



Spring Bank PTA Meeting – February 2nd

7.30-9.30pm

Attending: Martin Savage, Keith Kennaugh, Elizabeth Simpson, Caroline Mitchell, Natalie Ryan, Lifang You, Pamela Crowe, Joel Gellard, Ursula Philpot

Apologies: Natalie, Marion, Gail

PTA roles

Remain unchanged since September.

Current Funds allocation

* Balance and spending – requires Gail

ACTION: URSULA/JOEL to request update from Gail and share.

* Reflector clips – okayed by group. Star clip preferred by pupils, mixed colours. 220 reflectors agreed to be good value at £300 and will be ordered.

ACTION: LIZZIE to liaise with Mrs Holdsworth and/or external road safety to look at a possible talk/assembly to support safety when the clips are given out.

School discos

* Leads: Natalie Edmundson and Martin Savage KS1

* Dates: Around Easter, Tuesday 28th (Mr. Brawley/Nikki OK with this). There may not be many teachers as there may be meeting until 4.45pm (the disco would be until around 5.30pm). Staff are strictly required for children to leave school premises.

SATs week is the week beginning 8th May 2017 and Ingleborough is the week after .

So maybe the week beginning 15th May, may be a good week for the the disco.

ACTION: MARTIN wil double check dates.

* Volunteers needed for toilet breaks etc. Natalie and Caroline requested no balloons/bubbles this year please as they can be difficult to clear up and cause slips. Also possible dressing up theme?

ACTION: MARTIN to ask reps about theme and canvas about songs. Joel happy to play playlist via laptop.

* Costs: should be minimal; drinks and crisps, that's about it. Lizzie suggested filling starbucks cups with individual popcorn.

* KS2: later in year, they petitioned to get one closer to summer (possibly first summer term). Playlist going round KS2 already! Games (diff for KS1/2 – 2 may not want games). Snacky food,

ACTION: check on who led last year, can they lead again? JOEL will check with Hayley

Summer fair

* DATE and LEAD to be confirmed.

ACTION: JOEL/KEITH will liase with Jen Harris about leading again or supporting new lead.

* co-lead/deputy suggested to help the lead and share work.

* Theme: rainbows and colours suggested, with every class having a colour – each class could donate specifically coloured items. Rainbow cakes and a rainbow parade (parade went down well that year) again, with each class represented by colour. Art attack/Mister maker style big rainbow picture taken by drone? Treasure hunt, pots of gold/lucky jars also suggested. Keep requests specific – jam jars

ACTION: to find volunteers for lead or co-lead

* Starbucks on Wellington st can always do coffee, no more cups needed, we have loads of spares. Other uses for cups? Planting seeds.

Events planned

* Christmas social (was quiz last year): date and who is organising TBC

* Fair Banners were removed by the Council both times from the railings at the bottom of Spring Rd. They must be on school railings.

* Christmas fair/festival of light: feedback from Lizzie and group. Nikki & carillon were amazing; Janet (chair of governors) and Al Garthwaite (labour councillor) were very supportive. Gail was a very helpful example of how good ideas and previous experiences can be passed on! Lanterns/craft element was very popular so to try and repeat if possible. Santas grotto – 60 or 70 selection boxes returned (200 bought). Ivan, Mrs Ryan and Gustav were great and 50p picture charge was a great idea (pics went out really quick too). Sweet stall pretty successful but too much sugar overall? Money spent on napkins, paper plates, decorations, lights – ate into funds as a one off. Woodland grotto recycled by reception! Choir a big success, again please!! Lots of generous competition prizes from local businesses, but not much uptake for adverts... possibly more success if we offer it to parents with small businesses instead, at low cost, and start earlier with this. Lizzie very grateful for her thank you gift.

* Suggestions for next time: Deputy suggested to support Xmas coordinator. More games, more stalls, lady from Osborne books cancelled and will attend next time; less alcohol prizes, more kids prizes please (some booze was returned eventually, children winners were given £5 instead); rethink spinning wheel to avoid difficulty tracking down wandering winners; Spin the wheel wasn't

allocated (thanks to Keith for stepping in) – don't forget next time. To continue to be mindful of DBS issues. Cakes fairly thin on the ground... maybe craft day to produce cakes/biscuits just before? Or a craft to make treats onsite (possible H&S concerns – Keith said he'd follow up re. childrens workshops and health requirements for group cooking). Or use space from cake stall for another game?

* Fundraising school Xmas cards: Children-designed christmas cards which the parents order, and the school gets a percentage. They also do bags for life, mugs, tea towels. Deadline for submission of designs is **Oct 17th**. There is also an Oxfam design competition at the headingley branch which we could enter – similar deadline.

* Talent show: Alex and Emma usually lead. Asking volunteers to film the show was suggested, followed by screening night to watch afterwards, which pupils and parents could attend and enjoy.

* Nativity/christmas performances: Same filming idea - possible to make a dvd and sell for school funds, or use secure video hosting site with password.

* Quiz night – Mike @ heart has offered do one there and feed funds back to the school. Ursula to pursue, possibly for February quiz night.

Fundraising

* Spring Bank Cook Book: Suggested by Marion Harrison, who will lead (info attached at bottom of minutes). Also suggested was a fuddle/international food evening where people bring different foods and the proposed book can be sold (e.g. the breakfast club which went really well)

Links to health: Ursula, Mr Wrankmore could support.

When to do it: Sats begin w/c 8th may ... so not ideal for any events

Marion suggested for submissions to end around Easter (potential fuddle/food festival could be around this time, or later in May). **Deadline: 7th April for submissions, followed by editing/input from pupils after sats; print aimed at end of May.**

ACTION: MARION/JOEL to publicise, speak to teachers and start collecting recipes, stories and art

School Improvement

* Outdoor play equipment: Bigger fundraising required – perhaps a good time to pursue fundmatching with bigger organisations as potentially very expensive. Mrs Ryan has been looking into it and emphasised that climbing/swinging a big part of learning/development requirements. Mr Wrankmore is also requesting climbing/play improvement. Possible location up on grassy area; the ground/type of surface surrounding it would also be part of consideration and finance... so possibly a longer term consideration. Main issues are space and cost.

ACTION: Mrs. Ryan to continue to look at requirements and good examples and feedback to PTA, who can look at funds and fundraising.

Along similar lines, resetting climbing wall to make the most out of the traverse

ACTION: Pamela will talk to husband Chris about resetting climbing grips

* Other Outdoor activities: Possible visual treasure hunts (hidden things to find painted or placed around school) e.g. where's Wally/where's Mr Brawley; creative ideas to engage children outside the classroom.

* Cars outside school - a general concern, cars running engines outside whilst waiting was discussed. Possible link with external campaigns discussed. Could public air quality monitoring and/or a poster designed by pupils raise awareness and improve the situation? Appeal to environmental parents. Gustav? Al Garthwaite (governor) would be interested if we do take up.

ACTION: Possible formal complaint from school re. railings being removed. LIZZIE to speak to counsellor Al Garthwaite (also school governor) about this and other traffic issues e.g. chapel lane rat run concerns

* Carrillion and school meals: Ursula feedback she's been liaising with Gillian from Carrillion, but there have been delays for menus, eating arrangements and possible PTA invite to try food. Keith also asked about vegan menus being discussed again.

* Incubating Chicks

Mrs Ryan talking to Meanwood farm about accessing an incubator for the school; lots of opportunities. To hire is £140 for time you need it then revisit throughout year (very timetable specific) so... £280 to *buy* one. Collection at Christmas play = £72 approx. PTA offered to fund difference. Mrs Ryan suggested another £1 a go move a mile with parents, possibly dressed as chicks... KEITH also offered to investigate cheaper alternatives. PTA will feedback to Gail to discuss use of funds.

Clubs in school

Coding club: Lights for disco/possible air pollution monitor function (see school improvements below)? . Keith volunteering to help with club.

ACTION: JOEL to speak to Leo (runs club). *Club is currently on hold.*

Music/art: Messy art club! Feedback from school council. Reception/year one – gym club; Construction Lego/Knex/Duplo/meccano club (donations from older children) making and crafts

Art club: – arty parent

Science club: often appears expensive.

Basketball: (all staff have recently been trained!) – both this and science could link to university?

Hobby horse race/summer event/sportsday or similar: Also elderflower fizz, breakfast items, strawbs – remember captive audience! – croissants, out of the way coffees and teas, make most of space

ACTION: PTA to support finding creative/arty/sparty volunteers

Music group (younger pupils) – JOEL to investigate percussion in particular, could be shorter group , 30 mins to suit younger ones. Sets of bells, drums, shakers are easily achievable. Martin's dad is a pianist and may want to support.

Other ideas

* Noticeboard: new one for KSW. Keith offered to help put one up.

* Trips further afield, e.g. Hepworth, sculpture park, Leeds art gallery. Minibus use to pursue (cardigan centre etc.) – coach hire extremely expensive and public transport less predicatable (though just as entertaining!).

AOB

Recruitment for PTA and events! Ideas discussed: Use of notice board, introduction night, parents a table at parents evening - where, when and how to introduce, Claire Naylor for PTA on website. Emails and skill audit of parents, calendar of upcoming events and what is needed disseminated as far as possible.

Next PTA meeting 25th April 7.30pm, likely same venue

The Springbank Cookbook.

*Collect recipes from parents, guardians, grandparents, childminders, pupils, teachers, dinner ladies, cleaners, governors.

(Starters, Main meals, puddings, cakes, snacks, party food, smoothies, breakfasts, picnic food)

These could be:

Old favourites,

Traditional recipes from country/region of origin,

Those homemade recipes that shouldn't work but so do!

Recipes that pupils have made,

Recipes passed down the family etc.

*Marion to work with the school and ask pupils to do drawings to illustrate the recipes- fruit, veg, plates, pans, cooking utensils, tables, picnics etc.

*Competition in school to design the front cover.

*Ask Mr Brawley or a dinner lady or someone else to work with some children to write a short introduction.

*24 or 36 pages depending on how much content we get.

*Initial print run of 100 copies but could do more.

*A5

*Black and white (keeps print cost down) but done on thick newspaper /draft paper so has nice homemade/DIY feel to it.

Footprint Workers Cooperative could do 100 x 36pages for £129.

*Marion & Aidan (Nancy, Reception) and Joel (Libby, Reception & Penny, Year 2) to design and typeset the book ready for print.

* Ready for general sale by end of May 2017. (it could then be updated every 2/3 years)

Approx. £3-£5 per copy.

For sale in school, on website and maybe in Oxfam and Heart cafe?

Let me know what you think. I am happy to write something about the cookbook and request for recipes to go on the website and on Parent Mail/handout for all pupils/parents if we get the go ahead.

Thanks

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