

ARNSIDE NATIONAL SCHOOL – PARENT TEACHER ASSOCIATION
Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 5th February 2014 at 6.30pm

Present: Julia Adair, Acting Chair: Sara Owen, Jackie Piper, Paul McLaughlin, Heather Atkin, Jill Sweetman, Louise Oakley

Apologies: Julia Walker, Jenny Goddard, Vicky Emsley, Kate Lenton, Catherine Crossman, Fleur McCarten, Rebecca Peel, Lyn Gould, Karen Pringle, Julie Pierce Jones, Julia Sier

(45) Minutes

The Minutes of the meeting held on 7th November 2013, be received.

Matters Arising

(46) Arnside Community Christmas Party

Ideas were put forward on how best to support the event with regards to funding. It was suggested that funds currently received for the disco and cake stall might be used as a donation? After further discussion it was decided that monies raised from the next cake stall would be donated for this year's party.

All fundraising events reported in the new PTA newsletter circulated in January.

(47) Treasurers Report

Jenny had given apologies and had arranged for copies of the report to be left for review. The accounts showed a healthy budget of £10,152 due to considerable fundraising efforts the past year. The school has requested £3,000 for trips and equipment from 2012/13 and will be forwarding Jenny information regarding the Life Bus. Swimming costs have been covered by the school this year. Jackie put forward that the school would benefit from a PA system for use at school events. All present thought this would be an excellent use of funds. Paul is to look into potential systems and recommended suppliers/fitters. There is a School Council meeting on Friday where further discussions are taking place regarding development of the school playground and it was thought that funds will be well used in this area too.

Action: Paul McLaughlin

Non-Fundraising Issues

(48) Chairperson appointment

Sara offered to continue in the post and was nominated by Heather, seconded by Jackie.

(49) Minutes Secretary

Sara is taking up the position of Chair and therefore the Minutes Secretary position needs to be filled. Fleur had offered to help in this instance so Sara will email to see if this is still the case.

Action: Sara Owen

(50) Voucher co-ordinator

Imogen has stepped down from the position, Heather offered to take over.

(51) Outdoor storage

Will form part of the playground development and will be discussed further at a later meeting.

(52) Arnies

Although not written on the agenda Sara reported that there had been further developments regarding the Out of School Club in Arnside. Following the departure of Sue and Roger, Sharon Farrer had taken up the Locum Play Leader post initially to February half term. Unfortunately Sharon is unable to take up the permanent post and adverts will be going out for a new person. Sara wanted to inform the school of the current situation and also ascertain what the school's position would be should the club be unable to continue.

Action: Jackie Piper on behalf of school

Future events and fundraising

(53) Cake stall

It was decided to have a cake stall on the last Wednesday of term, 9th April at 2.00pm. Vicky and Fleur to organise?

Action: Vicky Elmsley & Fleur McCarten

(54) Disco

There is usually a school disco at the end of this half term however with the lack of an adequate sound system it was thought to defer for this year and have one as usual in October.

(55) Benyounes event

Paul reported that dates were still under discussion and that April or June had been put forward, however the former date would fall within the Easter holidays so it was felt June was a better option. Paul will feed back when a date is confirmed.

Action: Paul McLaughlin

(56) Bunny bingo

A date was set for the Thursday 3rd April using the same format as before with Yr 6 helping. A mini meeting is to take place on Friday 21st March with Nick Sharp, Heather Atkin and Jill Sweetman to sort out details (refreshments, helpers, times, costs). Details need to be passed to Vicky to produce letters for parents.

Action: Nick Sharp, Heather Atkin, Jill Sweetman

(57) GNAAS collection

Although Julie was not present she had emailed to say that the collection would most likely take place in March. Details will be provided when confirmed.

Action: Julie Peirce-Jones

Other business

(58) Jill asked the committee for ideas on book clubs for schools. At present she had looked into My School Book Club and Scholastic with both offering 20% commission for schools. Red House book club was put forward as well. Jill will look into.

Action: Jill Sweetman

(59) Sara had received an email from Catherine Crossman regarding the dates for the APFS Christmas cards. The packs will be dropped off on the 12th November and will be collected on the 26th November. Catherine had also mentioned that other products could be purchased such as t-shirts, mugs and year books. Jackie and Julia thought year books for Yr 6 would be a great idea. Sara to email Catherine to explore further and will look into the PTA-UK as a source for costs.

Action: Sara Owen & Catherine Crossman

(60) Jackie brought up a request from Alan Cook regarding parents using the school car park to turn around. Could parents please refrain as this is for staff only and has been causing problems for staff parking in the morning?

(61) Louise asked whether the PTA had thought about selling second hand uniform this year. It was suggested that this could be done at the same time as the cake stall.

Action: Louise Oakley

(62) The Spring fair will take place in May; the date will be confirmed once Sara has checked the date of the Horticultural Society's coffee morning with Julia Sier.

Action: Sara Owen

(63) Date and time of next meeting

Mini meeting for Bunny Bingo, Friday 21st March

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