

PTA Meeting Minutes 15th July 14:00-15:20

People present:

Ms Bowering, Jenny Hayward, Kerrie O'Mara, Lou McGuffie, Kate Townsend, Leanne O'Neill, Roseen Kelly.

Apologies :

Caroline Waldron.

Minutes written by Roseen Kelly.

1. Review of summer fair:

Entry – need 4 people for first 30 mins for the rush. Pre-sales – offer discounted price to encourage more to buy before hand.

Inflatables – need more than 2 people. Position better so can see entrance/exits, generators behind if poss.

Move First Aid area to near the entrance of fair.

Well organised and ran smoothly. Helped that people took control of sections of fair prep.

Options to change event going forwards – scale down to tombola raffle and BBQ and then host a games afternoon in school one afternoon. Less revenue but less organisation. Join forces with cricket club to use as a venue. Combine with sports day if possible. Could sell ice creams/ice pops if we can use cricket club freezer, host a sweet stall. Choose a Friday.

2. Review of disco.

Generally went well, used crisps, fairy cakes, sweets, biscuits as snacks. Good to avoid hot food going forward as less labour intensive and the children were happy with their selections. Some safety concerns as children were bringing drinks into the main hall area/spillages so increases falls risk. Also the older children were quite boisterous, which was difficult for the very young children.

Request made to move future discos to Thursday as impacting staff on a Friday as it takes up their lesson prep time which then encroaches on their weekends catching up. Open hall early 2pm for class 1 and 2 till 3:15pm then 3:30-5pm for KS2. Frame as a party for the younger ones, do games like musical statues etc, give sweets at end. Use kids own water bottles for drinks. Would not necessarily need an actual DJ for the kids party, could charge less for the event but would need to find someone willing to be party host.

3. £1 a week club.

Working well, guaranteed income and making the same profit as pre scheme. Parents have spoken positively about it and want it to happen again next year.

4. Birmingham Uni Trip.

Booked and paid for.

Ms Bowering has discussed the difficulties with putting on trips now that coach prices have tripled and has a suggestion for hosting a 3 yr rolling programme of pantomime, getting a company in to host an event and a sports event day.

5. **Autumn film night** – change to Thursday.

6. **Financial budget** –

PTA can give an extra £500 for playground equipment/accessories.

Leanne is ordering books from wish list.

7. Advertise for someone to take on social media role for PTA. Jenny will put a message out on the Roundup.
8. December – sell left over items from mothers/fathers day for kids to purchase as gifts for parents. Jenny has also made the suggestion of hosting a toy stall near to Xmas time, maybe at the Xmas fair.
9. Discussion about splitting up work load for next year. Suggestion made to ask for each class to arrange an event. Some frustrations shared that event planning/running falls to the same people each time. Kerrie does not intend to put self forwards for role of chair at next election in March but may reconsider if someone else can step up to co-chair.

Any other business: Suggestions needed for how to mark Mother's/Father's Day. Could plant bulbs in autumn to generate flowers for Mother's Day, would be a nice activity to do with the children. Could make a hamper for Father's Day or buy an activity voucher e.g. karting which could then be raffled. All for further discussion.

Date for next meeting: Not arranged.