

Jersey College for Girls Parents' Association
Minutes of a Committee Meeting held on Monday 29th April 2013

Members Present:

Penny Carter ("PC") - Chairperson
Katherine Bolton ("KB") - Secretary
Carl Howarth ("CH") – School Principal
Cormack Timothy ("CT") – School Rep
Ruth Siodlak ("RS")
Janet Hodges ("JH") – Prep Rep
Alison Cooper ("AC")
Lyndsey Vidler ("LV")
Claire Bourne ("CB")
Alex Fearn ("AF")
Sandra Costard ("SC")
Becky Spears ("BS")
Cathy Keir ("CK")

Apologies for absence:

Kathryn Slater ("KS") – Vice Principal
Ian Meeks ("IM") - Treasurer
Stephen Whale ("SW") – Hon. Auditor
Alexa Blampied ("AB")
Allison Savery ("AS")
Fiona Atkinson ("FA")
Alison Brown ("ABn")
Laetitia Rebindaine ("LR")
Karen Hayden ("KH")

Welcome

PC welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Approval of Minutes from meeting held on 18th March 2013

The Minutes of the Meeting were approved and the chairman authorised to sign.

Matters Arising from previous Minutes

PC confirmed that information on UK grants was available on the following website www.gov.uk/student-finance.

Treasurer's Report

CH reiterated the committee agreement to fund the Leadership meal. CH confirmed this has now taken place and IM should be in receipt of an invoice from the Seven Angels to settle.

Association of Jersey Charities

AF confirmed our first success with funding. On 18th June both he and Cormack Timothy will attend a presentation at Government House to receive a cheque resulting from sponsorship from the Lions' Club 50th Anniversary Swimmarathon. As previously agreed, this sum received will be used towards the creation of the Annual Charities' Fayre which this year will be staged at Fort Regent and all schools will be invited to send students to view.

PC asked if the Prep had come up with any ideas for funding. AF agreed he would be happy to attend a PTA Meeting and present to them as funding from the Jersey Charities Association is a joint venture.

Funding Requests

CH advised of two projects which are under consideration which could benefit from funding:

1. A new minibus which will cost in the region of £25,000; and
2. An Artist in Resident who is in discussion regarding a new mural.

Following the agreement of the committee to fund the purchase of 3 Apple TV's, AF has researched and believes he can come up with a cheaper deal than that quoted to the school. The nature of the request is for a digital type box which converts data to enable it to be displayed on white screens. This equipment is proving invaluable and it was agreed, if AF could ascertain a cheaper price then it may be worth widening the net and purchasing more to secure a better price. CH agreed to revert to the other departments and enquire. AF agreed to move this ahead once he had negotiated with Apple.

Foundation Update

Following excellent publicity the Foundation is now up and running. Income to the tune of £147,000 has been secured of which £142,000 has been ploughed back into the school.

Funding from the big businesses has gone towards specific projects and is not used for salaries or staffing costs. Running costs are negligible as students assist.

CH handed around leaflets regarding the loyalty card scheme. Whilst the PA is happy to support this, there are still a number of traders' for whom the average man on the street may not use therefore, the cost of purchasing the card remains an issue.

Tertiary Funding

PC reiterated that funding applications for a student grant can be applied for on the www.gov.uk/student-finance website.

The committee noted that Mario Lundy, Director of Education, will be retiring in 2014.

JCG Website

Past minutes to be added to the website.

Terrace Project

This project should conclude in May when St Peter's Garden Centre will deliver the final order.

200 Club

Tickets to be sold at the Music Evening on Wednesday 1st May. SC, RS and KB agreed to do.

Forthcoming Events

The **leavers' service** will be held on **28th June 2013**. Teddies and Charms sell well at this event. AB to be advised to prepare some for sale. PC, RS and BS agreed to sell at lunchtime.

The **Year 6 Induction Evening** for new parents will be held on **Thursday 4th July** at 6.30. KB and CB agreed to sell teddies and hand out Parent Association flyers.

Sports Day will be held on **Monday 24th June** at the FB fields. It was suggested the PA host a Pimms Tent to encourage more people to attend. KB will co-ordinate.

PTA Trustees

PC to invite Mike Clapham to the next meeting to discuss this further and see if it can be brought to a conclusion.

Any Other Business

LV is looking at us hosting a wine tasting evening.

On Sunday 23rd June, Jacksons Garage, as lead sponsor of the Foundation, will be hosting a Pride and Joy event on College Field. Open to all, this will be a family day out so all parents' will be encouraged to bring a picnic and enjoy the cars on display.

Date for the Next Meeting

Tuesday 11th June 2013 at 6.30 p.m