

MINUTES OF Dunswell Academy PTA MEETING @ The Ship 7pm

PTA ATTENDEES

Julie Reed Simone Mendoza Jayne Brown Lynsey Robinson Helen Lorne
Emily Pye Karen Markham Catherine Barker – Governors Joe Russell - Guest

APOLOGIES – Melanie Mathews, Kelly Lomas

POINTS DISCUSSED

Welcome – Julie welcomed Helen Lorne to the PTA and thanked her for joining us.

Previous Minutes from 21.01.16

School Requests Wi-Fi has been put on hold and school are purchasing a dongle to use at the Sports Hall. Karen said we are welcome to use it.

Insurance Cert: Cath has displayed this on the PTA Board @ school. Julie has written the news-letter, it will be displayed on web site and **Karen** to organise email to all parents.

Dates for diary – see updated list of events

Valentines Disco Sadly Cancelled due to lack of numbers

Bun Sales x 2 - Raised £102

Easter Assembly Thursday 24 March 2pm @ Sports Hall **Cath & Julie** in Kitchen. Buns needed.

Easter Disco Thursday 24 March 6 - 7.30pm @ DL, **Lynsey** to book room, **Emily** to book DJ. Buns Needed.

Hypnotist Evening – Raised £860

Karen to ask Barbara to send out a text prior to the next meeting to bring in more parents.

Summer Prom Thursday 21 July 2016 – We still need to book transport. **Julie** waiting on a price from limo & **Cath** waiting on price from Mandy. 15 children 2 teachers.

AGENDA

Guest Speaker - Joe Russell

Joe came to talk us through some options for the playground renovation.

Option 1 Bridge and footpath approx. £25000 + purchase of land or permission to cross.

Option 2 Pile and Build up the dyke to gain more playground approx. £50000.

Option 3 Build up the dyke side with Gabion Baskets to gain more playground. Approx. £20000

Option 4 Resurfacing the playground with tarmac. Approx. £4500

Joe brought drawings to show the different options and we all thought our only option at this time financially was 'C'. It was a great idea and would gain us an area similar to the Astra turf area to the South side of the playground.

School – Karen spoke on behalf of the school and explained that the playground is in desperate need of resurfacing. It is becoming uneven and doesn't want it to become a health and safety issue.

Karen also suggested that it would be worth looking into moving the school dinners over to the sports hall and then spending the lunch break over in the tennis courts and play area and the field when dry or in the Hall if wet. There were issues that needed looking at such as kitchen improvements, staffing which Karen thought would be adequate with existing staff. Some fencing or barriers may be required on open areas of carpark and field. This would also release the kitchen area in class 1 to use as storage or other. Kitchen appliances and surfaces could be taken from the school kitchen and fitted at the sports hall.

The air-conditioning also still needs addressing. PTA are waiting on a quote which **Julie** will chase.

Karen to find out if we can have a PTA section on the parent pay site to allow parents to pay for events.

PTA suggested as an alternative to the playground extension that we could look at the costs involved with sports hall lunches, resurfacing the playground and air-conditioning.

We have the money in place to pay for resurfacing over Easter Holidays.

Julie is going to contact Sangwins for an accurate price to re-cover.

Cath is going to contact Mr Soans also for a comparison price.

PTA suggested after the resurfacing works are complete more games should be painted on the floor. I.e. hop scotch, twister and look into more.

Julie thanked Joe Russell for coming along his presentation was very interesting and informative.

Dates in Diary Julie asked for more event ideas.

Easter Disco – Lynsey to book DL 6 – 7.30pm, Emily to book DJ. Cath to print tickets and do poster.

Catherine offered to host an Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday 26 March 11am to 1pm @ Manor Farm Camping. Tickets £4 per child to win an Easter egg after collecting bunny tails (cotton wool balls in 3 colours). Also do burgers and drinks to sell on the day. **Cath** to do poster & tickets.

Julie and Cath to do a Kiplingcoats Raffle – Thursday 17 March in Ship.

Julie to seek out a good butchers deal.

We need someone to sponsor it for £40.

Helen Suggested a Mother's Day Surprise Shop.

Friday 4th March in school playground @ 3.30pm

Cath to ask John Barker for price of potted flower to sell in the above shop.

Wednesday 2 March all help to gift wrap pots.

Lynsey to make 30 gift tags.

Cath to make poster and supply Marquee.

Julie asked if anyone was willing to take on organising the summer fair. With no takers it was agreed that we would change the style of it. It is now on Friday 24 June @ 3.30pm in the school playground. Selling buns and PTA stalls. It was suggested that a team take on this event. Can **Simone, Mel and Lynsey** organise this event?

Cath read out a letter from **Kelly Lomas** suggesting several different ideas some new and some already in action. Kelly's offer of help is gratefully received and PTA would like to discuss possibly organising a cake or hamper calendar with her. **Cath** to ask Pauls to donate a cake.

Although not there everyone thanked Kelly for her input.

Finance – Jayne

Money in Bank = £7736.63
Money in
£1420 Hypnotic Evening (profit £860)
£455 Camp Out
Money Out
£560 Hypno Expenses

Governors Feedback

School Banking Catherine showed everyone the information that Ross Jump had shared at the Governors meeting. Everyone loved the idea but worried about the logistics, who would manage it, it would need to be open every week on the same day, money handling and banking. It was agreed that we would think about it and re discuss, maybe ask Ross to get involved.

Movie Nights / after school movies. Catherine had discussed the issue of having PTA movie nights for the children and discussed the fact that we needed adequate police checked staff (we have 4), Parents should understand that it's a PTA event not a school club, children numbers to staff to be considered. Helen suggested we need to find out about licences to show movies also ask school if they have a licence that will cover us ensuring we are allowed to charge for the event. **Jayne** to look at PTA web site for advice. Other movie night ideas were £5 3.30 – 5.30pm Inc. drink and snack. Possible hot dogs for sale? Only play u or PG movies and check film length.

Any Other Business

Catherine asked if all PTA members could keep Facebook and other social media conversations positive with regards the school. We are representatives of the school and should always do so with the schools best interest in mind. If you have any issues regarding the school please use the correct procedures to resolve them. Not social media.

Helen said she was very impressed with how much money we raised and what a great effort we all make. Thank you Helen xx

Date for Next Meeting – Tuesday 15 March 2016 @ 7pm.

This will be an **Open AGM meeting**.

All posts will be up for re-election.

Chair of PTA

Deputy Chair of PTA

Secretary of PTA

Treasurer of PTA

Anyone wishing to apply for the above posts can do so in writing to Dunswell Academy PTA c/o The school office, prior to the next meeting on 15.03.16

With Thanks

Catherine Barker

PTA Secretary

25.02.2016