * French Cluster Teacher – Jaime Gerrish * Digital Course – Little Lighthouse & Barefoot Computing – Mark Wakefield * PE – Dance – Jamie Gerrish & Mark Wakefield * In Service Training - PATHS – All Teachers & Support Staff * In Service Training - Assessment & Moderation – All Teachers * Leading Learning in Maths – Jaime Gerrish * Number Talks Twilight – All Teachers * Messenger 5 Training – Laura Lauffer * Yoga CPD – Jaime Gerrish * Wellbeing Application – Jaime Gerrish 	

- * P1 Transition – Lynne McGourty
 - * In Service Training – Autism – ASN's
- Pupil Activities and Events:
- * School Trip – Science Centre
 - * P7s Digital Leaders Workshops – pupils contributing to an A&BC blog
 - * STEM Week – lots of different activities
 - * Daffodil Tea – Once again very successful and well attended by our elder generation of the community
 - * P4-7 – attended a Lost at Sea performance at DGS
 - * P4-7 – had Samba workshops (6 weeks) by CAST
 - * P1-3 had a visit from the Police as part of their project
 - * Pottery Workshop with Michaela Goan
 - * P6/7 Cycling Proficiency (7 weeks)
 - * P4-7 attended Ollys Day at DGS
 - * P4-7 Police Sports
 - * Benmore Tearoom Fundraiser at DGS – Saturday 4th November 2017 – Fundraising for the Primary 7 Benmore Weekend organized by Alison Currie
 - * Open Afternoon – 6th November 2017
 - * NSPCC Visit (workshops for all pupils) – 13th November 2017
 - * Inter-School Swimming - 15th November 2017. Macy attended and did well in all her heats,
 - * PJ Day - 17th November 2017 £69.50 raised. The pupils decided to donate this to the Children of Cowal in Need. They bought £75.00 worth of toys and gifts. This was handed into the hospital to be distributed as part of Homestart, Womans Aid & Social work project.
 - * Morrisons Carol Singing – 12th December 2017 – raised £182.38 for the School Funds
 - * Pantomime at Dunoon Grammar School (School of Rock)– 13th December 2017

* Christmas Show – 14th December 2017. Amount raised from raffle and teas and coffee was £180.00. From this £30 was donated to Toward Church as a thank you for use of hall and church. £50.00 to Ollys Wee Bothy. Pupils had also did a sponsored silence and raised £65.00. This was donated to South Cowal Community Council to go towards the Innellan Hall defibulator.

* Christmas Lunch – 15th December 2017

* Dalriada Grove – 18th December 2017

* Christmas Party – 21st December 2017

Clubs

* After School Yoga club – we held a 6 week block of Yoga and the pupils and Mrs Gerrish enjoyed it.

* After School Beach Club – Ms Thornton and Mrs Sims held a Beach Club in the spring. Lots of fun was had by all.

* After School Singing Club – Ongoing every Tuesday – Mrs McGourty and Mrs Robinson run this popular club. All pupils are welcome to attend.

* After School Sports Club – Ongoing every Thursday at Innellan Primary School hosted by Active Schools, all pupils are welcome to attend

* A shinty club is due to start at Innellan Primary School on Mondays.

Swimming

A 6 week block of swimming lessons start on 27th February for all pupils.

Scottish Opera

Toward Primary School children (P4 -7) will be attending a course, run by Scottish Opera, in Strachur with other local schools. The opera aims to make learning exciting, challenging and creative and allow pupils to participate in a short workshop followed by a day-long music theatre workshop, ending with a performance for parents and guests.

Dates for Diary:

9th February 2018 – School closes

15th & 16th February 2018 - In Service Days

19th February 2018 – School re-opens for pupils

27th February 2018 – Swimming begins

14th March 2018 – Scottish Opera (Short session) at Strachur

21st March 2018 – Parents Afternoon/Evening Appointments

29th March 2018 - Last day of term

16th April 2018 – School re-opens

Building

Solar Panels were repaired on 8th November 2017 for minor updates to the system.

The disabled access ramp was installed over a few weeks in the summer. It has been a popular hit with the pupils and staff.

School Roll

The new Primary 1 registration was at the beginning of January for our new pupils to commence school in August. We had 6 enrollments. There are 2 P7's leaving us in June. The roll for session 2018-19 will be 33.

Staffing

Lisa Marle has taken on the role of Acting Joint Head Teacher until the end of June.

Reporting to Parents

We are trying out a slightly different approach to our Curriculum Bulletins. A termly bulletin will go home as usual informing the pupils and staff of the learning intentions for that term. These will then be assessed termly by staff and shown to parents. At the end of the year parents will receive copies together with a written comment.

Homework

A review of homework, involving pupils, parent and staff, will begin soon with a view to producing a system that pleases the majority.

A big thank you to all of the parents and staff who work together to make this a special school.

Treasurer's Report	Same as AGM	
Fundraising	<p>Fish supper and quiz. £3.00 per supper. Pam to organise delivery. Jan Ferguson has said we can have hall for £25 for night. In future a welcome for new parents to be held in September. Quiz could be on-topic for the children's topics. No job allocation, just a social. Tea and coffee on night Feb Wed 21st 17.30 £5pp. Money upfront, prize for quiz and raffle prizes. Everything copied to Laura to email to parents not on the messenger page.</p> <p>Kat to make games with children for evening.</p>	
Outdoor space	<p>Areas for particular activities but free flow for all children. Credit to Jamie for working really hard with the children to sort this out. Outdoor classroom should come soon. Further discussion at next meeting to bring paint to do up outdoor classroom.</p> <p>.</p>	
Communication home	Idea to bring back Wider achievement award- Lisa to discuss with parents.	
AOCB	<p>School trips- on Lisa's list Nicola raised Azgard jewellery have a great knowledge of Vikings -Glazzard family ~ Nicola to speak to Jamie to discussed.</p>	
Date of next meeting	April 28 th 2018 @ 7pm	