**Gartmore School Partnership (GSP)**

**Meeting**

**Monday 28th October 2019 7-8.30pm**

**Gartmore Primary School**

Attendees: Fiona Buchanan (Head Teacher), Simon Evans (Chair), Stephen Hart (treasurer), Hannah Robinson (Secretary) Simon Franks, Anne Jackson, Anne Walker, Claire McIntyre, Joy Henderson,

1. Chair’s welcome and apologies (SE)

The welcomed everyone.

Apologies received from Elita & John P, Jackie & John H, Kelly & Chris Naylor.

1. Matters arising from minutes from the Previous Meeting (SE)
   1. Mrs Hennessy’s hours have now reduced with Breakfast Club staff now welcoming children in the playground in the morning, allowing the focus of hours to teaching support in class.
   2. Question raised by Elita raising the possibility of the GSP covering these costs from fundraising/own funds. This was discussed but the level of funding required, though possible short term was not deemed to be a sustainable way forward.
   3. Following up from the discussion at the AGM regarding janitor services, Fiona has had offers from other headteachers for specific occasions rather than a regular support. Stirling Council is looking into devolved budgets for these kind of costs and Fiona will report back on progress with this.
   4. Play equipment in the School field is now fixed, many thanks to the Walkers for this.
   5. Road Safety week is going ahead 18 November, with attendance from the Police to monitor speeds on the Main Street.
   6. Fiona and Jane to work together to support the Breakfast and Afterschool club new ideas for activities.

**Action: Simon to check in with Jane, and send a letter from the GSP to the council to request the reinstatement of the lost hours**

**Action: Fiona to check if Breakfast Club is covered by the School insurance for the time 8.45-9.00 am to clarify liabilities.**

1. Matters arising since last meeting (SE)
   1. Anne J checked in about the potential for the GSP to run a Hogmanay ceilidh, however, the Hall Committee are running a Hogmanay event.
   2. Wee Grants for Wee groups – Robertson Trust. Opportunity shared for new funding pot £500-£2,000 with a workshop in Stirling at the Barracks Conference Centre10.00-12.00 Tuesday 5th November. Joy suggested that the reinvigorated Heritage Society has early plans for an historical walk round the Village, with the potential to involve the children.

**Actions: It was suggested that there was potential for the Heritage Society to apply if there were to be costs associated. Anne J to consider attending and Hannah to circulate more widely to see if any parents were able to/could/wanted to attend**.

**Heritage Society to work with Fiona regarding fit with School plans for the forthcoming year as their project develops.**

1. Communications (SE)

Simon as new Chair feels the GSP could better communicate its role and successes, and generally - ’what’s going on’ with both parents and the wider community, encouraging attendance at meetings and the different ways people can get involved. Suggested that we produce an annual infographic to illustrate the years activities, ‘*did you know?*’, ‘*you can make a difference, ways you can help’* and insert this into the Gartmore News.

**Action: Stephen to action**

Other suggestions included: a write up of the Bearsden Fiddlers fundraiser, and how to have better communications between the difference committees in the community.

1. Headteacher’s Report (FB)
   1. Thanks to Claire G for the enormous amount of work that went into and the great fun had by all who attended the Bearsden Fiddlers fundraising event.
   2. Thanks too to Claire Evans for organisation of the 10k and Fun Run.
   3. Ps 6 &7 congratulated on coming second at the McLaren Learning Community Athletics Event
   4. P7 & 1 P6 took part in the Learning Community Maths Challenge.
   5. The School received good press on the success of the Inspection
   6. Staff have had training in firelighting, moderation of work (across other schools), training from SSERC (Science & Engineering Research Council), and training and a grant have been received from Learning through Landscapes (£500)

**Action: all parents are invited to help clear out the school shed, pm on Friday 1st Nov**

* 1. This terms topic – P2-P4 Space, P5-7 Electricity.
  2. Bikeability this term. Elita, Wendy and Christine trained as Bikeability leaders, so they can now run training.
  3. NSPCC will be coming to do a workshop as part of the ‘Speak out, Stay safe’ programme.
  4. Part of the Health & Well-being curriculum, 5 sessions on Massage will be run by Stirling Inclusion Support Team. Staff will be trained alongside the pupils
  5. Badminton continues Friday lunchtimes, with Table tennis Monday lunchtime. Active Stirling are also coming to run sessions.
  6. Outdoor learning/Grounds Group:
     1. Activities identified for needing attention – sweep out the moss in stonework around the school buildings, clearing out of the shed, getting plans together for growing next year.
     2. Field clear up - 24th November inc coppice, willow tunnel, hedge, playground work
     3. Fiona consulting children over the next couple of weeks on what they want for the spaces in the field and playground.

1. Budget / finance (SH)

Update finance report circulated. Little activity to report. Spending including: Rosie bought the books agreed for the library for much less than expected. Ski trip entry fees paid.

We have been extremely fortunate to have great fundraising events organised by Clair and Claire:

Gartmore 10K raised £1,422

Bearsden Fiddlers raised: £359

Upcoming items needing funding from GSP funds include: School Grounds improvements, PE equipment. **Action: Fiona to look into PE equipment requirements and potential for external sessions e.g. Science Centre ‘Power Up’, and Film-making for pupils.**

**Upcoming fundraising activities:** Christmas Fayre 7 December

As well as the usual Jingle Jars, it was agreed to look into Fun activities/workshops to take place at the fayre, ‘make your own decorations’ making something useful!

**Action: Fiona to talk to staff to see what they could do to help**

**Action Anne J to ask NP Rangers for top tips for good activities**

**Action all: Claire, Anne W, Laura?, Hannah – volunteers needed and welcome!**

1. AOCB

Gartmore 10k and Fun Run 2020 will be held on 13th September.

Support for a school in Tanzania that Margaret Miller’s sister is involved with:2 microscopes have been sourced as zero cost donations and a slide set/USB camera has been purchased.

1. Date of next meeting: **Monday 13th January 7-9pm**