**Minutes of the Parent Partnership Meeting**

Wednesday 22nd February 2023

In attendance:  Marna Mesbahi (PPG Chair ) Su Duthie (PPG Treasurer), Mhairi Cumming, Colin Cumming, Erin Johnston

Ali Turbitt (HSP), Susan Henderson, Leigh Henderson (DHT),

Apologies: Jenny Donaldson, Hayley Birchmore Pauline Marr (Head Teacher),

Agenda

* Finances
* Spring Fair

Finances:

£2400 currently sitting in the pot!

Communication:

General feedback from parents is that communication could still be a bit tighter. We did discuss how hard it can be a times to reach everyone. Paper copies of the calendar/reminders have been helpful in addition to the emails. Marna did say that the termly monthly newsletter with key dates was useful in the past. We will discuss this further with Pauline. We will also make use of coloured paper for printing as black print against white can be difficult to read.

Marna said she will put together a PP Newsletter/ what PPG is to create interest.

Social Media- The school are relaunching communication through Twitter. PPG to continue to use PP Facebook page.

Outdoor Learning – Trips to the woods have reduced significantly this term due to the weather. We have based ourselves in the playground or in school (engaging in Stem related activities and/or PE) As the children will still go outside regularly throughout the day, warm outdoor clothing is still advised but the school will add to the mail drop that visits to the woods this term have reduced. Ali has put in a request to Beeslack HS and parents for any donations of spare warm outdoor clothing to store here (we can use for camp/ outdoor learning). PP also said that was something they could help with

PP presence at Parents Consultations – Marna, Ali, Erin and Leigh will be there

We will display information on up and coming events this session which parents could support. There will also be a sign up sheet for parents to add their names to asking if they would like to become a committee member or if they would prefer to participate in some events.

Spring Fair – 5th May 10- 1pm let to 2pm

Spring theme – to be based in the Willow Tunnel part of the playground - keep to one date and we can move inside if necessary. Susan suggested anything which involves teachers in terms of stalls would create interest!

P7s could have separate stalls and they could ring fence that money for P7 end of term trips ( nails, hair spray, beat the goalie) Leigh to suggest this to P7s, they could suggest a target which they would like to raise.

Ideas

Ping pong ball into bag

Tombolla Leigh to ask for donations

Tattoos

Guess the Teddy’s age– Mhairi will make the teddy (Strathesk PS theme) and Ali will donate pre loved old uniforms Week before the school will introduce the teddy and competition to create the name.

Ask children to donate pre loved toys/books. P7/P6 Leigh to arrange in April

P1-5 create their own crafts. PP will provide costs for materials to create

Teas and coffees

Raffles- Identify businesses for donations – Marna will draw up a list of local businesses who we could contact.

Ali suggested creating a picnic hamper, Colin suggested Asda/ B&M. Erin will look into this.

Ali suggested vouchers for a day trip eg. Zoo, Dalkeith Country Park

Leigh to timetable classes in.

Leigh to ask Jill the cook if it’s possible to have bacon rolls to sell

Leigh to check with Pauline if we could offer wrapped muffins etc.

Nursery to do a make and take stall

Ali suggested speaking to Chris about encouraging the children to plant their own seeds for the fair. Colin suggested contacting Pentland Plants about tray/ plant donations/ teas and coffee voucher, Ali will ask.

Mhairi will approach ambulance service, Marna will contact the police

AOB:

Date of next meeting Friday 17th March 2023