

Victoria Primary School

PTA Meeting 1st September, 2015

Present:

Keith Duncan, Amanda Hudson, Lara Reid, Ross Tyers, Bob Kirkpatrick, Lesley Dell, Neil Steedman, Robyn Campbell, Mel Clark, Carol Anne MacKenzie, Mike Dunlop, Karen Reeves, Laura Thomson, Martin, Vinod

Apologies:

Annette Sheppard, Hazel Morrison, Robin Thain

Minutes:

Introductions – with a good number of new faces at the meeting introductions were made around the table (apologies as I didn't get Martin and Vinod's surnames)

Funding Applications – discussion on possible projects for funding applications for this school year. Keith reported that a new deadline for spending money from Leith Community Grant has been introduced (subsequently confirmed as end of March 2016). As a result of this we cannot use this as a source of funding for the gala day and will have to investigate alternative sources of funds.

Neil suggested that a potential project we could look at this year is to improve the lower playground in the area where P3 and P4 line up. This area was not resurfaced during the summer break. There is an existing problem with a collapsed drain and poor surface in this area which would potentially need to be resolved prior to any works being carried out. Possibly look to Astro turf this and turn it into a more useable area. Karen agreed to make some enquiries within the council.

Laura suggested that we look to paint lines on the new Tarmac. These need to be considered carefully to ensure that they are suitable for multiple uses e.g. for lining up in the morning, usable sports area (basketball, goals, etc.). Lesley and Bob agreed to investigate companies and obtain possible costings.

Halloween Disco – date set as Friday 30th October. Time 6.30pm – 8.00pm. Given the increase in the school roll there was a discussion around the requirement to issue tickets in advance. Laura agreed to check the hall capacity. Ticket price agreed as £2.50 including an ice pole or glow stick. Mike agreed to create a poster. Bob agreed to print up copies and possibly print tickets if required (Julie to check how many tickets we currently have). Catering arrangements can be agreed at the next PTA meeting along with the prizes for best dressed, etc.

Christmas Fayre – date proposed as either Saturday 28th November or Saturday 5th December. To be confirmed at next meeting. Time from 10.00 – 12.00. Julie and Keith not available for December date.

Raffle Prizes – all need to start looking for sources for raffle prizes with Sue no longer being a PTA member. Suggestion to obtain panto tickets to add to the raffle as a “bought” prize.

Items for sale – Having already done tea towels, cook books, etc. looking for ideas for items to sell at Christmas Fayre. Suggestions included Christmas cards, school mugs (with competition for the design of this) or an updated cook book. Laura suggested that the teachers have a think about class activities which could be organised and report back at next meeting.

Fundraising – Mike suggested an idea to have a Lego design such as a lighthouse created. People then pay £1.00 to place a brick on this. Lara may have contact at Lego who could help.

Accounts – Current balance is £ 11167.33

Requests for Funds – library re - design. Football kits.

Bags for School – date set as 6th of November for collection. Letters will be sent out to parents in next couple of weeks.

Next Meeting –
Tuesday 6th October @ 18.30