**Gorebridge Primary Parent Teacher Association Meeting: Monday 1st April**

**Gorebridge Primary School – Community Rooms 9 – 10**

**Attended:** Carey, Rhona, Ellen, Julie, Vicky

**Apologies:** Lynne, Nicola M, Janine, Mhairi, Claire

1. **Review of March Minutes.** Minutes were agreed and actions carried forward are:
2. Ask parents throughout the year for **bottle bags and presents for lucky dip stall** – left over party bags.

**Action: School office** to include in our section of the next newsletter

**Action: Nicky** to post on FB over Easter break

1. **PTA note at nursery & promotion in foyer**, Carey confirmed this is in the foyer and we do include in the raffle letter. Carey must write the annual report for the AGM in October – once this is written we can recycle for use at nursery and foyer.

**Action: Seonaid to prepare now AGM is complete**

1. **Notice board** **– Action: Julie** to check with Skanska about this, cost would have to be approved at a full meeting.
2. **Feedback for Immersive Experience – Action: Julie** to email feedback. All agreed was a great educational day, pupils and staff got a lot out of it, worth the expenditure.
3. **Cost of the School Day Update:**
* Carey advised that the plans for the cooker were no longer being taken forward due to the cost from Skanska and they fact that Midlothian Council would not agree to the increased ongoing costs.
* Carey advised she had confirmation from Midlothian Council that any remaining funds could be used for additional cooking lessons/support. So, for that she has asked the school to consider what are the barriers to cooking on a regular basis – training, recipes, equipment etc. Julie advised it would be great to have the learning assistants complete the basic hygiene course to allow them to lead sessions – potentially in May In Service Day. **Action: Ellen** to cost 2 x 3-hour sessions in May in service day
* The shoe library will be up and running after the holidays – massive thanks to Janine for all her work on this and looking after the shoe donations!
* The evaluation form is to be submitted 1st May and will be signed off at the Parent Council meeting on Thursday 25th April.
1. **HMIE Update**

Report has been issued and is accessible to all on the gov website and an email went to all on the day of publication. The PC did submit a response to the draft report and will be working with the School on the action plans and recommendations. Steve will be holding a session with parents to go over his vision for the school.

1. **Summer Fair Fri 7th June**

Unfortunately, we have no fire brigade as they are at another event on the day.

Confirmed are: Red Cross, Police, Bouncy Castle, Gail will do some home baking for us and Jill will be doing food and has discussed with Gail (cook), ASC will have a stall this year too and they will be doing the face painting and splitting the takings with us again.

**Donation dress down** – donations on Thursday 23rd May and Friday 24th May – dress down will be on the Friday, each child will get a raffle ticket where they can win a free face paint/bouncy castle shot/glitter tattoo for each set of donations.

**Action: Rhona** to help Jill

**Action: Mhairi** to confirm is balloons will be available this year

**Action: Carey** to buy sumo suits, ducks and skittles

**Action: Seonaid** is organising the raffle this year

**Action:** Julie to ask for volunteers for the fair

1. **AOB**
* Carey asked the school to do some promotion of the Free Fun Fridays and our events: **Action: Julie** to take forward
* Carey advised that we have approved £100 approx. to fund Active School programme for P1-3 for year end.
* PEF money – Julie advised consultation would be issued on what to spend our money on next year. Carey confirmed Nurture, Home school Practitioner and Walking Bus. There was then a discussion on the walking bus and Ellen volunteered to do a poster promoting and looking for volunteers – **Action: Julie** to send photo of walking bus to Ellen **Action: Ellen** to do poster.

After the meeting we were asked to provide approx. £400 of funding for new school football kits which was agreed over email by Carey, Debbie, Nicola M, Janis and Vic.

**Next meeting: Monday 13th May**