

Minutes WSA Meeting Monday 10th October 2016

Present: Emma Bowyer, Alice Brown, Katy Gilbert, Susan Passmore, Nicky Slater, Suzi Haigh, Amanda Swann, Karen Monks, Danielle Peacock, Justine Greene, Adiila Takun

Apologies: Jacqui Barry, Emma Tregenna, Natasha Heighes, Andrea Eccles

Absences: Lisa Lewis, Danny Carminati

- (1) Members welcomed and introduced. Justine Greene, Year 6 Teacher introduced as new school representative. CRBs still outstanding and have been chased.
- (2) Minutes of last meeting shared and agreed.

On behalf of the School JG explained that there are amendments to the request for money and what it is to be used for. JG informed the Committee that the pirate ship has been put out of action due to the surface being deemed unsafe for use. This is now a priority for the School due to the health and safety of the children. 3 quotes are being currently sought and so costs are unknown at present. SH asked if safety standards had changed which have now led to the floor around the ship being deemed unsafe. JG was unsure, EB will look into it.

The dinner hall experience at lunchtimes is also in need of updating and improving. The School feels that the atmosphere and some aspects of safety could be improved. JG gave some examples - tables tipping up, limited space for safe movement. The School has some ideas for improvement: purchase different tables and chairs (approx. cost £6,000). Other things thought of include playing music, having a top table.

El and EB raised the question whether the School has sought any available grants. JG is happy to look into what is available. This may include British Schools Trust.

- (3) Treasurers' report shared. £11,000 in account, £2,000 kept in reserve to cover any unexpected expenses.
- (4) 4.1. Oasis Garden Centre, in Willingham have donated plants and DP collected plants donated by Huntingdon Garden Centre. Cushions and a table were purchased by DP and still need more curtains/netting for the peer mediation house.
- (5) 5.1. AGM held and new appointments for committee main roles.

5.2 Feast weekend has taken place with car boot and market being run by WSA and in particular EL. The footfall was low again this year. WAG would like WSA involved again next year. The Committee discussed potential changes: move market to green, different day or time.
- (6) 6.1 Film night this Friday. School Council chose the films. Natasha Heighes sorting tickets. There are some helpers but need to chase for more. DP will buy popcorn. Adiila Takun will look into buying a popcorn maker, hopefully in time for the Christmas Fayre!

6.2 Christmas Fayre-update

SP has designed a poster gone to Willingham News for next issue. Andrea Eccles working on stall holders. There is a clash with other schools fayres.

Santa's grotto in ICT suite. EB will check if sensory room can be used. May need a room to use as a waiting area.

Golden crackers will be made by Jenny Rayner this year. EL will contact people for prizes.

DP will sort photos for new members of staff for guess the santa game.

Paula @ ceramics will provide face painting for £75. Hair braiding will be on offer too.

Ceramic Christmas gifts will also be on offer and School will get 10% of profits.

Raffle will consist of donated prizes from stall holders. After school club will be asked to run a stall. Nativity scene by Baptist church.

Choir performance - EB will ask Mrs PJ to organise the choir to sing.

Rec and Year 1 will be asked to supply cakes.

Yr2 and 3 will be asked for kids tombola prizes and Yr 4, 5 and 6 will be asked for adult tombola prizes.

Will need alcohol licence for mulled wine. We will have a sweet stall.

6.3 Christmas disco has changed date and will now be held on Friday 16th Dec.

(7) Yr2 performance alcohol licence applied for. DP to buy raffle tickets.

(8) Diary dates for 2017:

Panto has been agreed to be funded.

Friday 3 February – film night

Sunday 5th February – Beetle Drive (EB to discuss with AE)

Saturday 25 February – quiz night (Sarah Morgan) or Clothes event (Sarah Ruppin)

Sunday 19th March – Easter Bingo

Friday 24th March – Easter Disco

Friday 12th May – Film Night

Saturday 20th May – Summer Fete

Sunday 9th July – Fen Gallop

Friday 14th July – End of Year Disco

Alice Brown to e-mail Jon dates to see if ok for him. Put in School diary. Send Jon booking forms. For all above.

(9) Still awaiting invoice from DC for new sports kit.

(10) EL pleaded for more helpers to help with the cake sale.

(11) Alex Kennedy has left the Committee due to other commitments. EB is looking for someone to take on producing a how to use guide for Easy fundraising. (Becky Grundy's name mentioned as possible person to help).

(12) Jacqui Barry is coordinating the Christmas cards. This year parents order and pay online.

NS brought up name tags and how we can register with a company and earn money for products ordered.

(14) Date of next meeting: 14th November.

Reception Christmas Nativity Performance – Tuesday 13th December at 1.30 p.m. and evening of Thursday 15th December (time to be confirmed).