

Jersey College for Girls Parents' Association
Minutes of a Committee Meeting held on Monday 16th September 2013

Members Present:

Penny Carter ("PC") - Chairperson
Katherine Bolton ("KB") - Secretary
Ian Meeks ("IM") - Treasurer
Cormack Timothy ("CT") – School Rep
Janet Hodges ("JH") – Prep Rep
Becky Spears ("BS")
Karen Hayden ("KH")
Alison Cooper ("AC")
Lyndsey Vidler ("LV")
Stephen Whale ("SW") – Hon. Auditor
Alex Fearn ("AF")

Apologies for absence:

Carl Howarth ("CH") – School Principal
Kathryn Slater ("KS") – Vice Principal
Sandra Costard ("SC")
Cathy Keir ("CK")
Laetitia Rebindaine ("LR")
Ruth Siodlak ("RS")
Alexa Blampied ("AB")
Claire Bourne ("CB")
Allison Savery ("AS")
Fiona Atkinson ("FA")
Alison Brown ("ABn")

In Attendance: Sandra Noel

Welcome

PC welcomed everyone to the meeting, in particular guest Sandra Noel whose daughter is new to Year 7.

Approval of Minutes from meeting held on 11th June 2013

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

Matters Arising from previous Minutes

There were no matters arising from the previous minutes.

Treasurer's Report

Report will be available in full at the forthcoming AGM, however, current funds available amount to £3,200. Current stocks of teddies are Nil and IM will arrange a new order.

200 Club

IM would be keen to see the 200 club started at the beginning of the school year to capture new Parents.

Association of Jersey Charities

AF is happy to continue to liaise with the Association of Jersey Charities to ensure we meet the submission requirements of Annual Returns and Accounts. AF has worked on putting a proposal together to ensure both JCG Prep and the main school work together as both schools will benefit from the funding. Details are attached. The Charitable Status also ensures appropriate discounts are available from suppliers and each committee should look to review requests, review and consider suppliers and agree their own priorities. AF will work out a method of co-ordination and each year the school can apply for one grant up to a maximum of £30,000.

Lions Club of Jersey Charity Funding

AF advised that both he and Cormack Timothy attended Government House to receive the funding cheque from the Lions Club of Jersey Annual Swimmathon. This funding will be used towards the organization of the Charities Fayre being organized by JCG to be held at Fort Regent to which all schools will be invited to send along pupils.

JCG Foundation

AF reported he had attended the Foundation Meeting in PC's absence. AF reported back that there are technical issues regarding the transfer of monies to create a new Trust Fund and this needed reviewing in more detail.

Tertiary Funding

PC advised the Committee that her daughter applied for a UK Loan and to date, the application has been successful. The only missing information is that of a National Insurance Number and once she has this and the funds in her account, PC will advise the committee finally so that other parents' can move ahead and make an application.

Website details are: www.gov.uk/student-finance. Students applying to Student Finance Jersey for a loan are not eligible to apply for the UK grant.

PTA Trust Fund

It was discussed and agreed that an EGM should be held before our AGM in order to amend the constitution to form a new Committee for the purposes of transferring funds from the PTA Trust Fund,. However, PC stated she would like to speak with Bob Hassell and Advocate Clapham again before pursuing. In any event, only 14 days' notice is required and this gave an additional week to formally decide whether to pursue.

Forthcoming Events

New Parents' Social Evening to be held on **Tuesday 8th October**. As this is normally a date when the Parents' Association have a chance to lobby new parents' on to the committee, it was suggested that the AGM be moved by one week to **Tuesday 15th October at 6.30**.

Annual General Meeting

This is an opportunity to elect new officers to the Committee. PC advised she will be stepping down and suggested AF consider the role. AF indicated he needed more time to think this through but in the meantime, PC advised she would remain till Christmas if no one wished to be elected to the position.

Any Other Business

Wine Tasting

LV is continuing to liaise with Leanda Guy to arrange.

World Record Attempt

CT and KH advised this has been cancelled. Following a review of the Guinness World Record Website, it appears a school in Iceland have beaten Jersey to the challenge and a new record now stands which would be impossible for us to beat.

Curriculum Query

One parent has made contact with her year group rep to express concern that PE is not a curriculum subject for girls in the 6th Form. Mr. Timothy explained students do have the option to pursue as part of the enrichment programme as well as having access to the cardio vascular facilities at Langford. Currently it is an 'opt in' option and not compulsory. However, the school is aware of the situation and looking to reorganize staff and seek additional funding so that it can be put back on the timetable for next and future years.

Date for the Next Meeting

Date for the next **General Meeting – Tuesday 15th October 2013 at 7.00 p.m preceded by The Annual General Meeting commencing at 6.30 in The Dome.** *Note, this date has been amended in order to issue notices to the new year 7 parents at the welcome evening scheduled for Tuesday 8th October.*