

Gorebridge Primary Parent Teacher Association Meeting: Monday 4th September 2017

Gorebridge Primary School Children's Services Room 9 – 10/10.30am

Present: Nicola McLean, Carey Fairgrieve, Janis Harvey, Suzanne Ralston, Rhona Simpson, Seonaid Barker, Clare Rowley & Julie Binnie,

Apologies: Nicola Gray & Janine Kettrick

Debbie Denver joined for part of the meeting to discuss Nurture base.

1. **School Uniform ordering** – raised the issues and feedback from parents mainly delays and customer service rather than quality. JB advised it was the same supplier just a new ordering system. They have had a couple of issues fed back to them and advised they would collate any other feedback and raise with the supplier if we could ask parents and carers to contact them.

Action CF – post on Facebook completed

We also discussed the Gorebridge School Uniform Exchange which at present we are not part off. Initially the school had not been contacted to be part of this, we then contacted and set up a meeting with the development trust which they then cancelled. We debated the current school uniform process and all agreed that we would continue as we are doing as we have received positive feedback from parents/carers on our approach and it allows us to have uniform on hand as required. **Action CF to advise Lee the PTA stock can be used throughout the term as required - completed**

2. **Summer Fair – review of the day**

An amazing £916 profit raised with a further £500 coming in matched giving from Kelly – a significant amount considering the free events this year.

All in agreement no external stall holder next year, from an organising and feedback from parents that items were a bit pricey and they would rather be giving to the school. Good feedback around the free events and the organisation.

Ideas – bottle stall a definite, need more on tombola, despite thinking we had loads we still sold out quickly also more stock for the lucky dips, perhaps manage all in the main hall this year with no external stall holders.

3. **Treasurers update – Janis**

Since April 2017:

Recent income- matched giving from BOS foundation after the valentine's disco in February 2017. Summer fair raised £916. Midlothian Council Parent Council funding (£175) received.

Also continue to await decision on remaining dog fouling money which remains 'set aside' £142.10 – discussions on this being used with a "top Up "from the council – Janis confirmed the requirements

for after school activity **Action JB to source a suitable activity that we can propose use of the funds for.**

Recent expenditure- invoice from school at end of 16-17 term for senior pupil sweatshirts, nursery graduation gifts, sports day water, summer fair texts.

Treasurers Account- the adjusted bank balance, taking the above into account gives a current balance of approx. £4152.

Janis advised last year we spent more than we raised, discussion over large donation for the pantomime. The aim is to go to Kings once every 3 or 4 years so each pupil will experience it once, but it is very costly and a lot to organise.

4. Requests for funding:

Nurture Room - Debbie explained the nurture room activity which is part of the School improvement plan. The aim is to create a home-like environment which enables children to be ready to learn. Discussions around setting up the room – all in agreement to fund £100 toward the room and various actions around further set up: **Action DD** to source equipment with the £100, perhaps contact Range for a discount when purchasing and MARC for furniture? **Action JH** contacted IKEA for donation- **Action DD** now to provide photograph for IKEA

Pantomime P1-7 – A company will be coming in this year, cost approx. £1000 all in agreement to fund this in full from the PTA funds – **Action JB** to pass invoice to Janis and confirm plans for Nursery.

5. JRSO update and parking – this was “parked” last year so update – like the zebra crossings – any chance of getting them at leisure centre end?

Zebra crossing was funded from the School funds, quote for the double yellow lines is a further £800, CF advised PTA would be willing to pay £400 for this as significant safety issue. Once in place as on private land the PTA would pursue a TRO to make them enforceable. **Action JB** to discuss with GG re further £400.

JRSO's are ready to roll out pledges after an assembly where we hope to get the traffic warden along for – dates suitable for 29th sept and 6th October- **Action CF** to check with Tam.

6. Church parking – is this still an issue on Tuesdays?

Another near miss witnessed where a young girl was nearly knocked over by misuse again – **Action JB** to provide CF with Ministers email address to contact direct. **Action CF** to contact traffic warden for advice as well.

7. Dates for next year's events and confirmation of regular spend – confirmed:

- Halloween Disco - Wednesday 25th October 2017
- Valentines Disco - Wednesday 7th February 2018
- Summer Fair - Friday 8th June 2018

School Christmas Fair is to be Friday 8th December – PTA do Grotto and teas and coffees – **Action JB** to confirm with P7 enterprise council. **Action CF** to check with DD for Santa’s availability and PTA helper’s availability.

8. AOB

Next meeting Monday 2nd October from drop off @ 9am