

SMSA Minutes – 21st November 2013

Present-

Ruth Mc Burney, Laurence Penn, Rachel Maynard, Karel McNamee, Kate Waine, Geraldine Gallagher, Tony Langfranchi, Trish Littler, Adam Garfunkel, Esma Kadic, Caroline Bystrom, Monica Teversham, Josephine Bahn, Anna Bernstein, Helen Furlong, Moya Malekin, Peggy Atherton

Apologies-

Clare Leach, Lucy Tudor, Kc Hedges, Lorna Ross

Matters Arising from last minutes

Karen Revel- Chion was missed off the attendance register.

To clarify- Playpod scheme

The SMSA has pledged £20K to this scheme. This is on the proviso that a further £10K is provided by lottery funding. If this funding is not granted the SMSA will reconsider the whole playpod scheme and it's funding.

Project OPAL

This was an update given by Tony sent from Lorna.

The recent INSET day for the teachers, playground and lunchtime staff lead by the man from OPAL was described as very successful, dynamic and interesting.

There will be notice of a parents evening lead by the man from OPAL telling parents about the OPAL plans next term- date to follow.

Lorna is currently developing the play policy and final approval will be sought from the governors.

Karen RC – is finalizing the lottery application and we hope to hear about funding in feb.

2 parents have offered help design the playpod structures and governors will meet with them to discuss feasibility.

Lorna has plans to revamp the green room so there is an area designed for quiet time and reading at break times. This has been postponed until after the fair. She will need parent volunteers to help- date TBA.

Included in the greater outdoor plans is to build a more robust, safer path down to the green room but this will not be for some months.

Lorna has extensively researched welly sheds/ holders. The advice from OPAL was we need to utilize more of our outside space and one problem is wet weather causing it to be muddy and creating mess in the class rooms.

The proposal is that children have a spare pair of wellies kept at school. Initially this will be for 2-3 weeks at a time as classes rotate. She has suggested 4 racks each holding 30 pairs be purchased to be rotated between those classes that have a turn on the field. After their slot they take their wellies home and bring them back at their next slot.

It was suggested that wellies would get lost- they need to be clearly labelled. Shoes would get mixed up- so each child could keep a labelled bag with their wellies that they put there shoes in when taken off and hang it on the welly hook. These stands will have covers and be kept near the cage.

There is also a request for more small toys such as plastic animals, cars, sm balls, etc be donated to top up Lorna's playtime boxes which are very popular.

Wish List

Amanda Sapsed requested a deep, lockable cabinet for her classroom. She has a small classroom and storage is a problem. This request is supported by Geraldine.

Troy requested a jet wash as his old one is broken.

Items agreed-
4x welly racks with covers- approx £169 each
jet wash £249.99
cupboard £350

Finances

After £20 K allocated to playpods
There is approx £24 K left unallocated

Bonfire night- gross £8300 est
Profit £3300 est
Over £5000 on ticket sales

Governors Update

The gate to go on the lane is still in progress but has some logistical problems that need solving.

Grounds project- as mentioned earlier.

Full governors board meeting on Monday- minutes will be published on school website. – They will come to next SMSA meeting with a list of the governors priorities for spending in the near future.

Foundation Stage playground is a high priority in the grounds project.

Library Update

Currently very successful.
Year 2 will start in Jan.

Website

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

All theatre ticket offers are on here.

Need a big push for Christmas shopping through the website.

Hope to distribute some more stickers.

Sponsorship Update

Currently half way through TMD sponsorship and all well- hopeful they might renew.

Still need more names for boards.

Discuss with TMD the possibility of having the event being advertised on the boards.

Recent Events

BONFIRE NIGHT

A huge success despite the rain.

A big thank you to Troy and Maurice for all their hard work.

A thank you to Matt for helping to build the bonfire.

900 tickets sold. Could go up to 1000, needs 1 warden per 100 people.

A suggestion of re sale of unwanted tickets but there is no man power to staff this.

Feedback from a parent re ticket allocations – possibility for forms for applying for tickets and limit this to 4 tickets per family (even if there are more than 4 in a family). Some people find it hard to get to the ticket sales. It was felt that the current solution is better and that volunteering is one way of guaranteeing your tickets.

A point was raised about poor advertising of tickets for those with lower incomes- proposed better advertising and have tickets in the office available for those to buy at a discounted rate for those who receive free school dinners. We now have a single event insurance for it. Hired sound system was much better.

There is a real problem getting volunteers to help at this event especially with set up. Possibly as it is on a Friday. Laurence is going to discuss possibility of a Saturday night display with the school, Troy and the fireworks company.

Christmas Fair

Preparations are well underway.

Some complaints re burger quality at the bonfire and this will be discussed with Bill Nathan re the supplier.

Panto Aladdin

Next week is open auditions.

Wed 7.30pm and thurs 7.30pm in junior hall

This is for speaking roles only

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 wed 11th Dec

Fun run date 22nd June

Please shop at the SMSA for all your Christmas Shopping

