

**Jersey College for Girls Parents' Association**  
**Minutes of a Committee Meeting held on Monday 29<sup>th</sup> September 2014**

**Members Present:**

Penny Carter ("PC") - Chairperson  
Katherine Bolton ("KB") - Secretary  
Ian Meeks ("IM") - Treasurer  
Peter Marett ("PM") – School Rep  
Ruth Siodlak ("RS")  
Alison Cooper ("AC")  
Alison Soulsby ("AS")  
Lyn Vidler ("LV")  
Vivien St George ("VSG")  
Stephen Whale ("SW") – Hon. Auditor  
Cathy Keir ("CK")  
Alex Fearn ("AF")

**Apologies for absence:**

Carl Howarth ("CH") – School Principal  
Becky Spears ("BS")  
Sandra Costard ("SC")  
Sally-Ann Carter ("SAC")  
Sandra Noel ("SN")  
Janet Hodges ("JH") – Prep Rep  
Clare Bourne ("CB")  
Alexa Blampied ("AB")  
Sandra Esnouf ("SE")  
Fiona Atkinson ("FA")  
Alison Brown ("ABn")  
Karen Hayden ("KH")  
Leanda Guy ("LG") – Foundation Director

**Welcome**

PC welcomed everyone to her last committee meeting as it is her intention to stand down from this position at the October AGM and concentrate on her efforts to become a Parent Governor.

**Approval of Minutes from meeting held on 19<sup>th</sup> June 2014**

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

**Matters Arising from previous Minutes**

PC currently amending the Constitution following changes made at the Special General Meeting held on 19<sup>th</sup> June 2014.

**Treasurer's Report**

Currently £2,250.00 in Association Bank Account plus £499.73 in the Co-Op Account. Leadership meal has not taken place. If the situation changes, £600.00 to be allocated.

Major expense for the year was the purchase of the House score board. KB to contact June Fosse to ensure the board is sign written to reflect it has been donated by the Parents' Association. Invoice for signwriting will be additional to the board purchase.

Income for the year came through the sale of teddies, Easyfundraising, Quiz made £450.00 and the Christmas raffle approx. £700.00

Teddy audit count required for Annual Accounts.

**Association of Jersey Charities**

The revised application was submitted. Correspondence received from the Association confirmed our application for funding a new minibus had been successful at a price just below £25,000.000. AF confirmed the minibus has been ordered through TTS and delivery currently awaited from the supplier.

The committee offered a vote of thanks to Alex Fearn for instigating and being the backbone behind the application. Once livery has been applied – to include reference to a donation by the Parents' Association – the invoice should pass through the Parents' Association

account. The vehicle will be a combined resource between the senior school and Prep with wider use by local charities during the school holidays.

Becoming a Charity has been a long, drawn out hurdle and the Association is grateful for the efforts and resilience displayed by Alex Fern in achieving the final result. In order to continue the work and ensure current membership, a successor will need to step forward and be appointed at the forthcoming AGM.

Annual Return payment will be required in April each year. The next opportunity for grant application consideration will be July 2015.

### **Tertiary Funding**

Tertiary Funding supported by the UK Government has recently come to the attention of the media. Cases are being reviewed on an individual basis. PC has brought the situation to the attention of the forthcoming Senatorial candidates at a recent Hustings meet.

Comments raised in the JEP by the departing Education Minister and others may prove to be a cause for alarm. Parents' Association should be aware and may need to equip themselves with responses of parents should the situation escalate in future.

### **Foundation Update**

AF reported he attended the Pride & Joy event held in June on College Field. Great cars and good attendance. PM confirmed excellent attendance was also reported at the Coppafeel event and significant media coverage should boost the requirement for Breast Cancer awareness.

### **200 Club**

RS has kindly produced tickets and circulated to the meeting. KB agreed to circulate flyers by parentmail with an anticipated first draw scheduled for end October.

### **Forthcoming Events**

#### ***Quiz Night***

SW and PM will liaise nearer the date (April)

#### ***Summer Ball***

Looking to combine efforts with the Foundation who has a number of key contacts. A meeting has been arranged with Leanda scheduled for Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> October to discuss.

### **Any Other Business**

KB had received comment from a Year 7 parent anxious about a theft from her daughter's locker. This appears a perennial problem with faulty padlocks and negligence. What secondary adhoc arrangement can be introduced when an emergency arises? Is there a temporary space which can be utilized? PM will enquire.

AC queried no Leadership Meal taking place before the end of term. Also, the change of policy not to present the Leadership Team with their awards at Annual Prize Giving. To hand out at A Level Awards evening does not seem appropriate, in light of the fact the girls' have carried out their duties to the benefit of the whole school and the school should appreciate their efforts, not just a small group of parents.

AF and PC indicated their intentions to stand for election as Parent Governor. AF thanked PC on behalf of the committee as she pursues selection for this role and will not be seeking

re-election as Chairman in October. PM thanks PC for her commitment to the Association on behalf of the College.

**Date for the Next Meeting**

Monday 13<sup>th</sup> October 2014 at 7.00 following the Annual General Meeting.