



Perth Academy

School fund Committee Meeting – Wednesday 14th February 2018

Minutes

Present: J Lothian, C Forber, K Dow, S Barlow, J Tarbet, M Martin, C Leishman, G Lenton, G Johnson, C Mueller-Ahsmann

1. The minutes of the last meeting were approved. There was a discussion on the new pupil seating around the school. A small group of pupils are misusing them but it was agreed to go ahead and purchase another 20 for the school corridors.
2. Balance of the school fund is £97,000
3. Due to Mike Higgins leaving Perth Academy the position of Secretary needed to be filled and Gillian Johnson volunteered to do it. This was seconded by JL, GL & JT
4. It was discussed that the best time for future meetings during an inset day are 3pm for around 30 minutes.
5. Presently the constitution was that the Head teacher could approve up to £75 maximum with approval from the committee. It was agreed that this is extremely low and should be raised to £400. The constitution has now been changed and signed by committee members.
6. Gillian Johnson suggested that the school fund application form should email out to all staff reminding them that they can apply to the fund.
7. JL showed a booked put together by Dave Dykes for the Flowers of the Forest group. JL would like to get 2 printed which would be a cost of £180.
8. JL raised the problem of lack of IT equipment in the school for pupils with an even greater need now since SNSA introduced. There is no money in DSM budget for covering this therefore would need to either fundraising or find the money from elsewhere. JL proposed to create a new provision of laptops in a central location, bookable room/resource for SQA etc. Room 40 was the proposed room; it would get redecorated and carpeted with desks for up to 30 pupils. The cost is estimated at around £12,000 - £14,000. This resource could be

used for Numeracy, Literacy, SNSA & SQA. CM-A raised a concern about room 40 being presently used by PE dept. and the effect this would have on the dept. KD suggested a trolley for laptops however JL said this was a problem for looking after it and maybe there should be a sub group to look after this and decide on the best way forward. JL will have costings on paper for the next committee meeting. The group formally agreed on the funding for the IT project.

9. Agenda for next meeting should include –
- i. Sustainability / future fundraising,
 - ii. What else we support – charities etc,
 - iii. What is the school fund money for?
 - iv. What the committee feels would help the school?
 - v. Activity Days – could we offer more?

Next meeting will be held on Monday 16th April 2018