



# Dean Park Primary School

## PARENT TEACHER ASSOCIATION

Registered Scottish Charity No.24582

### Minutes of the PTA Meeting 18 January 2022

#### PTA Members Present

Laura Howe (LH) – Chair	Lyndsay Smythe (LS)
Nicola Rankine (NR)	Kirsten Beddows (KB)
Tizzy Hephher (TH)	Clare Thomson (CT)
Linda Vautherin (LV)	Paul Rattray (PR)
Ros Smith (RS)	Becca Chessser (BC)
Judith Brown (JB)	Julia Paterson (JP)
Constantia Anastasiadou (CA)	Cal McCrea (CM)

#### Welcome and apologies

1. The Chair welcomed parent and staff members to the PTA. Apologies were noted from Khadidja Merakchi, Karen von Kriegsheim and Ross McDougall.

#### Minutes and actions log

2. The minutes of the November meeting were agreed.

#### Head Teachers Update

3. The headteacher updated the PTA of upcoming events including a Fair Trade Competition, Edinburgh Antislavery and Colonialism Review.
4. Right Respecting School agenda – coming up for reaccreditation for Gold Award so collating all positive activities to submit as evidence. Meeting with a Rights Group and seeking to raise the profile of the award in school. Staff, parents and children will all get a chance to contribute.
5. This year is Dean Park's 50<sup>th</sup> birthday so keen to celebrate, it was suggested a parent sub-group across the PTA and the Parent Council could be established to work up ideas for celebrations.

#### Treasurer's Report

6. A summary was provided, the main account has around £20k, so far around £10k raised in club fees along with profit from the raffle. Spending so far this year has been around £6.5k.
7. There continues to be ringfenced funds with unrestricted funds of just under £14k.

#### Fundraising

- Ideas for Easter/ Summer events
8. There are not many activities planned as some of the usual activities (such as bag packing, teas/coffees at sports days) are not going ahead so new ideas were being sought.
  9. NR noted that the Easter egg hunt that the PLT and P7s did last year was well received and there may be an opportunity for the PTA to be involved this year.



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10. Another option would be a book swap, possibly around World Book Day on 3 March where children bring a book and swap it for another one. Also a competition where children design and Easter egg and pay a small entry fee.
11. It was unknown if the Balerno Children's Gala was going ahead as the PTA usually runs a tombola. LH offered to investigate.
12. The Fun Run may be able to be run again in September. One option would be to ask the local ActiveSchools Co-ordinator to arrange across local schools to make it an inter-school competition.

### Matters arising

- **After School Clubs**

13. The PTA were grateful to Paul Rattray for taking on the role as Clubs Manager. Crafts, football and hockey were underway with basketball due to start shortly. We are awaiting confirmation that recorder can go ahead under covid rules.
14. French and Spanish are due to start after February break, with skiing due to start in May. Rollerskating may not go ahead due to low numbers although it was noted that it was limited to only P6 and P7 so if it were open to a wider group then it may receive more interest.

- **Request to fund an iPad for SMT**

15. There has been request for an iPad for the SMT to film activities, take photos etc with a request for the PTA to purchase directly as the school currently can't access. This was agreed.

- **Thrift Shop**

16. Thrift shop – a clear out is planned with a further event to be arranged. LV requested a kit list for the upcoming P7 camp so that pupils can be supported in having the appropriate kit.

- **Dates for New School Year PTA meetings**

15th March 2022

26th April 2022

14th June 2022

### AOB

17. The next meeting is on 15<sup>th</sup> March 2022. It was requested to share a list of Committee roles and contact details.



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### Actions log

Start date	Reference	Action	Owner	Status/progress
27/08/2019	2019/68	CD to set up a form for data protection to allow all new members to be agree that their contact details can be used for PTA purposes.	LH/KvK	Forms are on the Google drive. KvK to check if the forms were for clubs and/or PTA members
09/03/2021	2021/01	Pass information on costings for ipads	School	Ongoing
09/03/2021	2021/02	Check if PTA have paid for a Smartboard	CT	Ongoing
27/04/2021	2021/06	CM to send a list of ringfenced funds and NR to consider	CM/NR	CM still to send a list. School to email list of invoices for the CM

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