

LPS Parent Council Meeting Monday 19th March

Present

Julie Fox (HT), Chris Rae (Principal Teacher), Yvonne Dickson (Chair), Lynsey Stevenson (Class Teacher), Elizabeth Thomson (Class Teacher) Leigh Miller, Gillian Lyall, Lorraine Maguire, Lesley Scott, Lisa Watt (Treasurer), Julie MacBeath, Ann Morrison

Apologies:

Gilly Marshall (Chair), Stacey Armstrong, Christine Babbs, Fiona Hunter, Karen Smith, Jacqueline Small, Ingrid Buchanan, Elaine Higgs, Jill Doyle (DHT), Lorna Alexander

Rights-Respecting School

Pupil presentation highlighting the journey the school is on to achieve the Rights-Respecting School award. The group was reminded that meetings are held first Friday of the month (dates available on website calendar). Support from parents & the wider community is requested.

Actions Arising

Lorraine to include request for support & date/time reminder in Parent Council newsletter.

Previous Minutes

Minutes from last meeting were approved

Accounts and Auditing

Lisa confirmed that the accounts for the previous year have now been signed off.

Following the success of the Blingo night which raised over £1800 the account is currently sitting at c£3000. Uniform outgoings plus some other small items will reduce this by £500.

Intention is to write the school a cheque for £2000. Julie & staff to consider what they would like to spend this money on.

It was confirmed that the previous cheque for £4000 was used to buy netbooks, tables & chairs.

Actions Arising

Yvonne will update the Funds Raised Thermometer and put on website. Lorraine to draft a Parent Council newsletter highlighting the good work the group is doing to support & enhance the school.

How Well Do You Know Your School? – Playback

Materials have been received so able to undertake self-assessment activity.

Invoice passed over to Lisa for payment.

Yvonne queried internet access. Julie to check login details, confirming that payment is on its way.

Agreed that a sub-group of committee (Ann, Yvonne, Gilly, Lorraine, Lesley - with other interested parties welcome) would meet Wednesday 18th April (suggested location is Broomieknowe Golf Club) to undertake Activity 1 & consider next steps for parent questionnaire.

Actions Arising

Lisa to arrange for invoice payment.

Julie to confirm login arrangement to Gilly.

Location for sub-group meeting to be confirmed (Broomieknowe Golf Club unless other suggestions made)

Mention of group meeting to be made in newsletter to gain further support.

Forthcoming Events

Chick Drive

Confirmed that 48 tickets have been sold so far. Agreed that a further flyer will be issued & website refreshed.

Pencils, sheets, dice, raffle tickets & diluting juice are available.

Ann to "call", Lorraine suggested a new process for moving on & will email to Ann.

Actions Arising

Ann & Lynsey to organise/set-up tombola after school on Monday.

Julie to arrange for table set up.

Yvonne to buy cups, biscuits, crème eggs & 2 prize eggs (winner & lowest score).

Everyone to contribute eggs to tombola

Summer Fair

Date confirmed as 16/06/12.

Group continues to be keen to progress car-boot sale opportunity, best location to be identified.

Key features:

Fire engine & police car to be requested.

Frankie & Benny's to be contacted to understand the support that can be provided.

Avoid "toy/bric-a-brac" stalls due to conflict with car-boot sale.

Sourcing of bouncy castle to commence, ideally size would allow for indoor & outdoor use.

Mrs Campbell will organise activities section e.g. beat the goalie, obstacle courses.

Face-painting & tattoo stall to be manned by Rangers. Also to investigate balloon modelling stall. Punch balloons to be sold.
Tombola & bottle stall.

Plant stall.

Uniform stall.

Food/drink offering to be discussed further at next meeting. Success of “ice poles” on Thursday to be assessed to understand whether better than ice-cream.

Confirmed that enough first-aiders will be available.

Actions Arising

Ann to investigate sourcing of Fire Engine.

Chris to investigate sourcing of Police Car.

Chris to speak to nursery about Plant stall.

Leigh to speak to Mr Ross about Balloon Modelling.

Yvonne to investigate bouncy castle sourcing (via Linda in office) – Gorebridge or Bonnyrigg leisure centre

Any Other Business

Advanced Special Needs Meeting

A number of members attended the recent meeting which centred around people sharing experiences. Confirmed that there was no feedback & no further action required.

MSP

Request received from Colin Beattie to attend meeting. Agreed he should be invited to meeting on 23rd April. Group meeting 18th April should consider questions. Idea already generated:

- Building – repairs v new
- Fundraising for basic equipment
- Curriculum for Excellence

Actions Arising

Gilly to respond to letter inviting to 23rd April meeting.

Further topic questions to be generated.

Wildlife Garden

Real desire to progress activity but recognise that professional support & funding may be required. Keen to understand who locally could help us.

Actions Arising

Lesley to speak with Jacqueline & discuss RBS involvement

Gillian to contact Waverly Gardeners

Lesley to contact Garden Girls

Ann to investigate Groundforce

Edinburgh Marathon

P1 teachers are running the Edinburgh Marathon to raise funds for Sick Kids. Discussed approach for raising profile & fund-raising.

Action Arising

Julie to draft comms.

Elizabeth to consider developing a training blog.

Class Teachers

Lorraine raised a concern regarding multiple teachers experienced by P3Y. Julie recognised this concerned & confirmed that aim is always to provide consistency but that sometime this was simply not possible.

Uniforms

Ann provided an update on sourcing of uniforms. Form to be issued after Easter. Closing date will be held firm & after this date parents will be expected to order on-line. Ann appealed for a volunteer to support her in this activity.

Action Arising

Volunteer to contact Ann.

Meeting Closed – Next Meeting Monday 23rd April