



GREYSTONES  
**Educate Together**  
Parent's Association

**Parent's Association Meeting - Date: 8/3/2010**

**Present:** Catherine Matthews, Garrett Phelan, Sarah Kernaghan, Steven McLaughlin, Lee Bonass

**Apologies:** Ramona Parkes, Evan Furlong, Lisa Sterritt, Patrick Cusack, Sara Fontonnaz

**Minutes:** Lee Bonass

Items for discussion	Executed By	Outcome:
Item 1: St. Patrick's Day Parade	All	<p>Approximately 40 children from the school have returned forms in order to participate in the parade. Sarah K has taken hold of the artistic project involving recycled milk carton flowers and cardboard insects, assisted by two senior infant parents. In accordance with our rainbow/diversity theme, Catherine M is organising the children to sing 'To everyone around the world' for the parade review stand.</p> <p>PA is ordering 50 T-shirts in bright colours for the children to wear while marching. Option to donate payment to cover costs of T-shirts will be offered to parents. Chaperones (school parents) will be wearing the green Greystones Educate Together T-Shirts so they will be easily spotted by the kids.</p> <p>GET banner to be carried by two parents leading the children. Garrett to source pole for banner.</p>

Item 2: PA Constitution	All	Further expansions made to Steven's draft constitution. Points in need of discussion are: Properly defining PA Committee roles Defining what constitutes a quorum (easiest solution is 50% + 1) Which sections can be firmly refined.
Item 3: Green Schools	SF	Ideas proposed by Sara via email and discussed at meeting include:  • Planting fruit trees down the driveway. The council can be contacted as to the viability of this. It is also possible to plant fruit trees in pots and planters, as an alternative.  • Climbing plants. Steven to come up with suggestions of long term planting ideas.
Item 4: Perspex Box	GP	Garrett to discuss the potential of a Perspex box (noticeboard), to be fixed to the exterior wall of the school, with Joseph Cryan.
Item 5: Noticeboard	All	It is to be determined whether the Parents Noticeboard is in fact a PA noticeboard, or a noticeboard for all parents and individuals to post on. Committee to keep an eye on the things that appear on the board.
Item 6: Internet Safety Evening	PatC	Pat is initiating a parents internet safety evening. This information session would outline the importance of monitoring children online and raise awareness of current social media issues. This event is proposed for April.

<p>Item 7: Points brought to the committee from Principal Catherine</p> <p>People of the year award</p> <p>Jack and Jill foundation</p> <p>Easter Egg Hunt</p> <p>PA Minutes</p>	<p>All</p>	<p>Committee has information letter and are not sure of the PA role in this.</p> <p>Pat to possibly think of PR idea to generate parental assistance in gathering used mobiles phones. PA to consider asking the whole parent body to advertise this in their work places as a way of maximising donations. PA to focus efforts on this project in the immediate term,</p> <p>Not to take place this year as committee investing efforts into St Patrick's Day Parade.</p> <p>Lee to copy Principal Catherine on meeting minutes.</p>
<p>Item 8: Open Day</p>	<p>All</p>	<p>The Board of Management is seeking assistance from the PA for an Open Day to be held in the school on April 10<sup>th</sup>, 2010. Committee has copy of open day report which includes details about the need for parental volunteers for tours, activity supervision and baking cakes for the event. PA may consider doing a powerpoint presentation or a poster presentation to highlight the achievements. Committee to focus efforts on this in the immediate term.</p>

Library Proposal	All	A proposal was presented to the committee which suggests developing the library and making best use of the significant funds raised in past fundraisers. This would include new furniture and bookshelves by a specialist supplier. Garrett to present it to BOM and principal Catherine to have a look at the proposal prior to presentation.
Extra Curricular Activities	CM	School based extra curricular activities expression of interest forms were circulated and next stage is to offer places in consultation with Principal Catherine.
AOB		<p>Committee resignations tendered by Heather Page and Emma Smith. The PA would like to acknowledge both parents good intentions in joining the committee and hope that the PA can benefit from their involvement in the future.</p> <p>Norma has postponed her committee membership in lieu of resignation.</p>
Next meeting: Monday April 12th		