

# Eco Committee Meeting Minutes March 2<sup>nd</sup> 2010

## Present

Scott MacKenzie - School Business Manager

Sandra Lourie - PPP Principal Monitoring Officer, City of Edinburgh Council

John Hill - Edinburgh Schools Partnership

Ann Robertson - teacher

Barbara Dingwall - teacher

Tom Tyrell - teacher

Apologies from Maureen Marshall - Amey Operations Manager

Megan Johnston 3L1, Cassie Mackinnon - 3L9,, Holly Kesterton 4S2, Hannah Kesterton 1S2, Hannah Brunton 1T2, Sophie Alvarado 1S2, Reece Calder 5L9, Holly Hartley 2L8, Molly Meikle 2L7, Gavin Stevenson 2L4, Jamie Porteous 2T3, Lauren Fitzpatrick 2T6, Sarah McBride 2L9, Billie Lonie 2L9, Mary Balderas 2T6, Lauren Burnett 3T1.

Welcome to guests from the council and Edinburgh Schools Partnership.

## 1. Minutes from last meeting

Pictures taken of the group for green flag

Eco groups attendance has improved. Ms M group shrunk. Rag bag in planning stages

## 2. Diary

Fairtrade confrence Towerbank Primary - 2<sup>nd</sup> March, Megan Johnston attending after school.

Reece doing assembly on global citizenship at end of term - request for eco group's thoughts on what eco & global citizenship means to them, **Miss R to organise through eco groups.**

S1 clean up - one before Easter (Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> March) afternoon

Have whole school clean up after holidays.

### **3. Green flag Status**

Mrs D - Registered 2002. the one thing we would have failed on is litter but we had improved slightly. Litter is being dropped and not picked up and also being blown from outside the ground, The janitors won't lift litter as it is not from the school. The seagulls love to empty bins. When we get our green flag we will be tested again in 2 years and litter will be looked at. The janitors need to help and clear up the litter that is blown in. The visitors will talk it over with janitors. Get skips and recycling bins area cleaned up.

Mrs D filling in the application form. Will be submitted after before Easter)

**Action plan- some people meets to discuss this (Mrs D, Megan & Holly)**

**Ms R has audit paper - will compile with group and pass onto Mrs D when complete)**

**Eco code needs to be finished - Miss R's group will do this.**

We need to show evidence of work

Mrs D will put everything we are doing into folder for green flag.

All groups need to get photo and a paragraph about what they are doing. All group members to feedback to their group teacher and tell them to get a photo and a bit of information about what they do - please pass to Mrs D.

Amey have agreed to pay for flag pole to go up. We need to get money for flag pole (Mrs D is organising bag packing)

Green flag submission date - 26th march ( or after Easter break) Exciting!!

### **Canteen Packaging**

Concern in group at waste being generated by the packaging in the canteen. Discussed possibility of looking at having plates and cutlery which could be washed. Problems can arise from this - cost of washing, electric & water used in dishwashing, pupils taking lunch outside to eat etc.

Decided to focus in the meantime on investigating how much packaging is being used and can we find an alternative. Can we reduce it. Proposed that Miss M's litter group take this over once they have finished their litter project.

### **Eco group update**

**Ms R's group** - Mrs Brown gave book to review about eco stuff.

**Miss M's Litter group** - Presentation board. More bins out side school. give info to mrs d. Get new bins before hopefully - logo ones! Group to present to Mrs Walker and Mr Mackenzie.

**Mr T's Energy Group** - Making posters about saving energy, have made to go next to light switch

We are looking into getting gas , water, and electric meter to monitor school. Mrs walker has agreed to fund this.

**Miss Lee's Rag Bag Group** - Organising how to get school involved. Give house points for handing in clothes. Power points made for assembly. Clothes go to a rag bag shop.

### **AOCB**

**Benches** - coming soon!

**Eco funds** - after paying from benches we will have no money. but when we get green flag we can get two lots of £250!

**Bike shed** - will soon be completed. Bike sheds nearly done. Camera focused on bikesheds. Made of tough material.

**Web page** - Miss R will organise updating this with Mr Whyte

**Pupils coming from ogwini** - May next year.

Ms R met with eco group leader in Ogwini. Lots of exciting work going on there and would be good to see if we could start a proper link with their group.

Next meeting - Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> May period 5