



Whipton Barton Federation PSA Meeting.

Wednesday 3rd May. Start 9.20am

Attending: Gem Frost (chair), Selina Hunt (Treasurer), Samantha Cordey (Secretary), Caroline Jackson, Michelle Bennett, Natasha Quick, Sam Bamsey, Erin Gerry, Maz Guest, Lisa Mead, Fran McBride, James Norman (Junior school Head teacher.)

Apologies: Amy Hardware, Rennes association.

Item 1-Update from Gary Read. (Via James Norman)

Sensory Garden grand opening dates proposed are Friday 16th or 23rd June.

Sponsors are on rugby kits. These are also used for football matches to boost advertising. 1 sponsor remaining for Netball team. Thank you E-mails sent to sponsors. Query over whether photos have been sent?

The use of the Drum kit in the library is always only temporary if the music room is unavailable.

Item 2-Family Film night.

Profit of £50 made. Only half of last Family film night profit possibly due to less advertising being limited to only boards. No posters to go up on doors, windows or in corridors. Joint film night was to promote the tie between the schools however age related films may be better pitched as separate events.

Item 3- Easter competition/non-uniform.

Profit made= Infant £98.60, Junior £125.20. Average of half per class donating.

Competition entries meant to be in Thursday for judging but many arrived Friday morning creating complications. PSA had decided to give prizes to all who entered as the numbers were so low but then massively increased.

Item 4- Library furniture.

Items approved by Gary. Need to be ordered.

Item 5- Rennes.

As Rennes association not present, recap on idea of community gardening project and reminder of Gary's idea for the community art project. (Children from the school to create art to display in Rennes communal corridors.)

Item 6- Car Boot sale.

Saturday 20th May.

Use of the school kitchen has been approved. 2 more volunteers needed to support Fran in cooking. (Must wear suitable shoes.) One suggestion was to advertise for support on the Facebook page. Hot food to include bacon rolls, burgers, hot dogs and chips. Debbie kindly offered to help with advice with supplies to maximise profits. A local bakery linked to the school has kindly offered to donate the rolls needed. The kitchen will be open at 10.30am to start cooking. Agree to cater for 150-200 people.

James approved moving a couple of the picnic benches onto the playground for people to sit and eat. (Will need a bin too.)

Gary has approved any over flow sellers can use the hall for table top selling.

Michelle and Selina to take entry fees from cars and allocate into spaces. High Visibility jackets would be needed for all PSA volunteers. Had 2 offers from PSA members to acquire some.

Maz Guest has posted on radio exe page and will do a call/shout out nearer to the time.

Item 7- PSA Bank account.

No further update on change of name for account.

Item 8- Letter from gardening club.

A beautifully written letter from the Infant gardening club was submitted asking for some money to re-bark their bedding area and to purchase some salad plants to grow and use in the kitchen.

£150 agreed.

Item 9- Leavers disco.

Proposed date of July 20th not convenient as it's the day before the summer fair. James to re-check calendar.

Agreed to use Junior hall for both discos. Year 2 will be from 4-5pm with year 6 from 5.30-6.30pm. Tuck shop suggested for the year 6 disco. Ice-polls for both agreed.

Item 10- Summer Fair.

Advertise on Facebook page for suggestions for the stalls. Once the list is complete these will be allocated to classes. Outside stalls are all already booked in and thoughts towards improving prizes were agreed. Letters for raffle donations to go out now.

AOB.

Additional fundraising idea was to sell raffle tickets over a week or 2 and then call a winning number. Half the profit goes to the winner, half to the school. James questioned feasibility as it's a lottery style event, may be seen as gambling.

A Wish list from the school could be drawn up to outline the needs for funds. This way the PSA is always working towards what the school really wants and needs. Ideas already include outdoor toys for the playground as well as helping to pay towards trips.

Feedback forms were very informative and highlighted a general feeling of the PSA being cliquy or intimidating due to some faces. Collectively agreed that this was definitely on the change and all steps being made are positive. James suggested having a code of conduct to support any unwanted actions from members, including personal behaviour and their use of social media. Agreed that the PSA are an extension from the school and needs to be seen in that way. Possibly putting up a photo on the school page. Also all agreed to make meeting minutes public for all to read and then comment or respond to. This will encourage engagement from parents and carers who may not be able to attend meetings and enables others to have an input and their say without having to be at the meetings.

Ends 10.25am

Next Meeting Wednesday 7th June. 9.15am in the Infant Family room.