

Simmondley School Parents' Association



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Minutes of the PA meeting held 4th November 2014

1. Present

Elizabeth Kimberley, Tina Betts, Adele Cave, Julia Thomas, Rachel Towney, Martin Howbrook, Jon Matthews, Gill Ellison, Sonia Habgood, Jacqui Tomlinson, Karen Harbut, Sarah Porter.

2. Apologies

Tracey - Jane Fielding, Mike Tomlinson, Rachel Rourke, Catherine Robinson, Debbie Greaves, Jane Alderdice.

3. Previous Minutes

The minutes from the AGM were agreed.

4. Treasures Report

EK - advised there was currently £4,740.45 in the bank.

Things to come out of that are:

£150.00 for the History Van - that was agreed at the last meeting. GE - advised that the children really enjoyed the day.

£35.81 - for AGM refreshments.

EK advised that the Christmas crackers for the children Christmas meal had also been ordered but that she had not had the invoice for them yet, It was clarified that all children would receive one - even those on a packed lunch.

EK advise that Andrew Smith had a meeting arranged with the Apple Shop in relation to the purchasing of the iPads the PA agreed to fund at the last meeting. The price at the moment is £319 each including VAT - but we might be able to purchase via Derbyshire County Council for cheaper - we would not have to pay the VAT. If we go via the Apple shop we might be able to get included in the package free education Apps. Apple have also advised that to support the iPads we would need an Apple Macintosh computer. If we purchase all the iPads via the Apple store we would get a 2% discount. There was also an option to lease the iPads - but after a discussion it was agreed that this is not cost effective. After Andrew meets with the Apple Store on Friday we will know more. Either way we would look at getting 3 quotes.

It was agreed that we will discuss again at the next meeting once we know more after Andrew's meeting on Friday.

5. Questions for Treasurer

No questions

6. PA constitution and Aims and objectives

A couple of amendments to the constitution were discussed and agreed to. JT advised will amend draft documents accordingly, JT advised that MT was looking at refreshing the PA website page to put the constitution on and minutes of each meeting which the committee agreed to. Amended document attached to email.

7. School Funding requests

There were no new funding requests to be discussed.

8. Funding ideas for iPads

There was a discussion about the sponsored event that was briefly discussed at last meeting. EK advised that another sponsored event was due to take place in February and it might be too much to have 2 sponsored event.

TB asked if another event that the PA ran could be dedicated to funding the iPads and it was agreed that this was a very good idea. The committee then discussed whether the next quiz night could be this event. It was agreed to discuss this at the next PA meeting.

EK advised that the last PA survey had suggested that a non-uniform day could be done every term. GE advised that this could be difficult as complaints had been previously been received to the school about the frequency of non-uniform days. GE agreed to discuss this option with DG.

9. School Disco

The committee went through the document SH had provided.

EK confirmed the DJ had been booked. JT asked if we had any glow sticks etc. in PA cupboard. Both KH and AC confirmed that they had done a tidy out the PA cupboard at the start of the new school year and that there were plenty of glow products in there that could be sold so no new products need to be purchased.

EK agreed to purchase refreshment. JM advised that he had a contact at Swizzles and he was able to get all the Swizzles refreshments that the PA needed at no cost. The committee were thankful to JM for this and took him up on his offer. This means that EK doesn't need to purchase as many items to sell at the fair. The committee also agreed to provide free cups of water for the children at the disco that needed it. The committee agreed to have a separate stall set up serving free water to those who asked for it.

Helpers for the Disco agreed - attached to this email,

EK agreed to send a letter advising parents of disco and also asking for more helpers - the committee agreed the more the more helpers we have the merrier.

10. Christmas Fair

The committee discussed the previous Christmas Fair and the best stalls to have. The committee agreed to a number of stall and then discussed the best place to have them. Attached to these minutes is the stalls agreed and the volunteers agreed to man them. It was agreed that the tickets for Santa would be sold on the night and that we would sell 100 tickets on a first come first served basis. The ticket will be sold in time slots to try and stop all of the queuing that all of parents experienced at the last Christmas Fair.

11. AOB

Christmas presents for the infants need purchasing - EK agreed to arrange this.

Quiz night - date to be confirmed but will discuss at next meeting.

JT raised the open day the school were hosting and asked if the PA could assist with this. It was discussed and because so close to the Christmas Fair it was agreed that the PA would struggle to assist with this as well organising the Christmas Fair

JT advised that Andrew Smith had volunteered to be school representative on the PA but could not make a Tuesday night due to personal commitment. The PA agreed to change the day of meetings to a Monday.

10. Date and Time of next Meeting

Monday 12th January at 19.30