

BONNYRIGG PRIMARY AND NURSERY PARENTS' GROUP

Tuesday 6th June 2017

Present: Colin Wilkinson, Jennifer Allison, Sarah Stark, Carole Sneddon, Fiona Gardener, Lesley Burrell, Susan Greig, Chiraz Sellami, Justine Jones, Angela Bowman, Sarah Beck, Susan Henderson

Apologies: Cat McDermitt

1. Recap/ Update of Outstanding Actions

No outstanding actions.

2. Fundraising Update from Sarah Beck

Colin asked if we were a registered charity. Cat McDermid has confirmed that we are not due to the fact that we need trustees etc.

- School Quiz- entries to be drawn on the 16th of June. Sarah asked if this could be drawn at the school talent competition.
- Hearts Signed Ball and Rugby Top- £60 given for the rugby top in the silent auction. No bids for the Hearts ball.
- Sports Day Refreshment- £143 was raised after expenses. There is a grid competition which was running at the event and is now almost complete.
- Halloween Disco- Original date proposed was at the same time as the P7 Camp. Sarah is waiting to hear if the DJ can change the date.
- Christmas Fair feedback- Requests to hold from 11am to 2pm or in afternoon. Afternoon Nursery had not been able to come and be part of the fair. Mrs Allison said that the only issue about going into the afternoon would be that we would need to consider the security of the children at dismissal times. Provisional date is Friday 1st December 2017. Susan Greig advised keeping the Christmas Fair as simple as possible. While there are lots of things you can put on, you will need a lot of people to support events. There was some discussion about whether the Games' Room should carry on. Mrs Allison suggested that it should be put to the children as to whether or not it should go ahead- Mrs Allison will action the survey with the planning team.
- Discussion re Spring Fair in session 2018 and whether this will be a possible addition to the calendar.

3. School Finance Update

Mrs Allison shared the school annual budget with the group. Once the school pays basic expenses, £17000 is left. £11000 is put aside for stationery, crafts and jotters leaving £6000 for everything else. In staffing, money is given to cover supply. There will be a £30000 carry forward this year but the school are also committed to paying £16000 towards 1:1 support.

Mrs Allison would like some of the school painted. Some help has been given but this will cost £2000.

4. Sports Day

Mrs Allison asked for feedback. She thanked Sarah Beck and her team for running refreshments as this encouraged a good atmosphere.

Angela Bowman fed back that the new arrangement still means that parents would still need to take 2 days to see all events. There were more people at the competitive sports.

The younger children's events will be held in the morning going forward.

5. Quality Improvement Visit

Craig Biddick visited school last Tuesday 30th May. He looked at the Quality Improvement indicators to help the school to recognise what they are doing well and their next steps. From the HMiE grading system the school was graded between 4- 5 out of 6. The curriculum needs to be more structured. They should also continue to develop the Visible Learning work which is being carried out. Positive comments regarding school ethos also.

6. Staffing/ Class Changes

Mrs Allison would like a group to put together a booklet to help parents to understand how classes are put together. At the P1 meeting, parents are told that there will be changes to classes but this message isn't always being taken on board and understood. There were a number of members who would be willing to help with this.

At BPS there can only be 15 classes due to space in the building.

7. AOB/ Close

Road Safety- Colin has emailed Gillian Bathgate asking if the barriers could be longer. The council have so far said they cannot be extended.

Fun Day- Justine updated the group to let everyone know that the Fun Day planning is progressing. She has checked the equipment list with Moira in the office and some equipment has now been ordered, including larger games and resources such as the scramble net. Justine has seen lots of resources in Decathlon which seemed to meet the requirements of the school such as pop up badminton sets. The day itself has been scaled down but the kids will have the opportunity to try new activities. Be Experimental can offer each class a slot in the day. There are a range of activities to choose from including slime making, sherbet sweets and dried ice drinks. Miss Stark highlighted the need to include children with dietary needs. Decisions will be made soon as to what activities are chosen. Costs will be £1 per child and they will be given a raffle ticket which will allow them entry to draw for a selection of prizes.

Vice Chair- Susan Henderson and Justine Jones have volunteered to take this role between them. They were nominated and voted unanimously.

Colin and Mrs Allison attended child exploitation training last week.

Colin is looking at the constitution and has investigated proper role specifications for members of the Parents Council. Colin is keen to raise the membership of the group in the next session. Angela raised the need for reminders of events and meetings to be given in advance. Varying dates between Tuesday and Thursday would be helpful and would hopefully enable more people to come along to meetings. Justine raised the importance of not clashing with the meetings held at Lasswade High School.

Parent Volunteers- Feeling that this has worked better this year. Important to make sure that all volunteers are utilised.

Colin queried why there was not a P7 leavers' dance. Jennifer said that the school give the children the choice and they have chosen an event which is happening on the 23rd of June.

Jennifer closed the meeting by thanking Susan Greig for all her help as this was her last meeting.

First meeting of the Parent Council will be Thursday 7th of September 2017 at 6.45pm.