**Moorfoot PTG AGM**

**16 June 2022 (virtual)**

**Chair’s Report**

The chair thanked all those present for their support for the PTA this year, from outgoing chair, Clare Howard, and outgoing treasurer, Lindsay Halliday, to incoming treasurer, Gavin Routledge, and incoming secretary, Susie Ballentyne, as well as all those who have come to the meetings and contributed their energy and ideas and who have helped with our fundraising efforts.

Now that Covid restrictions have lifted it is easy to forget that at the start of the academic year things in the school were still greatly affected by Covid, not least staff provision, which Mr Dagger and his team had to juggle almost every day to ensure that the school remained open. Things will change next academic year again as Mr Dagger adopts a year-long dual headship at Tynewater Primary and I would like to take the opportunity to wish him good luck in this role and to offer to work closely with whoever conducts head teacher duties on the days that he is not at Moorfoot Primary.

The coronavirus pandemic expedited and augmented the digital revolution significantly and it will be very good to work with the school next year as we all get to grips with the effect this is having on our children’s education and well-being, be it negative or indeed positive.

I too am new to this role and I’m doing a crash course in how to run a PTA. I will investigate the Midlothian and national PTA fora to learn some best practice. Thankfully I have good relationships with Claire Howard and her predecessor Lisa Hobson who are consistently helpful - thank you.

In addition to the use of technology in schools there are some real challenges that remain for parents and pupils, not least wraparound care, a subject on which we may need to have another push.

Tomorrow we will have our summer fair, which will be the first in-school and in-person fundraising event since the start of Covid. I know it was a huge joy for a lot of parents, grandparents and carers to come to the school sports day, and the atmosphere buzzed in response. The forecast is not so good tomorrow as it was for the sports day - perhaps it’s lucky that it’s that way around. While it will be great to give our Covid-diminished PTA funds a boost tomorrow, it will also be wonderful finally to be able to hold a community event in the school.

I would like to note that the dates of the next two meetings are **Tuesday the 6th of September** and **Thursday the 10th of November**, both at 7pm in the school.

To any parent with a child or children leaving the school at the end of this term, and to any staff leaving, good luck and thank you for being an active part of the school community.

Moorfoot Primary School PTG - Financial Report 2021/22

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| Balance Brought Forward | £480.39 |  |
| Homework Bags, Sumdog | IN | OUT-£239.30 |
| Christmas Hampers | £260 |  |
| **Totals** | **£260** | **-£239.30** |

**Profit £20.70**

**Bank Total Balance 05/05/2022 £501.09**