Greenbrae PTA Meeting

10th September 2019

**Present**

Julie Morgan (Chair) Leianna Minty

Sarah Reid (Depute Chair) Jill Whyte

Claire Gray Jasmin Deshpande

Vicki White Laura Park

Lyne Turnbull Mr Gray

Beth Hay Mrs Taylor (Depute Head)

**1. Apologies for absence**

NC, JS

**2. Approval of previous minutes**

JW & SR

**3. Matters Arising**

Dinky Docs – Mrs Taylor to confirm numbers and costing with Dinky Docs and report back to Committee. **Action: Mrs Taylor**

Panto – Mrs Taylor confirmed that Miss Royle is happy to go ahead with a Panto trip if the PTA is willing to cover the cost difference discussed at the last meeting. It was also noted that it is likely that the trip will be split across two days due to the logistics of transporting the increased school roll. **Action: Mrs Taylor to provide costs**

Playground Equipment – JM stated that with the likely committed spend that it would be unlikely that any new playground equipment (large scale) could be bought this session and asked whether it could be considered as a focus for fundraising moving forward.

Mrs Taylor confirmed she has spoken with School Management and identified the contact within the Council to identify areas for development. **Action: Mrs Taylor to feedback**

**4. Treasurer Signatories**

The current signatories are JM and Louise Anderson. It was agreed to retain LA until new signatories are in place.

JD has already completed the relevant forms to be added and SR agreed to do the same. **Action: SR**

**5. Committed Spends**

JM outlined the **approximate** costs for the upcoming committed spends as the following:

Laptops – £4000. Mr Gray said that there is currently issues with ordering as the laptops available have a different operating system to what is currently used in Education. Mrs Taylor suggested Chrometabs or Chromebooks may be a better alternative. **Action: Mr Gray to keep committee informed**

Listening Centres - £500. Mrs Taylor detailed that there is now an alternative product which she is considering that is better value. It was agreed that £500 would be given to be spent at her discretion.

Panto/Parties - £3500. It was noted that this cost has risen from previous years due to the increased school roll and ticket prices.

Class Top Ups - £2250.

**6. New Requests**

JM asked Mrs Taylor if there were any new requests from staff. She said she had been asked if the PTA would be willing to contribute to the cost of new Math resources such as metre sticks, trundle wheels, clocks, coins, stopwatches etc. JM asked Mrs Taylor to prepare costs to be considered at the next meeting. It was also discussed that alternative purchasing channels be considered to guarantee best value. **Action: Mrs Taylor**

Mrs Taylor also discussed a list of outdoor resources suggested by the PSA’s. It was noted that some of the items have already been considered/purchased and that a new list be compiled. **Action: Mrs Taylor to speak to PSA’s and report back**

**7. Christmas Card update**

JM asked Mr Gray when the Christmas Card packs could be distributed to class teachers. It was agreed that in order to meet the mid-October deadline, the packs should be distributed this week and sent home by Friday 13th at the latest with the return date being Friday 4th October.

**8. Aldi**

LM told the Committee about the Aldi Competition currently running with the chance to win £20,000 to build a health legacy. As well as the chance to win the cash prize, sports kits are also available for completing their sticker poster collections, meaning that the school could benefit from additional equipment in the process. **Action: Mrs Taylor to locate kit in school/apply for kit.**

**9. AOB**

LM detailed she’d received some negative feedback about the discos, specifically around there being no theme. JM clarified that the discos are held as inclusive events to ensure that all children at school are able to attend regardless of religious/cultural background. JM stated she would issue the disco dates on the PTA Facebook page and denote the “inclusive” policy. **Action: JM**

CG asked the Committee for new ideas for fundraising. VW suggested a “Wear Luminous/Neon Day”. She had seen the idea on social media with the focus being to raise awareness of Children’s Mental Health. It was suggested that this could be incorporated at the end of the planned school “health” programme in October. Suggestions for naming the day were “Shine Bright” and “Light up your Life”. It was agreed that donations would be asked for rather than a set cost. The potential date for this event is Friday 11th October. **Action: Mrs Taylor to confirm this is possible.**

CG suggested that the Committee choose a date in the New Year, potentially March, to hold a fundraising event. The suggestions were either a Race Night or Bingo Night. JW said that the local Country Club would be a good venue and agreed to check availability and prices. **Action: JW**

Next meeting will be held on Tuesday 5th November 2019 in Greenbrae School Staff Room at 6.30pm