



ABOYNE PRIMARY PARENT COUNCIL MEETING
TUESDAY 23rd January 2018, ABOYNE PRIMARY SCHOOL

PRESENT	Amanda Whitfield, Cllr Paul Gibb, Jenny Blair (Chair Person), Becki Redmond, Fiona Walmsley, Lucy Wisely, Abigail Turley, Shaeron Smith, Nicola Ewen (Minute), Robert Dinnie.	
APOLOGIES	Claire Wallace, Julie Reid, Jemma Moig, Corri O'Shea	
AGENDA		ACTION
1.0	Approval of Previous Minutes Approved.	
2.0a	<p>Welcome and Update from Chair (Jenny Blair)</p> <p>JB welcomed all members present. FW forwarded thanks from the teachers regarding JB's organisation of gifts, food and drinks for the Christmas Parties. One member of staff raised a concern that it had not been made clear what the children were entitled to food-wise whether they were to get sweets or crisps or sweets and crisps. It was decided that clearer instructions would be given next year.</p> <p>There are Parent concerns over the state of the icy playground. AW advised that there was a limit to what the janitors could do. The safety of the playground is assessed every day. The school is supplied with grit and a parent gave up their time to break up the ice one day. PG advised that the Council are unable to help as there are limited resources which then be taken away from others. Gritting, thawing and refreezing was the main problem. AW advised there have been no significant accidents and if there were the matter would be raised with the Council.</p> <p>JB advised those present that parental concerns had been raised over the pruned shrubs being a hazard. AW advised that the Council have confirmed they have always been pruned this way and again there has been no significant accidents to date. The shrubs are due to be removed in entirety soon. There was general discussion of laying fake grass between the trees but further consultation with staff, pupils and parents was needed before any decisions would be made.</p> <p>BR reminded everyone that JB would be resigning at the end of the school year and that the Vice Chair position was still vacant and it would be good to have it filled. BR reminded all that a new Chair would have to be in place for the next school year and anyone interested may benefit from being Vice Chair this year.</p>	JB
2.0b	<p>School Improvement Plan</p> <p>Mrs Whitfield showed the PC the School Improvement Plan. It is a working document. It lays out the aims of the school, school based drivers and tasks to be undertaken. The intention is to for the Plan to be emailed out to the school once a term as it evolves – all agreed that would be helpful. The summary graphics should also be displayed</p>	



	<p>prominently within the school. Management and staff will have input and the document will be sent to the Parent Council for consultation.</p> <p>The Care Inspectorate carried out an unannounced inspection recently. The results should be published in approximately a month.</p>	
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2.0c	<p>Fundraising</p> <p>BR advised it has been a very busy in the run up to Christmas. Thanks was given to SS, AT, JB, FW, NE, CW and Gillian Brynes and all the parent helpers at the disco. Thanks was given to Leanne Duncan for running the discos. 50% of the school attended the discos and it raised £347.99. It was incredibly popular and there was discussion about pick up of children especially the older children and the need for greater clarity about the need for the consent forms to be brought to the discos. It was the second time the new sound system had been used and it was a great success.</p> <p>The sum of £817 was made from the Christmas Raffle. The Paper Shop displayed a hamper so that money from the wider community could be raised. Thanks was given to Mr Strachan's P7 class for selling raffle tickets in the playground. Amelie Mathew's father won the Gliding Club year membership. Thank you letters for donations will be sent shortly.</p> <p>The Christmas Jumper Day was a success and raised £85.40. A Dress Down Day is planned for Wednesday, 7th February. The children can wear their normal clothes for a donation of £1. A Ladies' Cinema Night is planned. A Spring disco is also planned and a date is to be decided. A minimum of 10 volunteers will be required.</p> <p>JB advised that Jemma Moig had added the parent council to The Boat Inn's waiting list for a Quiz Night.</p> <p>Date for the May Fair is 12th May.</p>	
2.0d	<p>Finance</p> <p>The current balance is £8,440.24. The Sound System and class incidentals for school trips have been paid therefore there is £4600 remaining and this will be used for playground improvements. The only outstanding cost remaining is for the notice boards and AW will confirm the total due.</p> <p>The Christmas Party gifts and food came to a total of approximately £340 and thanks was given to Tesco's for donating a large number of Freddo frogs.</p>	



	<p>was remarked by the members that there wouldn't have been a problem when the police were there as they were high visibility and so they did not see the true extent of the problem. AW and the janitor will regularly check the car park at drop off and pick up times in high visibility jackets. The PC will mention the car parking problem in the next newsletter. PG suggested providing other areas for parking and discussing with the Church if they would be agreeable to moving the path through the church grounds to make it safer for children crossing at St Eunan's Road.</p> <p>SS raised parent concerns over there being no concert for the whole school and that some children will miss out if the P1-3 and P4-7 concerts are held on alternate years. AW advised that the alternate years decision has not actually been made but she will look into it. Unfortunately there is not enough space within the school to have a whole school concert. SS advised that the Victory Hall may be a possibility but it costs £200 with a capacity of 300. AW advised that she would enquire as to whether the Academy Theatre would be a possibility.</p> <p>NE asked for a staffing update. A full time teaching post has been re-advertised and it is hoped that this advert will be successful.</p> <p>FW mentioned that the Breakfast Club was not being well attended and may close and it was suggested that the PC could advertise on their FB page.</p>	<p>AW / PG</p> <p>AW</p> <p>JB/BR</p>
<p>4.0</p>	<p>Date of Next Meeting</p> <p>Date: Tuesday 13th March 2018 Time: 6.30pm Location: Aboyne Primary School</p>	