

St Margaret's Primary School Parents Teacher Association

Session 2016 – 2017

Meeting held on Tuesday 4th October 2016 after AGM

Welcome: **The meeting opened at 7.30pm (after the re-scheduled AGM)**

Attended by: Gordon Lawless (GL), Lisa Duncan (LD), Alison Drackford (AD), Louise Simpson (LS), Amanda Rennie (AR), Bernie Kelly (BK), Jill Dickson (JB), Sara-Louise Jonson (SLJ), Ann Bateman (AB), Stacey McAllister (SMc), Yvonne Stuart (YS), Sarah Thomson (ST)

Apologies: Catriona Currie (CC), Jonathan Balloch (JB), Jenna Mathers (JM) Stacey Collier-West (SCW),

Matters arising and new matters

Welcome

GL opened the meeting

As there was 1 new participant everybody introduced themselves

Minutes of last meeting

Minutes of meeting dated 6th September were accepted. Proposed by AD, seconded by GL.

Financial Overview (AD)

AD reported that we had raised £422.50 from the Bag packing event held at the B&M store. AD also confirm that £350 had been given to the school in support of the European Day of Languages. AB report that all classes and the Nursery campus enjoyed the day.

Activities

B&M Bag Packing – CC had thanked B&M for allowing us to host the bag packing event. B&M are happy to welcome us back at any time. There was a discussion about trying again in the run up to Christmas. (added to future activities)

Future Activities

October Disco (Halloween)

The bag drop for the disco has been done and CC is gathering the slips being returned and Jenna / Jill have offered help. We confirmed the hall and disco are booked. GL will do the sweet inventory and then the booker order. We will ask JB to buy the water we need.

Family Bingo

AB confirmed that the school feel this is a good idea too. After a review of the calendar, it was felt we should aim this event for Friday 10th March

Xmas Fayre

19th November – LD provided the following updates

- Santa – Michael has agreed to set up Santa Grotto again this year. We are approaching the Santa from last year and hope he can be Santa again this year (build in a break for him). If not, Jill knows another person that could be a possible Santa.
- LD asked for Teacher Helpers to be available. AB would ask the staff. SMc asked if we would like a cake stall again. We agreed that would be great.

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- LD reported that the local Boys Brigade would like to help out at the Christmas Fayre. We agreed it was a good idea. LD would assign them roles at the Fayre.
- LD will also coordinate the Kids helpers.
- LD reported we already have commitment for 16 or 17 stalls so we anticipate filling the full 22 stall allocation
- The Photographer from last year has offered to be there again. The feedback was good so we agree to have her set up in the library area again this year
- LD asked the PTA member for Christmas raffle hamper donation. PTA member and any friends that would like to donate. We aim to have a male & female adult hamper and boys and girl's kids hamper prizes
- LD also asked for PTA to spread the word for Soft toy or used books donations. We ran a stall last year and raised a good sum of money. At the end of the fayre, any items left will be taken to a charity shop.
- LD asked if the PTA could raise awareness of the Fayre at the School assembly. AB agreed and felt the 8th November would be the best assembly to attend. LD also stated that the PTA would have a stall at Parents night.

Xmas Cards

CC had sent an email update...

Christmas Cards - I plan to collect these from school tomorrow (Tues) but will update Mrs Crawford if any classes are missing and go in again on Wednesday to check.

I'd emailed Mrs Crawford all the info for the teachers to give out with the homework (which they did, so thank them for that) and asking what message the school would like inside the cards. I've not heard back so could you ask Mrs B/Miss CW to let me know?

AB confirmed the message for the Christmas Card should be "Season's Greetings"

Xmas Gifts for Nursery

We discussed at length the Gift aspect for the Nursery. We all agree that we should go for a Bag option this year as a change from the Tee Towel. We also felt the hand print option for the bags is the preference.

Xmas Disco

9th December – to be discussed at the next PTA meeting. We agreed a date of 24th March 2017 for the Easter Disco and we will discuss the rest of 2017 at the next meeting

Race Night

As we are now fitting in the Family Bingo for 10th March, we are moving the Race night to 3rd February. LS will book this date at the greenpark centre.

Bag Packing

We discussed the possibility of having Bag Packing again in the run up to Christmas. B&M again or Smyths would be options to explore.

Newsletter Update (CC)

Newsletter went out last month. Paper to P1 and Electronic available to others

Social Convenor Updates

LS has a list of booking and they are in hand

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Schools Update

AB reported that the school is running along nicely and not much news this month.

SLJ reported that discussion she had held with GL and presented the options we were considering for the climbing equipment for the playground. Our next steps are to speak with each company for quotations and with the Council for a risk assessment of each. The Pupil Council will be involved in these steps and we hope to meet with them on 16th Nov.

Correspondence (secretary)

GL confirm the web site is up to date and looking good. SMC reported that we still expect a tool update soon and she will keep GL informed.

PVG – All good on PVG this month.

AOCB

Bags to School

GL was asked to set up a Bags to School pick up. Since the meeting, GL has called and set up a pick up for 1st December.

Daily Mile Markers

LD reported that she is still to measure out the daily mile markers in the playground. The walk and talk session with BK are a success with the kids so the marker will hopefully encourage more of this type of activity.

Date of next meeting to be **November 1st at 7pm**

Meeting closed at 8.30pm

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