

Minutes of the Godinton Primary School Equality Working Group Monday 12th March 2018

Present : Sarah Stein (SS)
Steve King (SK)
Katrina Virgo (KV)
Charlotte Wright (CW)
Tanya Clark (TC)
Jenny Barton (JB)

Apologies : None

1. Welcome and Introductions :

SS welcomed TC and JB to the Group and introduced those present. SS explained the origin and purpose of the Group.

2. Fund Raising for iPads :

SS advised that for Sports Relief the school is holding a 'Wacky Mile Walk' with 50% of the proceeds going to Sports Relief and 50% to school funds. It has been decided that the schools share should be used towards the proposed iPads. SS will include details of the i-pad project in the letter being sent out about the 'Wacky Mile Walk'.

CW reported that she had been in touch with some local businesses to seek sponsorship and has so far received the following promises :

- Givaudan £50.00.
- Premier Foods £300.00.
- Brakes A selection of biscuits and sweets.
- Coty Have said that they will consider.

The Group thanked CW for the excellent results which already provided enough to buy 1 iPad including a protective cover. (*Estimated cost of an i-pad with protective cover £320.00 to £350.00*).

CW advised that she felt the success was due to her requests being targeted to the specific i-Pad project. Discussion followed regarding approaches to other companies and it was agreed that a standard letter would be produced to seek sponsors for the project. SS agreed to produce a letter and circulate it to Group members. A number of companies / organisations were suggested to be approached as follows :

- IT Companies particularly Apple, who are believed to have provided the IT equipment for Lenham School, and Currys PC World.
- Keel toys.
- GSE.
- Main contractors (KV to investigate).
- A Masonic Lodge.

Use of the crowd funding site set up to collect funds in memory of Miss Rickets was raised as a possible means of raising some money for the i-Pads.

SS reported that no decision had been reached over the future use of this site and suggested raising at a Governing Body meeting for a decision.

A query was raised whether there was scope for a lottery fund bid. The consensus was that this project is likely to be too low in value for consideration.

The Group considered how best to use the offer from Brakes and initially felt the items could be raffled. This led to a suggestion that the Group had a stall at the schools Summer Fair due to take place on Saturday 30th June 2018. It was agreed that the stall should not have an impact on PTFA funds. The Group concluded that a stall would provide an opportunity to promote awareness of the Group, in particular the i-Pad project and allow canvassing views from those attending the fair. It was agreed that this would be considered in more detail at the next meeting of the Group. SS will discuss the idea with the PTFA chair.

3. Equality Objectives :

SS Advised that the school is required to publish Equality Objectives and they are due to be published by the end of March 2018. SK confirmed that the objectives covered a four year period but should be reviewed annually and they should be linked to the school improvement plan.

SS had carried out some research and proposed the following areas :

- GLD in Year R.
- Pupil premium progress, particularly in writing.
- To promote understanding and respect for differences.

The Group agreed the proposed areas. SS look at wording for the objectives and circulate to Group members. The objectives will be published on the school website and SK will include details in his article for the March newsletter.

4. Promoting understanding and respect for differences :

SS reported that in line with the objective to promote understanding and respect for differences she is in the process of designing a display to go up in school covering dyslexia. SS added that it is hoped that later in the year she will change the display to cover ASD and then move on to other areas thereafter. The Group were supportive of the proposed action and provided some suggestions for inclusion in the display.

5. Date of Next Meeting :

Monday 4th June 2018 at 9:00am.