

SMSA Minutes – 11th December 2013

Present-

Ruth Mc Burney, Laurence Penn, Rachel Maynard, Karel McNamee, Sally Holyland, Karen Revel-Chion, Geraldine Gallagher, Lorna Ross, Tony Langfranchi, Monica Teversham, Josephine Bahn, Olivia Nelson Reshat, Lilian Verheul, Richard Marshall, Litz Aguilar-Centeno.

Apologies-

Clare Leach, Lucy Tudor, Caroline Bystrom, Kc Hedges.

Matters Arising from last minutes

Minutes from last meeting were approved.

Project OPAL- Lorna Ross

Meeting planned for 12th dec with full team to discuss current status. Lottery Funding bid submitted 6th Dec and takes up to 60 days to receive a result. Welly stands had arrived and parents will start having to supply wellies and named plastic bags for KS2. More small toy box toys are needed. Play policy has been written and needs to be signed off by staff and governors. It will then be distributed.

A parent update/ talk will be planned towards the end of spring term. Michael Follet will present and have a Q&A session.

Clarification of play pod costs was sought- It costs £1600 per pod per year for maintenance and this provides a change of equipment 6x per year.

Mrs Gallagher

Mrs Gallagher gave some feedback and clarification re the volunteering that has been requested and she asked that an email be distributed through the class rep system explaining her points.- This was sent on the 12th of Dec.

She asked for forms for volunteering to be returned by the 14th dec. They need regular volunteers for regular slots and as per the guidelines the volunteers are asked to work with classes that is not their child's class. There will be training in Jan on confidentiality; how to record the sessions/ progress; and ensure consistency of teaching.

Any volunteers for other activities or maths please contact them.

She also reminded parents that unless they are just popping to the office to drop off a child or pay money etc; any grown up on school premises should always sign in and wear a badge at all times

Wish List

Not this month

Ruth will go to a teacher meeting to clarify the process and ensure they are asking for things.

Finances

£71,000 in account

money is committed to playpods/ cake sale money and school projects ongoing.

Leaving £31,500 available to spend.

Recent Payment to the SMSA from the theatre ticket sales gave us £1600.

Xmas Fair Grossed £8300

Giving £6500 profit

Big earners at the fair were the grotto, front gate and hampers.

There is an unclaimed cake sale debit in the account for £142.41 paid in on the 14/10/13- please can the class this belongs to let Karel know who they are.

Governors Update

Planned surgery early in spring term.

First annual report will be early next year- vision, plans, update.

The lane access gate has been given planning permission and is now out to tender.

Governors meetings- minutes avail on school website and are up to date until June.

Library Update

Needs names of all volunteers.

Website

Is kept very up to date- this will be the main source for info about panto timings and rehearsals.

Recent events- pictures are posted.

All theatre ticket offers are on here.

Need a big push for Christmas shopping through the website.

Stickers are available.

Sponsorship Update

No update.

Drum Kits

8 drum kits were very kindly donated by governor Jonathan Murphy
These were sold on behalf of the SMSA at £70 a kit.

The money will be used for a possible music structure for the KS1 playground or another musical activity.

Recent Events

Christmas Fair

Very successful event and well attended.

No real issues.

SMSA would like to thank classes for all their hard work and as ever Troy and Maurice for their invaluable support.

Burgers were still unpopular- need to use an alternative supplier.

An early date in Dec seems to be a good time.

Need more trestle tables for events- cheap so plan to ask Troy if he could accommodate any more in storage and buy some more.

Future Events

Panto Aladdin- watch website for updates.

Roles are cast

Dancing roles will be cast soon

Dates for panto are 6th, 7th, 8th of feb (2 shows on the sat)

Rehearsals from first tues back to school in jan.

Tickets will go on sale a week before.

Quiz night planned for March- Ridley class who were the winners last year will be asked to run it.

We need volunteers to run Footy funday.

Other Items

It was asked for bike sheds to be put in the top drop off area but it was felt planning permission would be difficult and they were put round the side of the school to keep them out of sight for aesthetic and safety reasons.

Road safety was discussed and in particular the turning of the buses round the mini round about outside school- it is felt that this is extremely unsafe and causes vehicles to reverse out of the way over the crossing.- The company have been approached before and no solution was found. A possible petition may be started.

Also one of the crossing attendants from Highgate school who will not assist in the crossing of our children has had her supervisor approached by Mrs Gallgher. We hope to see an improvement in her willingness to help our children. Mrs Gallagher suggested parents email Highgate school to add to the voice of discontent.

Wish List items

Art room	£2,000
KS2 Decorating	£7,000
PODS	£20,000
Welly Racks: 21.11.13	£640
Locable Locker A. Sapstead 21.11.13	£350
Jetwash Troy 21.11.13	£250

Total to date £31,210

Next meeting Thurs 23rd Jan
Thurs 27th Feb

Fun run date 22nd June

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