Minutes of Laurance Haines School PTA

Thursday 24th May 2018

Welcomes and introductions

Present: Elisabeth Butler, Steph Lennox, Rebecca Davis, Christine Armstrong.

Apologies:

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1. Leavers' balloons and books

It was agreed that the PTA would pay for the Leaver's books and balloons again. Mrs Delginova has requested that the string to the balloons is bio-degradable, like the balloons, to fit with the Eco policy. It was agreed that this would be sourced. It was agreed that Christine would speak to Mrs Furey regarding the leavers' balloons.

2/3. Water fountain and degradable cups

The cups have been sourced and are waiting to be ordered for the fountain. Negotiations are underway for the Perspex tube, which will be used to collect coins in order to pay for the water fountain and cups.

4. Communications

Chair suggested that PTA should create some flyers to hand out with details of how to contact the committee through Facebook, Twitter and e-mail. It was agreed that there should be a table at the Open Evening on 9th July to show parents what the PTA do and how the money is spent in school.

It was suggested that the PTA purchase a board to put in the KS2 playground, initially, solely for the purpose of advertising the PTA events and information. A board in the KS1 playground may be purchased at a later date.

5. Year 3/4 Disco

The event went well and 60 tickets were sold. A profit was made from the tuck shop, which will be used towards future events.

6. Year 1/2 Disco

Following the slow up take for the year 3/4 disco, the committee agreed to change the date of the disco to 19th June, which will be after Ramadan has finished. The children will have Mr Marvel to entertain them and a designated break, when they will be given a snack, a drink and a finger light. A letter will go out at the start of the half term. There will be an amendment to previous letters where parents will need to state who (over 16yrs) will be collecting the child at the end of the evening. A date will be added as a deadline for tickets.

Parent helpers will need to be briefed at the start of the disco about monitoring doors and not allowing children outside. The small courtyard will be opened for those wishing to get air.

7. Summer Fair

Due to insufficient offers of help on the day of the Summer Fair, it was reluctantly agreed that it should be cancelled. After a deadline of 3.30 pm on Friday 25th, an email would be sent to all parents.

The committee agreed that an event in September would be better and could use the outside agencies that were going to come to the fair (inflatables, ice-cream van). A car boot sale in the playground, along with a table top sale would require less helpers on the day and would increase funds for the PTA. Costs were suggested at £15 for a car, £20 for a van and £5 for a table top, £1 entry for buyers. This could be changed before the final event. Refreshments would be served in the Lower Hall and the Inflatables would be in the lower playground or Upper Hall, depending on the weather. Mr Phillipson would be involved in agreeing on the number of cars that could sell on the day.

Advertising for the event should be completed before the Summer Holiday. A date cannot be agreed until the Premiership schedule is released to avoid match day parking.

8. AOB

It was suggested that future events may be more aimed at parents in order to involve them in the community of Laurance Haines and the PTA.

Meeting Close

8.30pm. Next meeting to be Thursday 28th June