

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

Held at the school on 27th November 2012 at 7pm.

Apologies

Debbie Strang
Elaine Cullen
Robert Brown

Present

Giles Baker	Chair, Parent Council
Sally Pilkington	Vice Chair, Fundraising
Claire McGonigal	Depute Headteacher
Karen Smith	Treasurer
Lynne Stephens	
Zoe Cooke	
Kathryn Talbot-Heigh	
Catherine McAuly-Brand	
Ene – Karmen Forsyth	
Andy Liggat	
Jaci Douglas	
Kirsty Laing	School Captain, Revoan
Lindsay Coleman	Clerk

1. Appointment of new clerk

Giles Baker introduced the proposed new Clerk to the Council. 3 expressions of interest and 2 applications had been received without need for an advertising in the Strathy.. The proposal was made by Giles and Andy Liggat, Sally being unavailable for the earlier meeting. The appointment was accepted.

2. Financial Report presented by Karen Smith

There is currently £8400 of funds available to the PC.

The disco did well at raising money and made £860. This was the first ever sell out disco and it was mentioned that the children who handled the money did a really good job. Karen requested that thanks was passed back to those involved.

It was then discussed how the Pupil Council wishes to spend the money on outdoor furniture and the extension to the canteen. However there are no concrete plans yet. The sixth years are very enthusiastic; however their time is stretched at present with proms, discos etc.

Sally Pilkington suggested that the Pupil Council, which is made up of reps from each year, meet on a Monday once in the new term, so that

she can also be present. Sally is keen to keep building on the relationship between the Pupil and Parent Councils.

Claire McGonigal told the group there will be a delay with the scaffolding. The new window sills are arriving from Poland on the 19th December. The work will start on the 7th January weather dependent with the hope to finish by the end of January.

Santa Run

Claire McGonigal handed out 3 documents for the Council to approve: the first a letter to go to parents, the second letter to local businesses and the third document, a coloured sponsorship form. The letters will go out Monday giving the children two weeks to collect sponsorship. The sponsor form will be collected, photocopied and returned to the children.

Karen Smith suggested that the letter to parents should specify the route of the run and where parents can watch it and it was also decided that it should mention that children will be collecting money on the day with buckets. All 3 documents were then approved.

Lynne Stephens suggested asking for donations from businesses but Karen Smith decided that this shouldn't be done and collection buckets were adequate. All pupils will be wearing Santa hats (25p each) and senior will be in Santa suits (£3 each). School will collect funds and pass net profit to the PC.

3. Business – Sally Pilkington

The 'Strictly Come Dancing' event was a huge success and set to be repeated over two nights in 2014. Sally suggested approaching the organisers regarding sponsoring the event in return for a share of the charitable causes. This year's event made £5k with the hope of doubling in 2014.

It was agreed by the Council for Sally to proceed with this idea.

Fundraising

A discussion took place regarding ideas for fundraising. It was decided that the Council should take a bottle stall at the next Motor Mania, possibly Grantown Show and the Harley weekend in 2013. Claire voiced concern with the issue of children being involved if there is alcohol on the stand. Sally is to look in to dates, costs and to book stands. It was suggested by Kathryn to send letters home after Christmas requesting all unwanted bottles which could be brought along to Parents night.

Hampers for School Show

3 hampers are needed for the forthcoming School Show. Lynne Stephens is to write to Brodies Country Fayre, Walkers, House of Bruar and Baxters asking for donations and Ene Forsyth will contact M&S if necessary. Letters to be followed up by phone calls. If no donations are received the Council will purchase hampers on this occasion. Sally Pilkington then asked if the Parent Council has its own letterhead. Claire McGonigal agreed to speak to the schools IT consultants.

A Battle of the Bands event was discussed as there is a lot of musical talent within the school. This idea will be discussed at the Pupil Council. June would be an ideal time. Lynne Stephens to research other ideas for fundraising.

Christmas Hampers – Kirsty Laing

This year the 6th years will again be handing out Christmas hampers to the elderly. Claire McGonigal read out a letter which will go to all parents asking for donations. Everyone agreed.

Lucky Numbers

October 2012

1st – Alison Trinder

2nd – Cath Rutledge

3rd – Jaci Douglas

November 2012

1st – Nicola Dingwall

2nd – Dougie Edwards

3rd - Cathryn Bremner

Other business

Giles asked if Rotary had been contacted. Claire to make contact.

Sally to get prices for the canteen extension after Christmas. Jaci Douglas to discuss the the canteen extension plans with the Highland Council who are looking for small quick projects.

The meeting closed at 8.00pm