

## Environment Group Meeting 9.5.16

### Minutes

Present: Julie Statham, Gordon Jardine, Carolyn Hargest

Apologies: Diane Paton

1. Welcome
2. Minutes approved (8.2.16)

Actions update:

- a. Rag bag unit to be placed by the gym if possible during building work- when there will be temporary porta cabins on site, so still to confirm exact position (JS)
  - b. Travel Plan action points Pupil Council-still to be done (JS)
  - c. Swift nest boxes HT agrees in principal but has not asked Amey
  - d. bird feeder fat balls were made by Food Technology pupils and more have been bought (CH)
  - e. Virtual Hive to be brought in by GJ (JS to email MA)
  - f. Damaged end panel of bike shed replaced but 2 further broken panels need to be replaced (MS)
  - g. Pond garden - weeding by horticulture group (JS)
  - h. School litter campaign - check with Catriona Egan if needed now or wait until next year (CH)
  - i. Curriculum Audit - ask if HB could request CL input at a SMT meeting (CH)
  - j. Aim to sell more gloves but none were sold in staff room, kind offer to donate wool for hats (JS)
  - k. VAO glasses collection 150 pairs
  - l. Dual use signage arrived
3. Eco schools update
    - a. New plastic bottle recycling bins now in use
    - b. Junk couture fashion show with S3 fashion pupils & Braidburn pupils on 23.3.16 was very successful
    - c. litter -S5 &S6 pupils are grading areas after lunch and break, according to how much litter; the grades are confirmed by the cleaners and an improvement has already been seen
  4. School grounds
    - a. Meadow, currently out of bounds due to planned roofing work. Yellow rattle growing for seed collection
    - b. Chris Craig: SFL Lunch Club pupils to do gardening
    - c. Mrs Watson has herbs to plant
    - d. Date for gravel and cobbles needed with S5 helpers (JS)
    - e. litter campaign with wardens - will request assessment by Catriona Egan to have a look and decide whether to have a litter campaign now or postpone until beginning of next school year (CH)
    - f. PTA request submitted for a picnic bench £375
    - g. PC funding for bulbs £40 and wild flower seeds/plug plants £90 still to be spent.  
Bought Fat balls £49.98; Danish Oil £13.58; Gravel and cobbles £67.24
    - h. Park Smart banner faded & removed, to ask MS for a new one (CH)
    - i. Compost bin temporarily removed, (CH) to check if Eco Committee wish to donate it to (JG) parent
    - j. Gardening in activity week (JS)
  5. Firrhill News  
Bumper Edition to be printed for S1 meeting 20<sup>th</sup> June (CH)
  6. Other eco projects within the school:
    - a) University plants study Karen Young - need to see if this is taking place still (CH)
    - b) Waverley Care Milestone house shed project delayed due to building problems in school
  7. AOB  
Tennis School PE Dept have met with Loughborough University and Firrhill High along with Liberton High and James Gillespies High, are one of 3 schools taking part in a new project to be a "tennis school" to make tennis more inclusive. Now part of the S1 enhanced curriculum. Forming links with local tennis clubs. Pupils and staff are meeting with Judy Murray on Friday 13<sup>th</sup> May.
  8. Date of next Meeting