

BONNYRIGG PRIMARY AND NURSERY PARENTS' GROUP

Tuesday 23rd January 2018

Present: Jennifer Allison (HT), Sarah Stark (DHT), Caroline Findlay (DHT), Colin Wilkinson (chair), Lesley Burrell, Fiona Gardner. Carole Sneddon, Justine Jones, Audrey Ferguson, Linsey Dagger

Apologies: Cat McDermid, Sarah Beck, Susan Henderson

1. Re- Cap of Actions (Colin)

- Colin has created an action update template.
- Curriculum Evening- Request via the Facebook page about what people would like to happen at the curriculum evening. There has been no feedback from the school community, therefore we will close this action.
- Raising Children with Confidence starting in February. Alistair from Lifelong Learning will be in the playground on Friday 26th and also BOATS in March to spread the news about what he can offer. Justine has been asked if some sessions will run in the evening. This would depend on availability of Lifelong Learning staff.
- Road Safety - Mrs Findlay has contacted Burnbrae Primary about the road safety situation there but has not heard anything. School are not keen for the children to do this due to it being such a busy road. Close this action as we can't progress this.
- Education Bill. Online survey for parents to complete. Closing date 30th of January 2018. Not posted on Facebook due to number of other postings recently and the lack of uptake on these.
- Midlothian Council Proposed cuts- request on Facebook for items people would like highlighted. No response received, therefore closing this.
- Poverty proofing. Mrs Allison said staff are very aware of the need to be think about requests for money and do this on an ongoing basis. Cluster are considering when to go to P7 camp as prices vary depending on when you go.

2. Treasurer's Report (Colin)

Balance at last meeting: £5,355

Current balance: £11,451

Need clarity regarding pending bills outstanding – Carole Sneddon will confirm with the office.

3. Increasing Parental Engagement (Colin)

How do we increase parental engagement?

Discussion around meetings and whether we decrease their frequency. Regular attendee numbers are low. Justine suggested merging meetings with sessions such as supporting your child with homework. When children are involved parents attend in greater numbers. At parents' night, could children help to gather parental views?

Audrey highlighted the need for offering parents different information depending on the stage of the child in the school.

Suggestion that a letter should go into the pack given to new P1 parents about the role of Parent Council.

Colin is keen for suggestions about how to get more people involved in the Parent Council. Carole highlighted the need to get the agenda out promptly and hopefully this would raise interest. Mrs Allison will follow up how we can use Parent Pay to forward messages and reminders.

4. Fundraising Update and Wish Lists (Colin)

- Dates in diary for coming year. 28th March for Spring Disco.
- Halloween Disco and Christmas Fair have been booked.
- Wish lists received from school and pupils. Justine, Sarah and Carole will join a group to look at the wish lists and spending.

5. Fun Day (Justine Jones)

Positive feedback received from parents from the Fun Day in June 2017. Justine would like us to do something similar each year at the end of term. If it was to go ahead this year, there would need to be more helpers and an agreement about funding. This will be discussed as part of the sub-group who are deciding how the funds are to be spent.

6. AOB/ Close

Kerbcraft- On 7th February the annual Kerbcraft co-ordinator training session will be take place. Any volunteer should contact school.

BSL - a BSL session was held in school on Friday 19th January. Request for this to be repeated.

Lunches - On dry days children are outside for packed lunches. On a wet day, P4-7 have indoor packed lunches in classes. On any day, the children can choose to have their packed lunch inside but need to wait and come in with the last class called for school lunch.

Colin thanked everyone for coming and confirmed the next meeting is scheduled for Thursday the 8th of March 2018 at 6.45pm.

AP	Action	Raised	Owner	Status
5	School to book the LLE "Incredible Years" course and invite parents	Oct-17	School	Open
8	Numeracy session - "coffee and calculations" for parents - is this possible	Nov-17	School	Open
13	Wish Lists - spending the PC funds	Jan-18	Justine Jones	Open
14	Confirmation of PC bank balance	Jan-18	Carole Sneddon	Open
15	Draft approach for PC to raise awareness of parents and increase numbers	Jan-18	Colin Wilkinson	Open