

P.T.A. Meeting

Minutes of the meeting from Monday 21st July 2014

Apologies J Parker, J Phillips and M Vincent

Attending T Towler, C Critchley, D Howe, L Foulton, S Roads, A Woodward, T Woodward, S Woodward, J Woodward, T Gardner and E Fox

Minutes of the last meeting were approved by T Towler

Treasurers Report. The balance of the account was £4389.94 as at 13th May 2014, this includes all the monies from the Summer Fayre, which was £1562.50.

The Prom held for the leavers was very successful and they appreciated the contribution made from the PTA for the event.

The end of term BBQ had to be cancelled due to lack of interest in the event.

The sports day picnic was highly successful and generated a good turn out due to the good weather and timing of the event.

Summer Fayre feedback. C Ashworth said that the event was very successful and raised lots of money for the PTA. The good weather definitely helped with turn out and aided the funds raised by the BBQ which was over £700. Having the BBQ outside and the drinks inside helped as the people were more spread out and it was therefore more relaxed. The way that the request for donations was handled this year helped to bring in more for the tombola (sending bags home with pupils), so that will be used again next time. The way that the raffle was conducted this year was also more successful, so will also be used again next time.

Christmas fayre. It was decided that this year we will have two fayres. A Christmas Craft Fayre will be held on Saturday November the 29th between 11 and 2pm and the regular Christmas Fayre will be on Friday 12th December between 6-8pm. C Critchley will look into the Cricket Club Fayre and see how theirs works to see if we can do something similar. Possibly offer a cheaper deal for craft holders to encourage this venue as a regular future venue. It was decided that £8 per table was a good rate and 2 tables would be available for £15. C Critchley suggested a Christmas Cake "guess the weight" competition or raffle which was agreed would be a good idea. C Ashworth would organise the prizes for the raffle and time would be allocated for him to do this. C Critchley would liaise with Trudy to do letters for prizes to local companies. It was suggested that using the skills of parents at Westhaven as prizes in an auction may work well, though it was decided that it may be more viable to organise that for the summer fayre for next year, J Roads would look into this. It was discussed whether the Childrens scrap store would be a good idea as an activity at the Christmas Fayre, T Critchley would look into this.

Calendars and Christmas cards may be a way of generating more money for the PTA and J Roads agreed to look into this. The school already has links with a local printer and may therefore be able to use this resources as a way to print out the calendars.

Any other Business. T Towler asked for a donation by the PTA of £1000 in order to complete the funds necessary for some new monkey bars to be installed in the playground. Monkey

bars have previously been very popular and are always requested at the pupils council meetings for them to be replaced. This was agreed by all the members of the PTA.

A request for members to join the PTA has been placed in the local newsletter and will hopefully generate some interest. There were several people interested at the new parents evening and it was noted how many new members had attended this meeting.

Date of the next meeting would be Monday the 8th September at 5pm with the AGM to be held on 13th October at 5pm.