

## ***Paragon Parents and Teachers Team Meeting***

***March 4<sup>th</sup> 2010***

**Attendance:** Jules Lowrie, Huw Bunn, Aisling D'Arcy, Jill Blane, Andrew Bell, Charlotte Thursz, Andrew Tometzki, Sheena Harden, Brenda Brian, Jemima Mills, Titus Mills, Anna Rowe, Karen Godfrey

**Apologies:** Kate Gentle, Halena Coury, Anne-Marie Mitchell, Louise Moseley

<b>Matters arising from last meeting and actions taken</b>	<b>Pottery Kiln-</b> kiln has been sourced- including maintenance contract – cheque ready to go £1500. Purchase approved.	HB
	<b>Second Hand Uniform-</b> Anne-Marie not available to comment on whether lock has been organised and whether second hand uniform bins are ready. Reminder to go into paragraph re general procedure for selling items and opening hours of shop. Downloadable form suggested from website.	AMM  CT
	<b>Ice- skating-</b> a very successful event despite weather. Synthetic ice was an issue perhaps a roller disco next time? Bi-annual event?	JL
	<b>Valentines Disco-</b> pre-prep poorly attended- too late, too noisy? Perhaps to start half an hour earlier and be half an hour shorter. Prep disco very successful. Year 6's loved selling tuck! Raised £250 Movie night suggested instead of next disco with popcorn and hotdogs.	JL
	<b>Quiz –</b> Thanks to Claire May. Great night – profit unknown as yet. Future notes – larger venue to cater for more people though this may provide a catering issue. More chances to mingle and a shorter evening suggested for next year. Alcohol supplier needed. To be re-run next year.	HB
<b>Easter Egg Hunt</b>	It has been decided to run an Easter Egg Hunt for the children this year. A team of parents (2) and teachers (2) will get together to decide best format. Suggestions were for prep children to do hunt in house groups for house points, possibly after drop off, and pre-prep children to do more of a	JL JB TM

	<p>nature wander at the end of the day, with parents where possible. This will be a great chance for parents to be involved and see school grounds. PPTT to purchase a small egg for each child and some smaller eggs for hunting.</p> <p>Mrs Brian reminded us that prep children will be out of school from 1pm</p>	
<b>Summer Fete</b>	<p>Andrew Bell has volunteered to head up a separate committee for this event. We intend it be along the lines of a traditional village fete but with a football theme as it is a world cup year! To this end, there will be a football tournament.... With a difference. It was decided that there would be no hog roast and that food would not be included in ticket price; to ensure that it was affordable. Tickets to be offered free or at a reduced rate to staff.</p> <p>Games to be more traditional with coconut shy, tug of war and maypole dancing all suggested. JL has sourced a maypole and BB agreed to teach some girls to maypole dance. More year 5 and 6 children to run stalls. Food options were discussed as bring a picnic/ a creperie van or hot potato van. Music- jazz band suggested from Prior? AB to organise meeting with fete committee. Date Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> march after drop off.</p>	<p>AB plus fete committee (BB, JM, KG, VB)</p> <p>JL / BB</p> <p>AB</p>
<b>Golf Day</b>	<p>During the summer term there will be a golf day organized at Cumberwell golf course. (TBC) Jeff Anderson as offered to organise this with the help of Craig Boyce. BB discussed the idea of running a kids crazy golf competition with all the school sports equipment on the same day. Should this involve families (bbq following) or be dads only...</p>	<p>JA CB</p>
<b>World Cup Football</b>	<p>On the 18<sup>th</sup> June Venue TBC there will be a "come watch the England Match "night. Toby Goodman has agreed to help organise this.</p>	<p>HB TG</p>
<b>Banglo Night</b>	<p>27<sup>th</sup> May at Banglo will be a social night for parents and teachers. It will take the form of a 2 course buffet and hopefully live music. To be organized by Aisling D'Arcy and Jill Blane. Tickets approx £15 max numbers 120</p>	<p>AD JB</p>

<p><b>AOB</b></p>	<p><b>Change in Policy</b> – CT mentioned that it seemed the new committee were keen to raise funds less and encourage fun more, and pointed out that this would mean we were no longer raising funds for big ticket items. Committee confirmed that our mission was less about raising funds than encouraging a harmonious atmosphere. Online questionnaire to be organised to see how parents would like current funds to be spent and determine the split between school and charity. TM to provide school wish list. Online survey to seek parents opinion.</p> <p><b>Christmas-</b> the committee have decided not to run a Christmas Bazaar this year and instead to have a Christmas Ball – Prior Park suggested as a venue (TBC) For the children we hope to run a Christmas day during the term, to include some craft/ a childrens xmas market and possibly a film or theatre trip.</p> <p><b>Uniform-</b> it was suggested that next time a review was undertaken would it be possible to have a waterproof coat instead of tracksuit top.</p> <p><b>Paragraph-</b> notices and recommendations by 15<sup>th</sup> March</p> <p><b>Social Friday-</b> it was suggested that we instigate “social Friday” to help new families get together. Prior Park Garden Centre was suggested as a venue. E-mail to go to all class reps to see if they would be happy to help start this.</p> <p><b>Parking-</b>again this was debated as it was pointed out that the lack of time spent at school by parents is starting to affect the social side of school. It was pointed out that this is part of the reason the new committee is determined to have more social events that do not include fund raising. HB to look at site to see if he has suggestions for further parking spaces. JB to suggest a walking bus/crocodile from the garden centre up to school with the idea that you can walk and talk with your year group. JB to send e-mail to class reps to see response.</p> <p><b>Sports Day</b> –18<sup>th</sup> June- it was suggested to have a family picnic between pre-prep and</p>	<p>CT TM</p> <p>CT AR JB</p> <p>HB JB</p>
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	<p>prep sessions to help out those families who stay for both. BB thought she could suggest to Mrs Lauder a picnic type lunch for children to save benches going back in to the hall. Those children whose parents cannot attend could be teamed up with other families. PPTT could run a small bar.</p> <p><b>Art and Craft Book</b> – Jemima Mills and Alex Hucks are planning a childrens’ craft and activity book. They will need production/printing money up front. This was agreed to be a great idea.</p> <p><b>Pop up Gazebos and Giant kit bags</b> – it was suggested by a parent that the sports department could do with some giant kit bags into which kids could put their hoody’s etc when playing to ensure they stay dry. BB said it was already in her budget and has already been sourced. A pop up gazebo was also suggested but BB pointed out that they would rather not have this as it was another item to store, make room for etc.</p> <p><b>Charity</b> – PPTT would like to try and streamline the charity money raised at The Paragon and perhaps have an annual charity that we raise for. In addition we suggested that of all the money raised we have a defined percentage that goes to the school and a percentage that goes to charity. This way parents will know where the money is going. PPTT would like to have a visual display, perhaps in the hall, of money raised for school (Titus’ totem pole?) and money raised for charity.</p>	