Jersey College for Girls Parents' Association Minutes of a Committee Meeting held on Monday 8th October 2012 and Tuesday 23rd October 2012

Members Present: 08.10.12

Penny Carter ("PC") - Chairperson Katherine Bolton ("KB") - Secretary

Ian Meeks ("IM") - Treasurer

Kathryn Slater ("KS") – Vice Principal Stephen Whale ("SW") – Hon. Auditor

Janet Hodges ("JH") - Prep Rep

Ruth Siodlak ("RS")

Sandra Costard ("SC")

Alison Cooper ("AC")

Cathy Keir ("CK") – Parent

Lyndsey Vidler ("LV") – Parent

Karen Hayden ("KH") – Parent

Becky Spears ("BS") - Parent

Eddie McGaraggle ("EM") – Parent

Claire Bourne ("CB")

Apologies for absence: 08.10.12

Carl Howarth ("CH") - School Principal

Alexa Blampied ("AB")

Alex Fearn ("AF")

Fiona Atkinson ("FA")

Laetitia Rebindaine ("LR") Sarah Cornish – Parent

Katrina Ibbotson - Parent

Members Present: 23.10.12

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Andrew Willis - Headteacher JCG Prep

Lindsey Walton - Secretary JCG Prep PTA

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Welcome

PC welcomed everyone to the meeting

Approval of Minutes from meeting held on 17th September 2012

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

The report was covered during the Annual General Meeting and there was nothing further to add as no income or expenditure has taken place since.

200 Club

200 Club will start in the new year.

Raffle Selling

Caroline Davies and Philippa Le Feuvre will be approached to enquire if, as a Group, we can sell raffle tickets at both the Shakespeare Evening and the One World concert.

Terrace Project

A final push to get plants into the planters will be made to parents.

Jersey Water 130th Anniversary Fund Appeal

AF has been working on this application which has been submitted. Notification of the outcome following their meeting to discuss will come circa 7th November.

Uniform Website

The website for selling second hand uniform has been set up on Facebook. Login to: JCG school uniform secondhand Shop. This will be tested by the committee first before going live to parents.

University Funding

PC confirmed a meeting had been arranged with the Education Minster, Patrick Ryan and Andy Gibbs and a report would be brought to the next meeting. Following that meeting which was attended by PC, AF and LR, LR compiled a report of the questions submitted and the resulting comments and circulated these to the Committee at the meeting of 23 October. (Attached to and forming a part of these minutes.)

T Committee agreed that other parents should be made aware of the issue, as it was not just a JCG matter. It was also suggested that raising the issue amongst States Memberswould be helpful. CH believes that the relationship being formed with the Education Department is beneficial, however, in Carl's view lobbying on behalf of the parents for additional funding would have more weight were it to include all parents and not just those from JCG. CH supported the Committee and offered the premises at JCG should the Committee wish to use them for a meeting to which parent associations from other schools could be invited. PC thanked Carl for

his kind offer and it was agreed to continue and endeavour to involve other schools as soon as possible.

Association of Jersey Charities

This will be moved ahead following the Special General Meeting planned for Tuesday 23rd October to amend the constitution. Following the approval of the constitution the online application process will be submitted by 6th November. Should the application be successful, both JCG PA and the JCG PTA will be benefit and both will be considered as independent applicants. GST will no longer be payable and reclaims on any purchases can be backdated.

PTA Trustees

PC agreed to contact Advocate Clapham to invite him to a meeting to discuss.

Foundation Funding and PA Funding

At a recent Foundation Meeting, the PA and Foundation set out a plan for the coming year in order to achieve a common approach to funding. AF feels there is a space for the two groups to exist which collectively will become more successful. AF will continue to work with CH to achieve the balance.

Any Other Business

Request for Funding for Visiting Artist

A request from the Biology Department to fund an Artist to paint a mural in the science block was not passed. The committee felt there were sufficient talented artists in the school who could do this. More detail would be required before they would consider this request.

Photograph

Comment was passed that the recent photograph which appeared in the JEP of girls' attending prize giving did not create a good impression. With lots of legs and hair on show, they looked untidy and the image may not have presented well to JEP readers.

Shakespeare Evening

AF passed on his thanks for the evening. He commented it was a memorable experience.

Date for the Next Meeting

Date of next meeting: SGM will take place on Tuesday 23rd October to be followed by the next Committee Meeting. Date for next committee meeting in November TBC