

SMSA Minutes – 19th March 2014

Present-

Ruth McBurney, Laurence Penn, Geraldine Gallagher, Karen Revel-Chion, Rachel Maynard, Clare Leach, Caroline Bystrom, Litz Aguilar-Centeno, Tom Redfern, Kate Waine, Chris McNeil, Eleanor Simons, Aluna Liepe, Elisa Cornes, Natalie Sodeau, Katie Hedges, Amy Brown, Andrea Lynagh

Apologies-

Karel Mcnamee, Sally Holyland

Matters Arising from last minutes

Library system that was reported as a problem in the last meeting is now running well again.

Project OPAL

We are very hopeful for the lottery funding for the playpod scheme and we have to submit some final paperwork and hope to have a decision in the next 2 months. As soon as funding is approved then the previously allocated £20k from the SMSA and the funding will be used to get this project running.

Finances

Unfortunately the treasurers were unable to attend this meeting but a separate meeting of committee members will be held next week so that accurate funds can be reported and cake sale balances.

It is estimated that we have £15k available funds to spend on the projects which leaves us with some money in the account for unforeseen expenditure and funds to run fundraisers.

We hope to raise a further £8k this school year.

Laurence has put together a list of commitments that the SMSA has done over the last year. Including the playpods this is £45k of donations. This full list can be seen on the SMSA website.

School Improvement List

Further to the last meeting funds are less than previously thought and this meant that selections had to be made on the list provided by Mrs Gallagher. The SMSA members reviewed the list and after discussion it was decided that the projects below would be funded at the present time. (The details of the full list can be viewed on the SMSA website)

1. a new climbing frame outside the cage (this will not include a new surface as currently it is too expensive) cost £6,300
2. a pavillion upgrade which includes new glazing, painting and installation of hot water(this is so children can be permitted to use the toilet facilities which currently they cannot do) cost £5,440
3. Installation of acoustic ceilings in the classrooms that don't have them (excluding EYFS as they have high and difficult ceilings) cost £4,384

previously agreed was an est of £500 for Tony Lanfranchi for the revamp of the reading shed in the KS1 playground which is currently underway.

Parents are also very keen to be able to provide funds for the drainage of the school field- this will be a priority over the coming months. Including promoting fundraising for this project in the fun run with sponsorship to “fun run for our field”.

Additions to the wish list were a marquee as the previous one has been disposed of and Troy needs more cones at a cost of £1050. Currently we cannot fund these but Amy Brown who attended the meeting is hoping to be able to provide these to the SMSA.

The plan to divide the football area in the KS1 playground is a possibility with funds being used from the six classes that use this area (reception/ yr1/ yr2). A suggested £150 to £200 from each class to buy planters, trees, seats etc will be used and these classes have been emailed to get their agreement and check their funds. Lucy Tudor in due course will provide costings.

Governors Update

There is a surgery on Saturday 10am-12 noon and anyone needing appointments should email the governors.

They are planning a repeat of last years survey and this will be sent out in the near future.

The Governors fund is really suffering at present with a change in bank account meaning that everyone had to change their direct debit details and this resulted in loss of lots of regular direct debits.

This fund is essential for day to day maintenance and upkeep of the school and is vital. Suggestions were made for a big push on this. Possible rebranding. A different type of new parents social to push this point, aimed at reception parents.

Library Update

The computer system is working again.

Website

Please take a look at the website as all the information regarding this month's meeting can be looked at in detail. This will ensure you do not miss out any info or funding allocated.

Sponsorship Update

The latest invoice to TMD has gone out and we should be expecting £1300 shortly.

Kate and Jess are going to approach TMD about next years sponsorship.

Future Events

School Disco – 24th March

BIG DIG- sat 29th March

Quiz Night – Thurs 1st May

Football Funday – Sun 18th May

Fun Run - 22nd June

Summer Fair – Sat 5th July

Big Dig- 10am until 12. Please come and volunteer your time to help prepare the grounds for the spring and gardening club.

Footy funday noon - 4pm

Can each class nominate a manager and get together a team (mixed and as many as want to play), also adult matches. Mums and dads - possibly ks1 v ks2

Looking also for volunteers to help organise/ man the bar/ BBQ.

Contact david.mcburney123@gmail.com

Fun run- Start 3pm

needs lots of promotion and reps are asked to push it with their classes. In recent years numbers have dwindled.

The relay option will continue with teams of 5 people/ children- can be of mixed ages and ability.

At least 20 Marshalls are needed.

We hope every class can provide at least 1 team and 1 marshal.

This year a suggestion was made that children ask for sponsorship from friends/ neighbours and relatives. It had been done in the past and not for some years, in previous years it raised a large amount of money.

Children can wear their T shirts at school the 3 Fridays before the run.

Quiz night- Tickets will be £12 incl supper.

Ridley class are helping to organise with Amy Brown and Clare Leach who have also volunteered to organise.

We need donations of prizes and also looking for potential raffle prizes.

Tables should be 10 people max.

Next meeting

Next SMSA meetings are Thursday 24th April and Wednesday 21st of May
Please note these are different from previously decided.

Please shop at the SMSA for all your Shopping

<u>ITEM</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>	<u>MEETING AGREED</u>	<u>ACTUAL AMOUNT SPENT</u>
Science Week	£650	Feb-14	
2 more Wellie racks agreed £400	£400	Jan-14	
Phonics resource set (£145, + £450?)	£600	Jan-14	
New Chimes agreed for Lorna Ross £748	£750	Jan-14	
Forest School Equipment agreed for Becca £200 - £400	£400	Jan-14	
Nursery Outdoor Play Equipment	£1,240	Jan-14	
Crowd Control Barriers	£600	Jan-14	
Post-Panto Party Max. 250	£250	Jan-14	£140
Welly Racks: 21.11.13 £640	£640	Nov-13	
Locable Locker A. Sapstead 21.11.13 £350	£350	Nov-13	
Jetwash Troy 21.11.13 £250	£250	Nov-13	
PODS MAX. £20,000	£20,000	Oct-13	
KS2 Decorating £7,000	£7,000	Sep-13	
Yearbook	£300	Jun-13	
Cones	£500	Jun-13	
Auditing	£900	Jun-13	
OPAL	£4,500	May-13	
2 x PCs	£1,000	May-13	

Gym Mats	£1,240	May-13
wicker Arch	£189	May-13
Art Room Supplies	£2,000	May-13
Grounds (gazebo, paint, trough etc)	£1,741	Mar-13