

**GRACEMOUNT HIGH SCHOOL  
ECO SCHOOL COMMITTEE  
12<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER**

**AGENDA**

1. MATTERS ARISING
2. REVIEW OF SCHOOL (QUESTIONAIRES)
3. ECO CODE/ACTION PLAN
4. AOCB
5. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

**Present:**

Anam Zahoor 4L1; Usman Irshad 3S1; Dean Scott 3S1; Christopher Smith 3S2; Nikki Loudon 2??; Emma Drummond 2T1; Harry Gaughan 1L2; Calum Mitchell 1L2; Michael Shields 1L2 and Joshua Lyttle 1L2. Gordon King; Scott Mackenzie; Gillian Morison and Barbara Dingwall – GHS.

Robert Galloway – Amey.

**Apologies/Absences?:**

Hossein Abelhameed 2L1; Reece Calder 2L1 and Ellie Meikle 2L1.

**1. MATTERS ARISING**

- (i) Apologies to Usman for the minutes from June's meeting as B Dingwall left too long between the meeting and processing the minutes.
- (ii) Ossian Picton is no longer with us (on the Eco Committee) due to inappropriate behaviour. He defaced one of the new benches.
- (iii) Parents/adults on the committee – PTA suggested that they can act as "consultants". Chris Cowie, GPS, has been volunteered to join us. Mr C Cowie works with the primary pupils on their Eco issues and we will combine with the primary pupils to discuss ideas. Mr S Mackenzie, new Business Manager GHS, will join us to advise and contribute. Mr R Galloway, Amey, will join us to advise and contribute, in particular on Energy.
- (iv) **Recycling** – Card/plastic – we are hoping to get a recycling bin. Mrs J Clark is looking into it. Hoping to get a plastic bottle recycling

scheme started after the holidays. Pupils put a number in/on a bottle and a “lucky” bottle is drawn each month and a prize given.

Mr J Cassidy to provide the winning prize.

Hoping to get a bigger paper recycling bin – an offer from CEC.

Bubbly Bins – one off the wall already and people are putting anything into them. Mr J Cassidy wants a “gum free” school, need some ideas.

## 2. **REVIEW OF SCHOOL (QUESTIONAIRES)**

See below.

## 3. **ECO CODE/ACTION PLAN**

Over to G Morison...

We need an Action Plan to decide which areas to take forward.

- Send out a review of what is being wasted.
- Healthy eating, waste – find out information from the right people so we can find the biggest problems.
- Litter HAS to be a priority.
- Gather information.
- Work out what is going to help us get a Silver Award and ultimately a Green Flag
- Find more people to help.
- Keep a record of what we have achieved.
- Target certain areas.
- Decide on – time and who is doing what.

AREAS OF PROJECTS and people working on them

LITTER } **JC GM \*\*\*\***  
WASTE MINIMISATION

ENERGY } **GK RG DS CJ UI**  
WATER

TRANSPORT - possibly leave out

HEALTH & WELL BEING **AG ED NL AZ \*\***

SCHOOL GROUND **BD SM HG CM MS JL \*\*\*\***

\*\* liase with Mrs A Gillan, Home Economics, as she has done some surveys already.

\*\*\*\* share pupils?

Staff and pupils to meet and do surveys. G Morison to copy surveys for appropriate group members. Groups to arrange to meet to discuss projects and collect materials before next meeting.

#### **4. AOCB**

- (i) Mr R Galloway informed the committee that Amey are about to display figures re school energy and water used. This information will be really useful to go towards our Silver award. “Hippo” scheme may go in to place – water saving device. Figures will show before and after effects.
- (ii) Committee members would like to reduce energy use, persuade Amey to let us change electricity/gas companies supplying the school, and use saved money on other energy projects.....
- (iii) Eco website – use it to research projects – [www.eschoolsscotland.org.uk](http://www.eschoolsscotland.org.uk)
- (iv) Last five minutes spent in groups – discussing next steps and ideas.

#### **5. DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

Hopefully the week of the S4 prelims – will work around Anam’s timetable where possible.

Thanks to Dean Scott for the minutes.