

Baldwins Gate CE (VC) Primary School

PTA Minutes

Wednesday 21st January 2015

Present: P. Johnson, A. Candlish, C.Lowe, C. Talbot, D Pearce, J. Smith, L.Reeves, R. Inskip-Edwards, J. Convey, V. Danks and C. Lowndes

Apologies: E. Hore, H.

Christmas Fair - The Christmas Fair was again a success and this year. The locations of both the refreshments and cake stalls were raised as those involved in the running of these felt that they could have raised more if positioned in different areas. .

Christmas Disco - The children enjoyed the disco as usual and the date for this Christmas has been booked and confirmed with the DJ. It will be on Wednesday 16th December 2015 at the usual time. It was noted that during the event there were fewer committee members than usual and this will be addressed in future.

Pam thanked everyone for their help with the Christmas fair and disco and has yet to confirm the overall profit made.

Film & Quiz Night - It was agreed that the date for the quiz would be Friday 27th February starting at 6.30pm. This year the committee are requesting that only adult or family teams are entered for the quiz. Children will watch a "U" certificate film that has yet to be decided. As well as the usual prize for the winners (Mrs Candlish to arrange) and raffle for the children - just before the start of the 2nd half, there will be a heads n tails game. Those taking part will pay £1 each and then it will be a game of chance as to whether they stay in following their choice of heads or tails. The winner will receive half of the total games £1 entry fee and the other half will go to the PTA. As usual food will be provided for both adults and children (list attached). Squash will be provided for the children but adults must provide their own (alcoholic or non-alcoholic). The entrance fee will be £3 for adults and £2 for children.

Film Night for Children - Mr Lowndes suggested holding a film night for children straight after school. The children would view a recent "U" certificate or "PG" (permission from parents needed) in the hall. During the event the children would have a hot dog, juice and cake. The cakes would be made during the day by Class 4 children. Mrs Candlish will get the rest of the supplies. In

order for the event to take place a certain amount of adults are required. Adults volunteering are: A. Candlish, V. Danks, C. Lowe, P. Johnson, R. Inskip-Edwards, D. Pearce, J. Convey and C. Talbot (checking if she can). It has been decided that the date for this will be Thursday 2nd April (last day before the Easter holidays). The price is £5 per child with a maximum of £10 per family.

Grounds Day - Everyone agreed that last year's Grounds Day was a big success and the unusual planters provided by Class 1 were very cheery and made a lovely display. This year it will be the first week back after half term and will be on Friday 5th June. The activities and what is needed will be discussed nearer the time.

Funds - In recent months the PTA has contributed £1000.00 towards 4 iPads and £2000.00 towards the hall refurbishment. In addition it was also agreed that each class and the after school club could have £100.00 each. So far the total spent between classes 1 - 4 has been £127.34. The remaining monies are still available and accounted for. Further commitments on funding projects will as usual be through a request to the PTA which will then be discussed during the next meeting. The committee are exceedingly grateful to Mrs Hore for all the work she has done as treasurer and are aware of her desire to hand over the reins before her son leaves the school in July. At the previous meeting Mrs Hore had discussed Miss Reeves working alongside her until she officially hands over the role. It was decided that a letter clarifying this move would be written by Mrs Lowe and Mrs Danks. It was also decided that the committee would create/update a treasurers policy as the new treasurer took over. Mrs Candlish will telephone Mrs Hore to update her of the decisions in her absence and ask for her input.

Proposed Future Fundraising Events

Mrs Johnson suggested that events involving children did far better than those involving just adults. Therefore it has been arranged for a **Key Stage 2 Sleep over!** Children in Classes 3 and 4 will have the opportunity to spend the night in the school on Friday 19th June from 7pm. The children will bring their own sleeping bags and will be sleeping in "dormitory style" settings within the classrooms. There will be games outside (weather permitting) and other activities before bedtime. Children will be provided with snacks and breakfast and must be collected no later than 9am on Saturday morning. The cost will be £12.50 per child and the event will take place subject to a risk assessment.

Pamper Evening - This has been mentioned as an event that has not been repeated for a few years. Those parents who talked were approached remember them with enthusiasm and new parents may enjoy the experience. It was decided that the committee should gauge how popular the event would be before organising.

Car Treasure Hunt followed by BBQ - Mrs Candlish said that this event has not taken place for a few years. Miss Reeves said that she would ask for contact details of the gentleman who used to organise local treasure hunts.

Clothes Sale - Mrs Pearce has been looking into having a New Look clothes sale on a Saturday to raise funds. At present there is no confirmed date.

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Community Chest - It has been agreed by Whitmore Parish Council and endorsed by Newcastle-under-Lyme Council that the application for £400.00 towards a new PA system and speakers. This should now be in the school bank account and Mrs Riley will be ordering the items ASAP. Once completed the evaluation forms for the above will be submitted.

Defibrillator - Mr Smith acknowledged that although the PTA had agreed to purchase a defibrillator at a future date to be specified, the school had been advised that this was not necessary. However Mrs Johnson commented on Kidsgrove Junior Football Team who had used theirs on adults and children on 4 occasions and that it was something that should be considered for the future. Mrs Candlish suggested writing to the village hall and asking if we could loan their defibrillator for events at the school. Mrs Candlish also commented on the communities' first responders and all agreed that they were outstanding in their speed at getting to emergency situations.

Summer Fair - Saturday 4th July - featuring a talent show

Date of next meeting

Wednesday 18th March at 7pm

Meetings could be arranged for 3.45 with subsidised club rates for children. Parents to be asked for their opinions on this.