

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

Held at the school on 19th March 2013 at 7pm.

Apologies

Sally Pilkington
Robert Brown
Ene Karmen Forsyth
Catherine McAuly-Brand

Present

Giles Baker	Chair, Parent Council
Irene Carson	Head Teacher
Claire McGonigal	Depute Head Teacher
Karen Smith	Treasurer
Lindsay Coleman	Clerk
Elaine Cullen	
Ollie Bray	Depute Headteacher
Anne Sullivan	

Apologies were given for Sally Pilkington's absence and Giles went on to lead this meeting.

1. Financial Report – Karen Smith

Karen advised Giles that the Amazon account would have to be reported in more detail on the banking. Giles agreed.

£1623.29 was raised from the Santa Fun Run giving a current bank balance of £10,974. However, Karen pointed out that £4700 would have to be taken from this balance for money promised to the school for 'recurring expenditure'. Receipts for some of these costs were then given to Karen from Irene.

Highland Council gives an annual payment to the Parent Council and this has not yet arrived. Giles agreed to chase this payment.

Action: Giles

The Valentines disco raised £399.

Other Business

Pupil Council

At the last meeting Sally suggested meeting with the Pupil Council on a Monday so she could start to build on the relationship between them and the Parent Council. Claire McGonigal reported that this hasn't yet happened and that there is a concern that because the group is large, the students often feel too anxious to speak out in public. Claire is

meeting with the group next week and will suggest the formation of a smaller 'sub council' meeting for when the seniors are off on study leave. It will then be suggested that Sally attends a meeting with this new 'sub council'. This will be on a Monday in May.

Painting

Claire McGonigal reported that the painting of the walls will be starting next week. The pupils will be showing directions to departments rather than inspirational slogans as initially planned as they found it too hard to agree on the slogans. There had been an issue with the children finding it hard to move the project forward whilst the windows were being replaced.

Santa Run

This was a hugely successful event with the final profit made being £1623.29. Claire reported that there is a small amount of money still to be collected which will be hard to chase. The question was raised as to whether some children may be keeping some of the money but this is very hard to monitor.

The event may now become a bi-annual event with a sponsored walk, a Macarena or something similar on the other year. Elaine Cullen said that people had mentioned it was a shame the run hadn't passed through the High Street but Irene explained that to get permission for this would add a significant cost. Should the event be short in future, such as a Macarena or Strip the Willow, this would allow it to take place during a flexible afternoon. These would also provide great photo opportunities.

Giles mentioned that the sponsorship forms for Gift Aid need to be passed to him.

Fundraising

Last meeting it was decided to take a bottle stall at the next Motor Mania, the Grantown Show and Harley weekend. It was suggested that letters went home to parents after Christmas requesting all unwanted bottles which could be brought along to Parents night. This wasn't done.

Anne Sullivan mentioned that she had taken bottle stands at Motor Mania in the past and only the stalls with alcohol, made any money. It would mean that an adult, rather than student, would have to operate the stand.

Hampers for School Show

No hampers were provided by the Parent Council for the Show as had been planned.

Letterhead

At the last meeting Sally Pilkington had asked if the Parent Council has its own letterhead. Ollie Bray will now discuss this with some of the children.

Christmas Hampers

This went ahead and the 6th years distributed the hampers to the elderly. It was a great success and they received coverage in the Badenoch & Strathspey Herald.

Rotary

At the last meeting it was agreed that Claire would make contact with the Rotary. Claire and Ollie are going to speak at a Rotary dinner. The Rotary has been very supportive of young people in the area through such things as leadership training through the Ryla Camp in the past.

Lucky Numbers

Karen Smith and Sally Pilkington met last week and drew the Lucky Numbers.

December 2012

1st – No 42, Mrs Fiona Lewis
2nd – No 40, Mrs Anne Sullivan
3rd – No 43, Mr Gary Smith

January 2013

1st – No 14, Mrs Debbie Rose
2nd – No 10, Mrs M Edwards
3rd – No 38, Mrs Ene-Karmen Forsyth

February 2013

1st – No 13, Mrs C Rutledge
2nd – No 24, Ms Jaci Douglas
3rd – No 49, Mrs S McFarlane

March 2013

1st – No 1, Ms Rebecca Reid
2nd – No 51, Ms Vicki Cowan
3rd – No 27, Mrs Sheila Grant

Karen agreed to get 100 Club forms ready for the Primary 7's Parents Night on June 19th to recruit new people.

Further Meetings

Giles raised the question of the format of future of Fundraising meetings and when and where they should take place. It was agreed that an informal meeting will now take place at the school to bring Sally up to speed following on from tonight. Giles, Karen, Sally and Claire will attend and anyone else from the Parent Council who would like to be there.

Date for this informal meeting is 22nd April at 11am.

The next formal meeting will take place on 23rd May at 7pm.

The meeting closed at 7.30pm