

**SMSA MEETING**  
**TUESDAY 22<sup>ND</sup> 7.30PM**  
**IN THE STAFF ROOM**

**1) Welcome from the chair – Ruth McBurney**

**Attendees:** Ruth McBurney, Laurence Penn, Karel McNamee, Jolanta Ozarna, Moya Malekin, Maria Kramer, Andrea Lynegh, Chris McNeill, Nami Kedfern, Anna Midwinter, Eleanor Simons, Marianna Volioti, Peggy Kelly, Caroline Maclean, K-C Hedges, Olivia Nelson Reshaf, Geraldine Gallagher, Lucy Tudor, Rachel Maynard, Clare Leach, Karen Revell-Chion

**Apologise:-** Sally Holyland, Zoe Raham, Jessica Worthington, Anya Barns, Julia Weiner, Tony Lanfranci

**2) Finance update: Karel McNamee**

Karel ran through the process of the cake sale money again due to matters arising from last year's cake sale money being deposited into the SMSA bank account late or not being deposited at all. Sheets explaining the process were handed out at the meeting to all reps who attended and we hope that this will help make this a smoother process.

£44,000 available - at start of meeting ! - after prior commitments.

**3) Grounds update (PLAY PODS)– Karen Chair of Governors**

After sending out the information regarding the proposal of the Play Pods in the Infant and Junior Playgrounds (we hope you all received this) the SMSA played a video to all who attended the meeting showing children in another school actively playing with the Scrape from the pods. Karen explained that the Governors' Grounds Committee budget the maximum cost for two Play Pod units is £30,000 stating that they would apply for a £10,000 Lottery Grant which we will be kept informed of. They would like the SMSA to commit to fund up to £20,000. The majority of the SMSA agreed the amount could be used for the Play Pods with some feeling that it was too expensive. Approximately 18 people voted for it with 2 against, in addition 3 emails were received supporting the proposal and one email was supportive with reservation. The SMSA agreed to fund up to £20,000 subject to a successful Lottery application. If the application for £10K is unsuccessful then the proposal will return to the SMSA for another debate. Karen has also confirmed that the Governors will be looking into cheaper Structures and maybe a more wooden structure. Please note that these Play Pods are part of a much bigger ground improvement project and all the information on the Play Pods and grounds improvement project is all on the Website.

**4) Sponsorship update –Jessica Worthington**

Jessica has asked all reps to ask parents if they would consider having boards outside their houses. Please email [Jessica\\_ferrandiz@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:Jessica_ferrandiz@yahoo.co.uk)

**5) Wish List – Tony Lanfranchi**

Nothing this month, All items that need to go onto the wish list should be ready for the next SMSA meeting in November. Tony has and will continue to speak to teachers about the way the wish list operates.

**6) Library update – Message form Julia Weiner**

The rota appears to be working well with all classes from year 3 upwards visiting the library once every two weeks, In addition, opening after school on Fridays which is particularly popular with the KS1 classes. Year 2 will start visiting the library with their classes in January.

I Have brought a selection of new books by authors after whom classes are named and a few more are on order. I have also relabelled the library so hopefully it is easier for the children and parents now to find their favourite authors.

We still have a fair amount of new donated books to catalogue but after that it is all done, Patricia Cabredo and i shall be writing to all those parents whose children have had the same books out for longer than a term to ask for their return or replacement.

A number of library volunteers and others gave up their time to run the book fair during book week which was a huge success. Thank you

Geraldine Gallagher would also like everyone who helped at book week.

7) Events to look forward to:-

8<sup>th</sup> November Bonfire night (tickets on sale the first Monday after half term and on Tuesday 3.15 in the top playground 8 tickets per person need lots of help still needed for the night so please contact [Laurencepenn@gmail.com](mailto:Laurencepenn@gmail.com) )

1<sup>st</sup> December – Christmas Fair

### **Next SMSA meetings:**

**Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> November 2013**

**Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> December 2013**

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