

SMSA Minutes: Feb 2012

Introduction: Lynne Riley, Ruth McBurney, Amanda Szewczyk-Radley, Roni Collins, Caroline Bystrom, Ali Whelan, Rachel Wingfield, Lesley Rogers, Anne Koski-Wood, Tony L, Sue Eatherden, Jessica Worthington, Claudia Wordsworth, Karen Waller(Kew), Laurence Penn, Peggy Kelly. Apologies: Trish Littler, Jenny Taylor, Jeremy Wells, Karel McNamee, Karen Revel-Chion, Gaynor Coltman, Tessa S, Alicia, Julia Weiner.

Matters Arising from previous minutes:

- Please can cake sale returns be emailed to Karel McNamee.
- Clarification on wish list from Jan, Ms Sorapure delighted with her portable white board.
- Trampoline update Tony Lanfranchi with clarification from ASR re. gym club trampoline and whether infants still require one. Info from Des re. recommended trampoline should further be required (tbc).

TL: Teachers awareness of wish list changes in terms of procedure now good. New staff members had also welcomed clarification .

Maths: CW mentioned that reference to maths results in SATS y6 last year (Jan minutes) had caused some concern in parent body and that maybe something needed to be communicated to reassure and contextualise. Amanda reiterated that this would be done and had found out that it had been raised in her absence at Jan meeting and welcomes opportunity for any parents to come and see her to discuss any issues and concerns.

Reps/Head coffee morning: Amanda proposed that she would find it beneficial to have a coffee morning with class reps so that there is a new and good forum for dialogue about issues or concerns.

Pupil photos: Lynne Riley: Sought confirmation that photos for individual pupils will be happening. Amanda confirmed that these would be happening and said it would be much better for people to come and address concerns directly to her when mention was made of rumours having circulated about them not happening this year. They are happening!

Wish List:

TL – Amanda Sapsted (YR) (1) more complex construction toys £70 as Duplo not stretching enough. (2) Transparent four-sided outdoor easel for both receptions and am and pm classes £205.

Ali W from nursery mentioned that Nursery cake sale raised £260 held over two days.

Discussion ensued – people felt advantage in the easel being to the benefit of whole of Foundation Stage. More activities needed in outdoor space. Caroline B said that the boys were often left just to dig holes. Lego it was felt was a cake sale item not really wish list, but that the SMSA would advance the money ahead of the next Camden Town cake sale.

LR raised wish list request from Mr Whiting's film club about which she gave some background. Small film club popcorn machine. Amazon £99. Discussion held: Praise for film club, concern that it should be used by others if required. Opportunity to use the smsa shopping link!

The following decisions were made:

Easel - yes

Popcorn machine - yes

Lego – no, should be cake sale but SMSA will advance funds ahead of next C Town cake sale.

Gardening Club:

.Gardening club will start again soon. One Y5 father (John) has volunteered to do a Wednesday lunchtime club with Tony and will do pending CRB and confirmation of regular availability. Generally all is well, but watering system is a bit problematic. Long-term, TL would love a polytunnel area. TL spoke of how kids are asking when the club is starting again

and how there is insufficient adult manpower without more parent volunteers to include more children in more frequent clubs. **If there are parents with an interest or expertise in gardening, please speak to your reps as more help is really needed so as to include more children and ensure regularity of the gardening club.** Wednesday slot is 1230-1330. TL: "There's always a million jobs to be done!". March 7th is when the club starts with Tony and John. There is also the Friday club run by Alicia Pivaro also 1230-1330.

LR said that the gardening club epitomises the sort of thing that the SMSA should be supporting.

ASR proposed possibility of a sign-up sheet under the arch, but with the caveat that occasional helpers need List 99 and more regular volunteers would need CRB. **Lynne has offered to put a sign-up sheet up with two or three slots for each club, both Wed and Fri lunchtimes to assist Tony and Alicia.**

Finance Review:

TBC - Final figures for panto takings not yet reported to committee, but look impressive!

Sponsorship:

Kate W not here to report, but Lynne reported that Anscombe delighted with Panto involvement. They also said that they wanted to maintain the connection with the school next year. Laurence Penn felt it was a shame that some parents snubbed the offer of Anscombe balloons and pens which was a shame.

TMD have said they want to sponsor the summer fair and are keen to liaise with the school i.e. Kate Waine (sponsorship).

Taylor Gibbs are also keen to maintain connection with the school.

Kate always requires more help re. sponsorship, gathering prizes/donations from local businesses etc.

Governors:

First surgery being held this Saturday morning (Feb 25th) 10-12, but please make an appointment in advance with a brief synopsis of what issue you want to discuss with the governors. Please see the school website for further details.

Library:

No updates to circulate this month.

Website/shopping:

Stickers available for the smsa shopping link in the office.

Panto photos are now up on the smsa website.

Please remind your classes to use the website for both info and for shopping, booking flights on BA via the website contributes sizeable amounts to smsa funds.

Laurence hinted that those attending the quiz night on March 22 should check the website the day before !!!

If there are any other things you'd like on the website, please contact Laurence (email below).

CW offered to do some more posters to advertise the shopping.

Pantomime update:

Ruth McBurney: Huge congratulations and thanks to Kath McGeary and Sarah Rayment for a massive success! Lots of great feedback. It will happen next year, with first steps in June this year. Aim next time will be to do some rehearsals pre-Xmas hols. Involved about 150 people! We will report asap on how much money was made. Some discussion about the programme and how it needed earlier deadlines for copy (especially advertising copy) and sub-editing to ensure accuracy and printing quality.

Mention made about lack of bins for children to put wrappers and ice-cream tubs in and the quite disgusting residue left at the end of the performances at the front. Query also about the size of cans of fizzy drinks and health messages sent out with cakes, crisps etc. LR thanked all the new people who ran the bar at the panto, did a brilliant job.

Quiz Night:

March 22 – junior hall – 730 for 8pm. Event is being organised by Laurence Penn.

Send Lynne an email (see below) if you would like to volunteer to help with food/drink at the quiz night (dips, cheese board, brownies, bar as usual).

Laurence is sorting tickets. There will be tables for which parents can organise groups or come as individuals and join pre-existing tables... Tickets will go on sale two weeks before w/b March 12th the event and we also need VOLUNTEERS to help sell the tickets at drop off from the office.

Discussion re whether there would also be an auction. Glass painting kindly donated c/o Rachel Maynard is ready and has been earmarked for this purpose.

Further discussion re inclusion of a raffle.

If anybody wants to offer something for an auction e.g. football season tickets, meals etc etc, please contact Laurence (email below).

Capacity about 100.

Claudia to obtain Haringey temporary event notice.

Other forthcoming or possible events:

- Football funday: Sunday April 29th

Ideas being considered:

- Singing the Messiah – can class reps ask if the parents in their classes are interested. Church could be available for the day. No rehearsal prior to the day of the performance i.e. one day from scratch ! Putative date if there is enthusiasm April 21st. Conductor would be required, but there are some possibilities. Class reps should feed back any interest to Lynne. You don't have to be a 'singer,' but be keen to sing.
- Summer term. Les Dennis St Michael's version of Family Fortunes with some adaptations to ensure more people can participate. Date TBC Evening, adult even for one evening in the summer term.
- Fun Run in the summer term.
- Camp out in the summer term.
- Summer music event – classical music, but possibly involving children as well this time as well as parents.
- Summer Fair – date tbc.

Lynne proposed that dates be assigned to these events asap and issued at the next smsa meeting.

Caroline Bystrom raised idea of a new to you clothes sale. Lynne gave background to the previous time this kind of event was held. Perhaps better to combine with summer fair as a stand alone stall?

AOB

Anne Koski raised idea that a Breakfast club for working parents should be available. ASR said she would like to take this up in a different forum but that she is very aware that this needs to be re-considered.

CW said that the Royal Society was inviting school clubs to act as judges in their 2012 science books for young people under 14 and that it would be great if St M could do it. ASR agreed to do it and Claudia will submit our entry (which means, potentially, that kids could read and discuss the merits of the science books and receive the short-listed books for the school).

NEXT SMSA MEETING - Thursday March 15th

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