

SMSA MEETING – JANUARY 12TH, 2012

Welcome and Introductions: Lynne Riley, Ruth McBurney, Claudia Wordsworth, Karel McNamee, Kate Waine, Sally Holland, Alicia Pivaro, Sarah Brown, Sam Bailey, Jo Taylor, Rachel Maynard, Sara Lloyd, Caroline Bystrom, Lucinda Carr, Karen Revel-Chion, Jeremy Wells, Clare Leach, Mr Lanfranchi Jessica Worthington.

Apologies: Amand Szewczyk-Radley, Tessa Cows, Lisa Rose, Gaynor Coltman, Roni Collins, Lin Gabrielsen

Finance update (Karel)

Available funds are £12,971

Christmas fair:

Many thanks to Ruth and all the classes for all their hard work on the Christmas Fair, which was a tremendous success.

We made an extra £3084 on Christmas cards and £1040 Christmas puddings, which has raised amount made to £10,109.

Total profit was £7293

March 2011 final accounts are being independently verified by accountants. We need to make sure we have receipts for everything in the future as they could be looking at accounts much closer next year.

Reminder: Karel needs you to email your completed cake sale forms to her, if you haven't already done so. (mcnamee.karel@googlemail.com)

Wish List:

Fran Soropure has asked for a portable white board (cost £226) as her projector needs to be repaired and she is not able to use the interactive white board.

This board can then be kept as a spare and used by other classes when her projector has been fixed. A vote was taken and it was agreed that the SMSA would pay for the white board.

Mr Lanfranchi has requested 2 mini trampolines for PE key stage one (cost approx. £165). Karel will look into it.

Miss Fellows has requested a new computer table, as her current one is very unsafe. No price given.

Abi Wegner requested a new fuse for her printer (cost £135) as hers had been taken to replace faulty fuse in the ICT suite printer. It was agreed that Abi should speak to Chris in the office about replacing fuse.

Mention was also made of Amanda Sapsted's request for a book stand for phonics materials by the whiteboard (£199.95) and a water-channel system for the side-strip used by the foundation stage (£50), but Tony is to return to her because it was thought these purchases had been previously approved.

Karel was uncomfortable about having to make on the spot decisions regarding the wish list, so again she went through the wish list procedure, which is that the termly wish list should be presented to the SMSA a couple of weeks before the meeting so that it can be reviewed before a decision is reached. After a vote, it was agreed that we would make an exception for the white board as a lack of a white board was getting in the way of teaching. The other items will be discussed and brought up at the next meeting.

The Governors also expressed surprise that basic computer or ICT requirements were not being resolved quickly or necessary replacements made available. Karen said that there were funds available in the school's budget for such computer needs. Governors will follow this up. It was suggested that

the lines of communication or process were blocked somewhere along the line, but that this was a 'school responsibility' not an SMSA one at this stage.

Kate Waine asked for the Governors to respond to the recent publication of our SATS (year 6) particularly with reference to the drop in the maths results. Karen said that the Governors had noted this fall in maths scores and that Amanda, with the support of the Governors, would be putting an action plan in place. Reference was made to the BIG WRITE and writing improvement generally over the last couple of years and that it was deemed to have had a very successful result on standards. Perhaps, it was remarked, that it was now the turn of maths to be prioritised.

Lynne is going to email cake sale and wish list policy to Tessa in the office so that she can distribute to all the teachers.

Governors' Update c/o Karen Revel-Chion & Jeremy Wells:

They are awaiting planning permission which is due any day now. Plans are in the office.

Work should start within the next month, if permission is granted. Phase 1 - front of school. Phase 2 - the lane and bottom path by highgate school

The Governors discussed new plans to set up a governor consultative listening session on Saturday mornings, where parents can email the Governors directly via the school website to arrange an appointment giving an indication of what they would like to discuss. They hope to start in the second half of March but will announce it in the newsletter.

Accounts for the past 5 years and notes from last governing body meeting on website.

They also mentioned that Ofsted is due to visit in the next couple of terms.

Sponsorship:

Anscombe & Ringland are sponsoring the panto and have agreed to pay £1000 (which includes 20 boards). Please email Kate Waine (kate.waine@blueyonder.co.uk) if you are happy to have a board advertising the panto, go up outside your house, for 2 weeks from 23rd Jan – 5th Feb.

Kate is also looking after programme advertising – please contact her if you know of any business that would like to advertise. Prices are £25 quarter page/£50 half page/£100 full page ad.

More helpers still needed for Sponsorship

Taylor Gibbs are very interested in getting involved in other events after sponsoring the Christmas Fair.

Library Update:

Julia has sent out a new rota for this term.

She also mentioned that she's happy to receive any books as long as in good condition and suitable for Years 3-6. They should be left under the desk in the library. The one thing they really don't need any more of are Anthony Horowitz's Alex Rider novels 1-4. Also quite well stocked with Harry Potter 1-3 and Roald Dahl.

Garden Update:

Nothing to report except they might also start gardening club on Wednesdays as they have another volunteer.

SMSA Website & Shopping:

Money raised from Shopping site:

Nov 2011 £238

Nov 2010 £237

Dec 2010 £178

Dec 2011 £409

Stickers are available in the office – reps should distribute to classes

Apparently, buying air tickets via the shopping page can really boost funds e.g. British Airways.

St Michael's bags for life are still available for purchase and will reappear at future events. If you would like to buy one in the meantime, please contact Jessica or Claudia and we will put you in touch with Caroline Bystrom.

Laurence needs more photos from the Christmas fair

Review of recent events:

Christmas Fair – Dec. 4th Ruth McBurney
Fair went very well. There is a box of small stall prizes and candles left over in the SMSA cupboard which can be used again.
External stalls worked well.
Good stall for next year is lucky dip
Year 6 really enjoyed running their stall. They made £260 & £130 went to the Crisis Charity. There was some discussion re. photographer charging £10 per photo at the Grotto
Send Ruth any feedback so that it can be looked at for next year

Planning for forthcoming events:

Panto - Feb. 2nd, 3rd & 4th

Ruth McBurney

The stage extension is being installed this week
They are covered on lighting and sound
Trish is getting tickets printed
Tickets will be available to the cast on Jan 23rd (4 tickets per performance)
Tickets go on sale in the office on Jan 25th

Ticket prices: Thurs - adult £10 & child £5 / Fri & Sat - adult £12 & child £5
Times: Thurs & Fri 7.30pm / Sat 2.30pm & 7pm

Your help is needed with the following:

- * need someone to film panto on sat evening. They don't need to own a video camera and the editing is already covered.
- * A pianist
- * Backstage help

Email Ruth (ruthpdq123@hotmail.com if you can help

Lynne also needs help with the front of house (lriley157@gmail.com):

- * selling tickets in the office in the morning 23rd, 25th & 26th
- * Bar staff
- * Food
- * Door (taking tickets and selling programmes)
- * Looking after children who are in the panto (you don't have to do every night)

Kath needs help making costumes (kathryn.mcgeary@btopenworld.com)

Quiz Night - March 22nd (Thursday) c/o Laurence Penn and Joe Openheimer

Football Fun day - April 29th

BOTB, postponed until Nov 2012

AOB

Lynne would welcome any ideas re. new events.
It was discussed at the meeting and the following events were suggested: A classical evening (in the summer). Summer prom with picnic on the field. Comedy night. Strictly come dancing event. Evening with...

Claudia expressed her disappointment that compared with some other Haringey Schools – most particularly Coleridge – our school website lacks basic information e.g. easily findable term dates (although these are on the calendar, but don't include start date for 2012/13). They also have a

headteacher's blog which is short but impressive and it looks and feels up to date, unlike ours.

Christmas Cards:

It was agreed that we should give Christmas Cards for Schools another chance next year, as the quality of the cards are much better than those from other companies.

Next Meeting: Wednesday February 22nd

Remember to shop via the SMSA website (www.thesmsa.co.uk) you help earn 'free' money for the school – up to £500 a month.

Please remember to access online shops via the SMSA SHOPPING PAGE.

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