

PTA Committee Meeting - Thursday 14 July 2016

Attendees: Jen Ingham, Lara Stokes, Becky Chamberlain, Tania Wilson, Emma Dadson, Lisa Guppy, Irene Conway, Ann-Marie Wortley, Karen May
Apologies: Ruth Dorso

1. Communications (Classlist)

- 1.1 This year we have undertaken a trial of classlist as a means of communicating with the parent body as an alternative to email. Based on the numbers, uptake for parent registration is about 70%. We hope that more people will register as the older years (used to the previous systems) graduate.

Examples are: 56/60 parents registered in EYFS and the same for Year 3.

The question is whether to continue with next year? We discussed the issues:

- Contact information - can put minimum information.
- What about if parents don't use email?
- Discussed suggestions of how we can deal with it.
- Is also question of who is on the list and whether we can cross-reference with school register? We may be able to get school to check list to see who on it and where gaps are? School could then contact them. **Action: Emma will liaise with School to try to locate gaps.**

Action: We will re-visit in October. To help with transition, we will raise with class reps.

- 1.2 We discussed school email and club availability. School changing mail server to mail chimp. Jen Watkiss happy to help school with transition if necessary.
- 1.3 Class reps for 2016-17 - Emma will contact current class reps and see if they want to continue for the new year.

2. Dates for September

Curriculum evenings? AGM after EYFS curriculum evening. School will email next week.
Committee Meeting - 1st week of school. Good idea to have a meeting. Tuesday 6 September 2016.

Class Rep Coffee - class rep coffee or drinks to discuss.

1st day EYFS Coffee - Thursday 8 Sept 2016.

3. Open Committee Roles 2016-17

Chairs - Jen & Lara

Becky leaving

Tania leaving. Ruth take treasurer role.

Emma take Becky's role.

Lisa – happy to stay on as secretary for one more year, unless someone else wants to do it.

Need to find someone to be Class Rep Co-ordinator.

4. Feedback for Lost Property

We had parent feedback regarding lost property – the volume, whether there is another way it can be organised - what can we do to help?

Answer: Important that all items are named.

Big problem about where things go. Should we have so many places to collect lost property?

Dealing with lost property is a full-time job. Question of storage. What can we do? Is a question to consider.

5. Mound and PTA funding

- PTA has given £15,000 cheque for mound and residentials.

- School is still considering name for mound.
- Mound gets used a lot for classes and played on at lunchtimes.

6. Next year's events

First event is calendar. Some of this year's team no longer has children at the school. However, Joy Holgate has very kindly said she would still help with layout and design of calendar.

We will need a photographer.

Ms Katie Rhymes - is a photographer, so school will liaise to see if she can help.

7. Thanks

The School would like to say a big thank you! The support and feedback from PTA has been great and the Project Manager link has been fantastic. It's been a great year.

We would all like to say a special thanks to Sarah Griffiths for organisation of Aristotle Cup. It was a great day and enjoyed by everyone.

8. Any other Business?

Is there anything to fundraise towards?

- We have previously discussed the triangle, but think it is better to wait until the triangle is actually transferred. Would then be more tangible. We can have a big push in the future.

Governor Premises meeting is it open?

- Not sure but could have governor come to PTA Meeting.

"Replace AstroTurf"? This is a discussion which we have had previously and thoughts are it might need upgrading or maintenance. At the moment, Ruth Dorso is doing some research and will come back with some ideas. School confirmed that astroturf will need to be upgraded or fixed at some point. If there is some form of funding, then would go for maximum amount. School getting a report on life of AstroTurf and what might need to be done in the meantime.

Trim trail? This trail also needs maintenance and upgrading. Boardwalk which goes around acoustic fence, needs to be replaced.

Other maintenance/upgrading:

- "Furnishings" and tables in Blue courtyard need re-furbishing. Eg structure of tables is strong but wooden parts need to be replaced.
- Want to look at pink courtyard and update. Might be nice to cover?
- Blue courtyard may re-jig planter - take out or use as seating.