

PARK GROVE PRIMARY ACADEMY PTA MEETING – 27/02/2018 - 7PM THE GILLYGATE PUB

MINUTES – taken by Clare Palmer

Present: Janet Jacobi (JJ), Will Gardener (WG), Mark Allison (MA), Clare Palmer (CP), Siona Mackelworth (SM), Gary Stoner (GS), Lorna Hamilton (LH), Sheila Davitt (SD)

Apologies: Claire Hollis (CH), Alex Gilbert (AG), Jo Sawyer (JS), Jon Cotton (JC)

Funding request:

- GS requested a new sound system for the gym as current one is unfit for use and not safe. New speaker system bought by JC at Christmas isn't suitable as it can't take CDs and this was bought specifically by the PTA as a 'portable outfit' for events
- GS and WG also talked about upgrading the sound system in the main hall with portable mics or head mics.
- GS to find out costs for such.

Upcoming Events:

- Speed Quiz 16/02/2018 – Fish and chips booked for with the Sea Catcher. Need to confirm price of £4 per head. Bar to be on at event. MA to sort tickets out and a rota for ticket sales at school finish times. Phil Qua is confirmed. SM to do a risk assessment. WG suggested advertising to local residents and ex parents.

Other Events:

Grovestock. 14/07/2018

- Bands – JJ says members of various bands/groups are showing interest. She also has a list of 11 bands, the selection process needs to be fair. Ruth McCartney also agreed to do a slot as part of the singing project which will include the children. Maybe there is scope for a second stage/performance area?
- Start time of event – maybe make it half an hour later than last year to help set up be less frantic. SM suggests sourcing a band management role to help with stage area. There needs to be a pre arranged timetable of the bands to be stuck to as last year there was a pressure to add last minute acts. This needs to be limited or stopped to reduce stress on the day.
- Camping? No complaints last time. It's decided not to advertise this but let it be a low key thing to reduce the risks involved and management of such. Perhaps inform local residents.
- There is a suggestion of a designated marquee team to put up and take down the marquee after the event.
- Beat the goalie – good earner and worth keeping.

- Inflatable assault course – JJ has spoken with Total Sports who have said they can supply an inflatable course plus men to staff it. They pay the PTA £50 and then Total Sports take the earnings on the day. This has been provisionally booked and needs to be confirmed. It is discussed whether running it ourselves and hiring a course like previous years may be more profitable for the PTA, however, volunteers to run it can be problematic. A laser inflatable would cost £300 but can be used in any weather. Also, last year there was a gap in the middle of the course which was disruptive so there is suggestion of orange fencing to be put in place. GS requests funding for this.
- Bar – Designated drinking area – there needs to be more done to ensure this is adhered to as it poses a risk. How do we police this? Put it as parental responsibility and/or have someone who walks around overseeing and collecting glasses.
- Other suggested activities: -
 1. Donkeys are booked
 2. Fish and chips again?
 3. Coffee/tea van – JJ to book
 4. Henna – CP to look into prices
 5. Lipstick on the teacher?
 6. Street food vans?
 7. Big screen in gym for world cup semi-final?
 8. Kids TV figure costume – i.e. Paw patrol for a meet and greet for younger children
 9. Emergency services vehicles onsite to visit? GS thinks space will be an issue as they need an easy exit
 10. Fancy dress competition?
 11. Go kart/soap box challenge?
 12. Ambulance pull with the local emergency services?

A.O.B:

- Minutes – they have disappeared from the blog, this needs addressing.
- What's app – it is suggested we set up a what's app PTA group to help with quick questions. However, WG points out teachers won't be able to be involved in this so a follow up email would be required when necessary.

Future Meeting Dates:

- Next meeting is April 24th 2018.