

## Greatfield Parents' Association

Tuesday 23 March, 7.45 pm

- Present: Steve Shepherd, Mrs Thomas, Piers Shorthouse, Bev Ryder-Jones, Anna Beames, Michelle and Clive Bennett, Alison and Dan Hunt
- Apologies: Mel Shorthouse, Sam Fisher, Andy Holmes, Jane Bradley and Jenny Jewett
- Chair's Update: Race Night was a huge success and enjoyed by all who attended – write up and photos to follow. Steve has been reading the PTA magazine and has some good ideas – missed Sutton Seeds fundraising magazine this time but will get in earlier next year. An alternative to “Hungry Elephant” called “The Giving Machine” is going to be set up by Dan and Alison Hunt – details on how parents can use this facility to raise money for the GPA whilst going about their on-line shopping to follow. Steve presented a draft of a GPA Newsletter – well received by all. The aim is to produce it quarterly, following one of our main fund raising events, to keep parents up to date with our efforts and to hopefully encourage more to become involved with the GPA.
- Treasurer's Report: Current Account Balance £4299  
Deposit Account £1930
- Requests for Expenditure: The on-going “sound system” project will now be financed through school. There are two projects Mrs Thomas would like us to consider helping with. The “adventure playground” is becoming costly to maintain and is in need of a complete overhaul to make it safe and to provide a more challenging environment for Juniors. This is a major project and is possibly something we can work towards with the Fete on the horizon. The eco-council would like to provide “bike sheds” to encourage pupils to cycle to school – this is a project the GPA is very interested in helping with. Mrs Thomas is looking into the possibility of initially renting some very trendy “mini pods” as they are very expensive and we want to be sure about investing such a large sum of money. Watch this space! Steve asked whether craft aprons were required for Year Two and Mrs Thomas will investigate and purchase if necessary.

Sponsored  
Bounce:

All set for Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> March. Sponsor forms have been issued and bunny ears for the colouring competition are in hand – Anna to purchase 14 eggs as prizes (2 per class). We have several offers of help but could do with a couple more volunteers if anyone is available??? The fundraising badges arranged by Steve are currently lost in the post..... Steve has the matter in hand and can arrange for a second batch to be here ready for after Easter when the cash starts rolling in if necessary. It is suggested that a badge be pinned to a thank you slip and handed out as the children return their sponsorship – this should make it easier for the office to hand out.

Fete:

Bev has obtained the lottery and the bar licence well in advance. Clive is still waiting to hear regarding any air craft available on the day – no news is good news!!! Anna to arrange the printing of raffle tickets when we return to school after Easter. Bev to write to Geoff Hurst to see if he's available to open the fete as we are going with a "football" theme this year to coincide with the World Cup. Bev has obtained red and white balloons (courtesy of Steve Bateman) for another balloon release following the success of last years – she'll arrange like before. Sam has booked the bungee run, giant inflatable slide and a bouncy castle for the tots. Sam has contacted lots of people wanting to have a stall again – Glitter and Gloss, Hopscotch House, Shiny Pretty Stuff to name a couple. Bev looking into the possibility of Star Bucks sponsoring us with free coffee etc. Anna to liase with Clive Austen over the possibility of him supplying/arranging ice creams again and maybe slush drinks aswell this year. Bev/Sam looking into the possibility of an on site photographer that you can pre-book a slot with to take a special memory of the day – eg group of friends who want a special year 6 photo or parents who simply want a nice shot of their loved ones. Massive progress made with regard to auction, raffle and lucky envelope prizes already – signed Cheltenham Town shirt, riding lesson with equine experience session, wine tasting, shower (thanks Piers), deep fat fryer (thanks Mrs Thomas), swimming lessons, Bentham astro time – not to mention countless family days out etc. Bev is also writing to the "Top 100 Businessmen" as featured in the echo to invite their support. Alison and Dan mentioned asking the County Council if the "Recycle Gloucestershire" roadshow would be available on the day – looking into the possibility. Greatfield Playgroup are going to have a stall where they can advertise their services and hopefully increase their numbers – a great way of maintaining a

good community relationship with the school. We touched on the layout already whilst talking out loud – the possibility of spreading the refreshments out slightly this year and maybe creating a “Pimms and Strawberries” tent near the entrance was well received. Obviously things like this can be fine tuned much nearer the time.

Fireworks  
Display:

There is still an issue regarding who exactly requires Public Liability insurance if we're to consider holding this event – Mrs Thomas to confirm with Steve and then a decision to be made once and for all as the idea has been hanging around for a while now with no real movement and if we do hold the event, the fireworks will need to be purchased soon to get the best deal.

AOB:

Piers queried last months minutes – Steve/Mrs Thomas to arrange for them to be distributed.

Dan to contact Barclays regarding their “matched giving scheme” - they are the school's bank so finger's crossed.

Date of Next  
Meeting:

20<sup>th</sup> April 2010