

Minutes of the Grantown Grammar School Parent Council meeting to discuss Fundraising and Funding

Held at the school on Thursday 23rd May 2013 at 7pm.

Apologies

Sally Pilkington
Catherine McAuly –Brand
Ollie Bray
Zoe Cooke
Robert Brown

Present

Giles Baker	Chair, Parent Council
Irene Carson	Head Teacher
Claire McGonigal	Depute Head Teacher
Karen Smith	Treasurer
Lindsay Coleman	Clerk
Ene-Karmen Forsyth	Vice Chair, Policy and Planning
Andy Liggat	Vice Chair, Communications
Anne Sullivan	
Elaine Cullen	
Lynne Stephens	
Victoria Robertson	Highland Council

1. Overview of informal meeting

Apologies were given for Sally Pilkington's absence and Giles proceeded to lead the meeting. He gave an overview of the meeting that took place on the 22nd April 2013.

a) A discussion had taken place regarding various fundraising ideas. A sponsored Macarena was popular. However, Claire McGonigal said that on talking with the Pupil Council, it had been decided that they would like to do a sponsored walk. No date has yet been set.

b) Raffles at music nights. It has been decided that this is a good idea and the next concert is on 27th June. Sally is to get some prizes organised. On this occasion it was decided that the Parent Council should actually purchase the prizes due to time restrictions. However in future, the Council should try and obtain donated prizes.

Action - Sally

c) The group will take a bottle stall at Motorman in Grantown on 1st September. Sally is looking for volunteers to help with 1-2 hour stints. Adults are needed because some of the bottles will be alcoholic. Giles asked who could help on the day. Elaine Cullen, Karen Smith and Claire McGonigal volunteered.

Action - Sally

2. Funding request from Maths department

Irene explained that the Maths department are extremely keen to purchase this new resource pack from Whiteboard Maths. The beauty of the programme is that it can be accessed from both home and school and will also help parents who want to help their children with their homework. Other schools that have used the package do like it and would recommend it. The cost will be £630 up front with an annual payment thereafter. Karen confirmed that the Parent Council can afford to cover this cost. The application for funding was therefore accepted.

Other Business:

The subject of the donation of £3500 which is in the Parent Council bank account was then raised. This donation was given to the School to be used for a prize or prizes, for a project on local culture / history. It can also be used to buy resources. Giles said that we need to speak to the daughter of the donor (who holds a Power of Attorney to act on her behalf) to get her instructions for its use. Karen expressed concern at the money sitting in the bank account. Claire said the School Fund could house the money.

Action – Giles and Claire

Rotary

Claire explained that Ollie Bray has spoken with the Rotary to give them an overview of the school's activities. Claire is also meeting with them to find out how they can help the school.

Action - Claire

Painting

The painting of directional signs on the walls will begin at the school as of now.

Outdoor Furniture

The School Captains have found the chairs that they would like to purchase for the school. They are approximately £350 each and just need to be safety checked. The Captains would really like to get this completed before they leave.

Janitor's home

Irene Carson announced that the Janitor will soon be retiring. The school has looked at options for change of use and plans have been presented to Council with the support of Jaci Douglas. Plans involve use of the building for supporting vocational courses in construction, engineering and hospitality. The hospitality element would include a meeting room where community groups could be invited and catered for by pupils. Further plans include an outdoor classroom and improved cycle storage space in the longer term plans. The project will cost approximately £25,000. Giles stated that if the

project developed requiring smaller enhancements, we could look at further funding help if required.

Capitation from Highland Council

Karen Smith said that the money still hasn't been received from the Council. They have however, acknowledged receipt of the forms.

Letterhead

There is no further update on this. Ollie Bray is to discuss this with some of the pupils.

Action - Ollie

Lucky Numbers

The numbers for April and May were drawn this evening

April 2013

1st – No 39, Mrs Alison Turner
2nd – No 44, Mrs Ann Drummond
3rd – No 34, Mrs Dianne Macdonald

May 2013

1st – No 17, Mrs C McAuly-Brand
2nd – No 5, Mrs Jill Milne
3rd – No 47, Ms Jaci Douglas

Date for the next meeting: 27th August at 6.30pm

The meeting closed at 7.30pm