

## BONNYRIGG PRIMARY AND NURSERY PARENTS' GROUP

21<sup>st</sup> January 2019

**Present:** Pamela Newby, Jennifer Allison, Caroline Finlay, Sarah Stark, Lesley Burrell, Cat McDermid, Carole Sneddon, Linsey Dagger, Rachel Davies

**Apologies:** Susan Thomson, Fiona Gardner, Sarah Beck

### 1. Recap/ Update on Outstanding Actions (Pam)

New constitution has been drafted by Rachel, agreed and now on website.

New logo now in use.

Inspection has taken place and waiting for published report.

### 2. Fundraising Update & Treasurers Report ( Sarah/ Cat)

Sports kits have been delivered and are in school. These have already been used.

£4729 raised from school fair. Staggering classes visiting fair next year due to feedback around levels of congestion.

Sarah, Carole and Fiona interested in co-ordinating playground developments. Possibly looking at shelters and astro turf. Talks are in early stages. Children have expressed opinions about goals and benches. This needs to be clarified and then ordered.

Jennifer raised the possibility of purchasing lights for school shows/ the nativity. Carole has asked the school to research the lights which are most suitable and funds are available for these to be purchased.

Spring Disco date tbc.

Tesco funding for defibrillator. The invoice has come in and this will cover the cost of 2 defibrillators. One will be kept inside and one outside.

Treasurer report- P6 panto has been paid along with transport and ice creams. £8762.70 balance in account.

School finance update from Jennifer. School is facing cuts to their budget. Going forward they may require support from Parent Council fundraising to help with the costs of renewing items currently used.

### Leavers' Presents- Dictionaries

The Parent Council have always funded a French dictionary for P7 leavers. A suggestion was made that the Parent Council could fund a school tie for all children as an alternative. The school will arrange the purchase of these. The P7 leavers' hoodies do not come from the school. These are bought in addition to the P7 uniform hoodie.

### 3. Poverty Proofing

Jennifer shared a film from the EIS about the impact of poverty on children in Scotland and the importance of poverty proofing schools. This film highlighted the barriers to education caused by poverty. Midlothian Council published a report in 2018 which states that 22.5% of children in the county are living in poverty. Jennifer has asked for feedback regarding the steps the school are putting in place to address this. A Bring and Take stall will be running for uniform at parents' night.

### 4. Dress Down

Dress down days will continue but donations for school fund will not be requested. Charity dress down days will continue.

**5. Social Media Accounts & Parent Communication Surveys**

Facebook page is Parent Council Facebook page and is not the school page. This is not monitored frequently. There may be a Parent Council Twitter page set up. The school are going to have their own Facebook page which will push communications. Links to all year group FB pages will be published on the website for new parents as these can be useful.

A communication survey is being drafted to send to parents about how they would like to receive information and what information they would like to receive.

**6. Book Readings- The Scottish Book Trust**

Scottish Book Trust are funding live author visits to schools. Pam is keen for the school to apply.

**7. Packed Lunches/ Cold Weather**

Children eating their lunch outside on cold days has been raised. On wet days the children eat packed lunches in their classroom. In P4 -P7 children with a packed lunch can eat their lunch in the dinner hall at the end of hot food service.

Jennifer has said that anyone in P4-P7 with a packed lunch can come in to eat with their class in the dinner hall. This will start from tomorrow.

**8. AOB/ Close**

Kerbcraft: A program to train parents to help with P1/2 road safety.

Reporting format: The school are asking for feedback about possible new reporting formats. Pam has asked for feedback to be sent to her about what parents would like.

Next meeting date: Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> of March at 6.30pm.