

TPG Meeting Agenda

12th November 2025, Smith & Gertrude

1. Welcome & Chair's Opening Remarks

2. Approval of [Previous Minutes](#) (if applicable)

3. PTA Roles

- Voted to approve: Will to join as Secretary
- Confirmation of Fergus continuing as Treasurer

4. Updates & Proposals

○ Library Team

- Voted to approve: £500 for books and supplies
- Action needed from volunteers to support the removal of projector and whiteboard

○ Wildlife Team

- More parents are volunteering to support the wildlife garden
- The team has surveyed teachers on what they would like from the garden and there has been a call for more learning opportunities.
- Ideas raised included looking at science application of measuring soil pH, using trees as imaginative writing inspiration and allotment-style growing.
- Further ideas were mentioned including a domed cover to the pond, more seating, substantial increase in planting.
- Funding is being sought from Edinburgh Airport with a total proposed annual spending looking at about £2,500.
- Hannah has created a community called "wildlife garden for learning" to introduce Jenny / Joni to Marie

○ Tipi

- Funding proposal approved: £150 for updated kit
- More volunteers being sought to support putting up the tipi on a regular basis

○ Ceilidh

- Town hall is booked for 27th February 2026.
- Tickets will go on sale w/b 17/11/25
- Suggestions for other fundraising opportunities are welcomed. A silent auction has been proposed.

○ Launch of WhatsApp Communities

- Outline of how WhatsApp communities works
- Structure will allow better delivery of information to parents and make all the various groups (library, lost property, wildlife garden) more visible to potential
- Comms will be going out shortly

- Communication on Costs to Parents
 - The issue was raised about better communication needed to new parents about what a residential is and the costs.
 - Drive on to improve transparency about the cost of all the various trips and how they are funded
 - Additional information was raised about the 200 Club and the call was made for a volunteer to lead on it.
- Treasurer's Report
 - Fergus delivered the report and outlined income and expenditure headlines
 - Queries raised:
 1. Could some parents who can afford it pay more for the Lyceum trip if they want to?
- Playground
 - Call was made for volunteers to lead on a development plan for the playground. There's been a number of issues raised about potential upgrades but there needs to be coordination.
- School Road & Traffic Safety
 - A parent has stepped forward to manage the process of looking at signage around the school to improve awareness of the school road being closed to traffic. Action is underway and further updates should be forthcoming in January.
- School Inspection Report
 - This is coming, nothing public at the time of meeting
- Bike Area Lighting
 - Approval has been given and we can go ahead on this.
- Mobile Phones & Digital Guidance
 - Papaya Talks session (£150, gym hall)
 - Request for suggesting parent to coordinate; TPG to fund and support
- Playground Bullying Concerns
 - Pupil Parliament involvement
 - Anti-bullying procedure and supervision adjustments
 - Improving staff visibility in playground

5. Questions Raised by Class Groups

- P3: Communication on teacher changes
 - AF has committed to announce substantial changes but this can't be done on day to day changes
- Toilets: Cleanliness and age grouping concerns; monitoring updates
 - This has been flagged to the school and actions have been made to reduce nuisance behaviour
- Movement Time for Older Pupils
 - AF asks that parents wait for the school report to come out. There is curriculum learning to be fitted into the day and kindly ask that trust is placed in the teaching staff to balance this.
- P2M: International/Cultural Day idea (parent to be introduced to Head)

- Plasters: Wider range ordered, including non–skin-tone
 - Yes. Alasdair spoke to the office about buying more sizes and also having them blue, not fair skin toned.
- Gates at Pick-Up: Both can be opened by parents
 - Absolutely. The school doesn't open them, it's by parents so someone just needs to open them, they aren't locked.
- Literacy Workshop (Super Power Agency): Parent to contact Head
- **Outdoor Learning / Beach School**
 - Beach School planned March–Summer; P2 completed a beach clean
 - Wildlife garden progressing as an additional resource
 - Parents encouraged to discuss ideas and support options, within curriculum framework

6. Any Other Business (AOB)

- Violin tuition auditions weren't communicated effectively to parents. Further issues were raised of better communication needed about all instrument tuition.
- Christmas Fair planning is underway and the call for volunteers is out there. We are seeking donations of baking and tombola prizes. Explainer needed for new parents about what volunteering is needed at the Fair
- Christmas card artwork has been scanned with the deadline of the 27th of November. Reminders will be sent.

7. Date of Next Meeting - 21st January 2026

8. Close