Jersey College for Girls Parents' Association
Minutes of a Committee Meeting held on Monday 18th March 2013

Members Present:
Penny Carter ("PC") - Chairperson
Katherine Bolton ("KB") - Secretary
Kathryn Slater ("KS") – Vice Principal
Ruth Siodlak ("RS")
Janet Hodges ("JH") – Prep Rep
Alison Cooper ("AC")
Lyndsey Vidler ("LV")
Claire Bourne ("CB")
Alex Fearn ("AF")
Karen Hayden ("KH")

Apologies for absence:
Carl Howarth ("CH") – School Principal
Ian Meeks ("IM") - Treasurer
Stephen Whale ("SW") – Hon. Auditor
Sandra Costard ("SC")
Becky Spears ("BS")
Alexa Blampied ("AB")
Cathy Keir ("CK")
Allison Savery ("AS")
Fiona Atkinson ("FA")
Alison Brown ("ABn")
Laetitia Rebindaine ("LR")

Welcome

PC welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Approval of Minutes from meeting held on 4th February 2013

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

Matters Arising from previous Minutes

There were no matters arising from the previous minutes.

Treasurer's Report

A further cheque has been received from Easyfundraising.co.uk and this will be passed to the Treasurer.

Template for funding has been amended and now with the school office for completion by Departments.

Association of Jersey Charities

The Annual Return for the year 2013 has to be completed for the coming financial year. AF will arrange payment and will claim the £15.00 back from Prep. It was suggested that as we had settled the initial payment for the year 2012 that Prep could pay this fee and subsequent annual payments will become alternate between the senior school and Prep.

The Annual General Meeting of the Association of Jersey Charities is scheduled for July. AF agreed he will attend.

The application to the Lions Club Swimmarathon has been submitted and subsequent approval has been received that we are one of their nominated charities. In this respect, 1/50th of the funds raised will be donated to the Parents' Association and this in turn will be used to part fund the Charities Fair to be held at Fort Regent.

AF was congratulated on his efforts to secure this funding and KS confirmed it was the fact we were selected rather than being the recipient of the charity funding and not to underestimate the good idea.

Foundation Update

A detailed report had been received from Leanda Guy and sent to all committee members for information.

KB queried the Parents' Association letter which she understood was being sent to parents. As a pack of information had been received from school, the enclosed letter appeared not to have been included. KS will follow up.

Tertiary Funding

PC has received an update from a lady who had communicated to her previously. In her update she advised anyone who wishes to apply for funding can apply for a UK student loan as long as students have lived in Jersey for at least three years. This lady has done so and has been completely upfront with the authorities with the application.

In this respect, PC indicated she was making contact with the relevant authorities to apply and will test the water with her response before advising Year 13 students of the details.

PC also updated the meeting that David Carter had tried to make contact with other Parents' Associations but had been unsuccessful.

JCG Website

Parents are encouraged to keep using and familiarizing themselves with the content. Parents can also use the site for advertising uniform. The school continue to keep on top of modern methods of communicating with both parents and students using Facebook and Twitter.

Terrace Project

KB has met with Jeni at St Peter's Garden Centre. Jeni confirmed she has enough purchases to bring this matter to a conclusion. At May half term she wishes to bring a lorry to the school to deliver and refresh current planters. KB will provide her with the caretaker's contact details so she can liaise.

200 Club

RS has produced the tickets for the 200 club and committee members are encouraged to sell as many as possible. First draw will take place at the end of May to accommodate the Easter school holidays.

Any Other Business

CB has spoken with a contact who advises there is no Parents' Association at Hautlieu. Instead they invite parents to open forums and suggested we could do the same. KS advised Parents' are invited to open forums at school at they attend at their choice.

LV suggested hosting a wine tasting evening and will make further enquiries.

Date for the Next Meeting

Monday 29th April 2013 at 6.30 p.m