

Parents' Association Meeting - 4th February 2020

1. Present: Louise Rendu (chair), Frances Coldham (treasurer), Bianca Woolley (deputy head), Jenny Khoda, Kristina Teng, Vicky Squire, David Woolley
Apologies: Anita Blake (headteacher)
2. Minutes approved from PA meeting on 26/9/19

3. Autumn Social Events review

School Disco £468.87. Discussion was had about what to sell at the disco after concerns raised re plastic items. Suggestions were pencils, fabric wrist bands - more ideas will be researched. It was decided that we needed to sell other items too as otherwise children spending too much on sweets. The pricing of items will be put on the next Parentmail to inform parents about costs of items and sweets with reminder not to send too much money in.

Family Quiz £91.89. This was a great first event which everyone enjoyed and it was well attended

Frost Fair £1591.70. The children's classes made £610. FC to ask Mr Smith about expenses as we haven't reimbursed the school for these yet. Children to decide who to donate some of the profits too - this is usually £100 per year group. It was the first time we had a Santa's Grotto so this incurred set up costs (costumes and backdrop) but 85 children went to see him and it was felt to be a great addition to the event. We need to aware of early opportunities for buying selection boxes more cheaply for next year and to have alternatives to chocolate as well. This event needs more helpers - one suggestion is to allocate a specific stall to each year group and let class reps take on the organising of a rota of helpers. We also discussed what to do for the children whose parents aren't able to attend - could they be taken around by staff or volunteers? School and committee to consider this for next year.

4. Finance Overview

FC talked through the financial position (see above for Autumn Term profits). We currently have £11,628.02 in the bank. The profits from the calendars has been dropping over the last few years. It was decided that we would look into alternatives for next year.

5. Spring Term 2020

Chocolate Bingo - 27th March

Easter Raffle - this will be drawn on 3rd April. Info about donations before this. LR to check about licence and printing of tickets. Suggestion to ask for volunteers to sort and make up hampers. This would be done 1st April, 2-3pm.

St Patrick's Day event - this will not be going ahead now

6. PA Survey Results

46 parents completed this on the night of parents' evening. In future, we will do this at the Spring parents' evening so that the governors can continue to do their questionnaire in Autumn. We will also look to do an online version of the questionnaire. Main suggestions -

- To email amounts raised to parents after each event
- To email what money has been spent on
- Put messages on electronic boards and website

7. Parent Forum

Helen Hamilton (social secretary) attended for the PA. Points raised -

- PA committee invited to attend each meeting
- Parents unsure of how to contact the PA - could we have an email address and suggestion box
- Parents unaware of how few parents are actually part of the PA and that more help was needed to continue to run

(We do have an email address - edmundcampion@live.com)

8. Eco team meeting

LR to arrange with BW to attend next eco team meeting to discuss our plastic use/waste and to get ideas for alternatives from the children.

9. Financial Spend Proposals

£5000 has been donated for new Ipads for KS2. The existing Ipads have been passed down to KS1 for them to use.

School have requested funds for additional staging to make more tiers. AB to confirm how much this will be but estimating it will be around £2000.

Other possible spend requests/suggestions - lighting for staging, timber trail (this is being assessed to see if it needs to be repaired/replaced), wet play toys, air conditioning/fans for the summer

AOB

We currently have vacancies on the committee - secretary and vice chair and would love more parents to get involved in any way that they can,

Next meeting - 30th April, 7.30 in school