



PARENT TEACHER ASSOCIATION

Charity Number 1027114

Minutes of the Committee Meeting held on Monday 19th April 2010

Present: Anne Deane (Vice-Chair), Romelle Piercy (secretary), Simon Bishop (Treasurer), Therese Camporeale, Martha Allen, Aiden Coen, Gill Chadbon, Nicky Tebay, Jean Carus

1. Apologies for Absence: Alyson Corrigan (Chair), David Bartlett, Chris Lawrence, Paul Jackson, Alissa Fisk, John Harrison, Simon Lewis, Julia Dalton

Anne Deane opened the meeting at 7.00pm.

2. Minutes of the meeting held on 1st March 2010

The minutes were accepted

3. Matter Arising

Liz Golden has resigned from the committee

A warm welcome was given to Nicky Tebay and Jean Carus who had volunteered as class representatives and joined their 1st meeting. Therese gave an update on her responsibilities (self-written) as class rep including: emailing her class after each meeting to give an update and, if applicable, asking for help and ideas for future events. She outlined that her biggest impact was at the Xmas Fete where the class ran a stall. She had also run a 'Mum's night out' to try to get to know the class parents. She emphasised that the ideas that had been put forward by the class had all been acted on. When asked how she had contacted the class she stated that she used the contact list provided by the PTA and that this needed to be re-sent on a regular basis to both fill gaps and be kept up to date. Therese offered to act as a contact/support for Jean and Nicky as new volunteers into the role.

4. Past Events:

- a. Music Night

The event went well making approximately £350 for the PTA.

5. Future Events:

- a. Race Night: 26th June 2010 (rearranged date)

46 responses had now been received with a minimum of 100 desired for the evening to go ahead. Reminders would be emailed to all parents via ParentMail. Given the response to date it was agreed that the required numbers would be met. A thank you



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was sent to Alyson's secretary who was acting as coordinating arrangements for the evening.

The following agreements were made:

- 4 volunteers were required to run the Tote on the evening – Gill offered to help and Aiden offered to ask six-formers to help
- The approved letter asking for advertising in the programme would be circulated via parentmail

b. Yr 7/8 'Hop'

Alissa was leading on organising the party and would give a full update at the next meeting. The following suggestions/comments were made:

- The name would need to be changed, as it was not 'cool'. All parents with boys in years 7/8 would do a quick canvas of an appropriate name and would email Alissa /Gill /Alyson
- The date may clash with a drama production – Aiden would confirm and a decision would be made as to the impact (if any) of a clash.
- The aim is to run the evening similar to the Weald girls' school events to ensure an appropriate level of supervision is maintained. This included limiting the invites to TWGSB, TWGGS & Weald only.
- 8 dads have volunteered to be present for the evening.
- The year 7 rock group was extremely good and using them on the evening should be considered. Other such school groups (eg rock bands, dance groups) should also be considered.
- Aiden offered to canvas the Yr12 Enterprise Students to see whether they wished to get involved.

It was agreed that the evening would act as a 'proof of concept' for possible future events.

c. Summer Raffle

Ideas for raffle prizes were requested (to be emailed to the Alyson / Romelle) – the following ideas were presented on the night:

- Bikes
- I Tunes Cards
- Game vouchers

6. Chairman's Report

None.

7. Treasurers Report

The treasurer's report was available on the evening.

It was noted that all requests for floats for events should be emailed to Simon Bishop in advance who could organise as appropriate.

8. Head Teachers Report (Aiden Coen deputising)

Aiden Coen announced that the All Weather Sports Pitch build would commence on 1st June 2010. An update on the requests for school pledges for the pitch was requested for the next meeting.

Aiden Coen gave an update on the disruption (minimal) to the school caused by the volcanic dust incident. He particularly highlighted the school football tour organisers for praise in arranging alternative transport.

9. AOB:

The following items were discussed

- a. New Parents communications: All papers issued to new parents were being reviewed and updated and would be available by Wednesday 21st April. The new parents evening was going ahead on 28th June and it was suggested a strong PTA presence would be beneficial.
- b. There was another school concert planned for the 12th July where a bar had been requested. Anne would email for volunteers.
- c. The piano had now been purchased and ideas for advertising the purchase (entirely funded by PTA) were discussed. It was agreed that photos should be taken and used as the basis of a promotional board for PTA. Aiden Coen suggested Pippa Gray be used as a contact to support the development of the board.

10. Date of Next Meeting:

Monday 14th June 2010 – 7pm in the school library

Meeting closed at 7.50pm