

Paragon Parents Committee Meeting Minutes

Tuesday 13th October 2009

Present: Amanda Honey, Sarah Heavens, Sheena Harden Annemarie Mitchell, Charlotte Thursz, Gavin Duckett, Vicki Bunn, Titus Mills, Jules Lowrie

		Action
1	Apologies	
	Apologies were received from Karen Young, Sally Martin and Halena Coury	
2	Second Hand Uniform Update	
	<p>Annemarie Mitchell is now running the second hand uniform shop and reported that a new system has been set up. Some items are donations and others items for sale are donated from parents. The second hand uniform shop now prices all the items instead of the parents pricing them to keep the consistency. Parents are requested to give their contact details so money back can be given, this will be issued twice a term. A price list is to be set up on the website with three sections, worn, nearly new and emergency. The second hand shop is hoping to put all stock onto the website as space is limited on the site at school. This will include musical instruments. There will be second hand sales at all major events held at the school. Annemarie suggested that bins be placed at the drop off sites at the school to make it easier for parents to drop off uniform. Many thanks to Liz Matthews for running the two second hand uniform sales during the summer.</p>	AM
3	The Ice Skating Project	
	<p>Charlotte Thursz reported on this exciting project. This would be held at Prior Park in January for a weekend. The cost of an ice rink for a weekend would be 1900 for 2 days and this includes insurance, the ice skates, music, barriers and rink. There are also special disabled and wheelchair skates. Charlotte and Gavin presented this to the PPC committee last term and it was favourably received. The sessions would be charged at £3-5 per person and divided into age groups and half hour or hourly sessions. Charlotte and Gavin are now to present to PPC Bursar and Headmaster to seek approval and final arrangements.</p>	CT and GD
4	The Night Owl Disco	
	Gavin reported that volunteers are needed for the disco. An email has gone out to the whole school today requesting volunteers and a notice board with sheets on for volunteers is outside reception.	

5	Christmas Bazaar	
	The Christmas Bazaar is a great fund raiser for the school and this year we are trying to spread the work across the school! Jules presented to the Committee a list with separate jobs on it for each class rep. The class representatives will be asked to find volunteers to complete the jobs and then report back to Jules with the names of the volunteers by Wednesday 11 th November.	
	There will be a meeting on Wednesday 21 st October 2009 at Prior Park Garden Centre straight after drop off at school. Jules requested class representatives attend the meeting to discuss the above.	
6	Open Morning	
	Gavin requested that parents or class representatives could come in to support the school and talk to new parents and families.	
7	New Committee Members Needed	
	A new Chair, Treasurer and Secretary are needed for this committee.	
	Titus thanked Gavin and Karen for their incredible hard work and support that they have given to the school in their roles as Treasurer and Chairman, it is very much appreciated by all.	
8	Headmasters Update	
	Titus reported that there have been excellent improvements to the site especially the Year 1 classrooms.	
	Also the playground surface is so much better, there is now little or no mud on the playground! The car parking bollards and the pathway have greatly improved the safety of the car park. There has been decorating of the school and some of the rooms have been reallocated with much success.	
	The new staff have fitted in very well. We now have a wonderful team of very skilled teachers, for example 2 of our teaching assistants are fully qualified teachers.	
	There are 2 new areas which have been greatly improved, these are learning support, we now have two full time teachers and in art we now have a specialist teacher, the standard of art has greatly improved in the first 3 – 4 weeks of term.	
	At this point it was mentioned that a kiln should possibly be added to the Parents Committee wish list.	
	The future of the school, Prior Park has requested a plan for proposed building works on site. The site can be greatly improved not with vast building works but small improvements and room reallocation such as the Year 1 classrooms. Gavin mentioned that perhaps surrounding areas could be looked at for the school.	
	Titus also reported that all our new families at the Paragon have	

	settled in well. Titus intends to continue the good atmosphere and high moral in the school this year.	
9	Any Other Business	
	Sheena raised concern over parking by the front door of the school just before the zebra crossing, especially large cars as then visibility of small children crossing the crossing is greatly reduced. It was suggested that zigzags could be printed in this area to stop cars parking there altogether. TM agreed to look into this.	TM
	Annemarie stressed the importance of requesting help for running events verbally.	
	Charlotte mentioned that the school website needs more regular updating. TM said this had been recently dealt with and the website will be getting more regular updates in future.	
	Charlotte raised concerns over procedures about children being hurt at school. Parent's expectations and what actually happened seems to be different. TM agreed to look into this and maybe a paragraph will be inserted into the school bulletin regarding it.	TM
	Gavin requested volunteers to run the Summer Fete next year, the School Quiz next January or February and the ice skating in January.	