

# BONNYRIGG PRIMARY AND NURSERY PARENTS' GROUP

Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> April 2018 (AGM)

**Present:** Jennifer Allison (HT), Sarah Stark (DHT), Caroline Findlay (DHT), Colin Wilkinson (chair), Carole Sneddon, Justine Jones, Linsey Dagger

**Apologies:** Cat McDermid, Sarah Beck, Susan Henderson, Fiona Gardner, Lesley Burrell

## 1. Chair's Report

This has been my second year as Chair. We have held meetings every 6-8 weeks throughout the school term.

As I said last year I feel we could do more to help the HT and her staff, however the level of interest/availability from parents continues to be low – turnout at the meetings has been fairly low with the same parents coming along each time, meaning a bigger workload for them.

We did manage to put a joint vice-chair (Susan and Justine) in place this year.

Fundraising has been our biggest success this year – thanks to Sarah Beck, Julie Purdie and Carole Sneddon along with all the helpers have done some great work in this area.

- Halloween Disco took place after a hiatus in 2016.
- Christmas Fair was again a success – we raised more than we ever have before; £6,435.59.
- We also held a Spring Disco on 28<sup>th</sup> March, which was very successful and raised £521.18.

Due to the success of the fundraising we have been able to ask the school to create a “wishlist” based on what the teachers and pupils want and need. We gifted £4,000 to the school last month, this was to be split evenly between each year group (including Nursery) for them to purchase items from the lists.

We also funded the P6 panto trip in December (including ice-creams!) and will aim to do this annually.

## Next Year

I am stepping down from the role of Chair and hope someone will step up and make a success of the role.

We really need to encourage other parents along. This is our school and any input we can have in decision making is invaluable. We need to encourage our membership to grow – not just to allocate jobs to people but so we have a voice.

No one has volunteered to take on the role of Chair therefore the role will be unfilled. We will look into how this impacts on Insurance for future fundraising events.

All those currently holding a role will remain in place:

Vice-Chair(s):	Justine Jones & Susan Henderson
Treasurer:	Cat McDermid
Secretaries:	Fiona Gardner & Lesley Burrell

## 2. Treasurer's Report

Balance at last meeting: £11,451.36

Current balance: £5,376.37

Expenditure since last meeting:

- Clamberstacks (£2,917.57)
- School wish list (£4,000.00)

## 3. Fundraising Report

A lot of exciting things have been going on...

### **Funds:**

£4,000 was gifted back to school in order to fill the staff and pupil wishlists – school have confirmed this will be spent for the next school year. The Nursery bought a sandbox and table.

### **Spring Disco:**

Spring Disco raised £521.18 which is an amazing amount! Most ever raised from a disco and only positive feedback received!

### **Halloween disco**

Plan to hold this on Thursday 25th October as the P7s are away at camp on the week of Wednesday 31st, so it needs to be week before. A lot of children cannot make it due to activities on the Wednesday nights so planning for the Thursday.

### **Christmas Fair - Friday 1st December 10-12**

Propose to do the same as last year. Further meeting to discuss after summer.

### **AED**

£900 or funding:

Tesco Funding no update as yet; discussion on this being funded by the Parent Council. Justine and Sarah to discuss separately.

Dharlene Tough has volunteered to provide free AED training and updated CPR training on the in-service day 21st May.

### **Dress Down day thermometer**

Aim to make a "blue peter" like fundraising thermometer that the children can carry to assemblies/any parent events and we can display noticeably somewhere reception or a door way to try and improve the dress down day funds. The general feedback is no one knows where the money goes so let's tell them and be clear.

## 4. AOB/ Close

A request was made for the PC to fund the balloons for the P7 leaving ceremony – this is £70 and was agreed at the meeting.

Colin thanked everyone for attending, due to the lack of a Chair this is the last meeting of the school year – new dates will be confirmed later in the year.

**Outstanding Actions:**

Action	Raised	Owner	Status	Comments
School to book the LLE "Incredible Years" course and invite parents	Oct-17	School	Open	Jennifer meeting new LLE manager on 4 <sup>th</sup> December and aims to move this forward.
Numeracy session - "coffee and calculations" for parents - is this possible	Nov-17	School	Open	Caroline Findlay to check and see if possible, including availability of teachers. <b>Update 11/1/18:</b> The annual calendar is already drawn up for the full school year and staff hours allocated. However, it is something we could think of for next year. 23/1 - leave open and aim to get this scheduled