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LASSWADE PRIMARY SCHOOL – PARENT COUNCIL MEETING – MON 12 Jan 15

MINUTES

Present:

Sharon Connelly, Steve Clark, Jill Doyle, Lynn Hill, Leigh Millar, Ann Morrison, Lynsey Stevenson, Alison Reid, Lauren Gilchrist, Lesley Scott, Iain Gossman, Lorraine Maguire, Gordon Burt (U Power)

Apologies:

Ingrid Buchanan, Gwen Lewis, Julie MacBeath, Barry Phillips, Jacqueline Small, Stevie Small, Karen Smith, Kirsty Malley, Gilly Marshall, Andy Oag, Elspeth Reid

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Accepted as accurate.

Recapped feedback from Christmas Fair.

281 Christmas Card sets sold. Agreed should be repeated but started earlier.

FUNDRAISING

Family Quiz (Thurs 26 Feb) 6.30-8.30pm

Questions available from last year's quiz which need updating. It was agreed that an 'Early Bird' discount would be offered if tickets bought before 11 Feb, full price thereafter.

Action:

- Lesley to update flyer
- Lynsey to check with Jonathan Myers if he could host.
- Sharon to submit LET
- Sharon to produce tickets.

Further details to be confirmed by emails after half term break.

Meeting Dates and Events

Meeting Dates:

Monday 9th March 2015

Monday 11th May 2015

Events:

Blingo Night – 27 March (provisional)

Lasswade's Got Talent – 29 May (provisional)

Action:

- Ann to confirm date of Blingo Night with Karen
- Jill to check with LHSC availability and capacity

Lasswade's Got Talent

- Auditions to take place w/c 27 April and w/c 4 May during lunchtime
- Iain has offered to produce the posters and tickets for the events.
- Suggestions for the choir to sign during the break and for Black Diamond to record the event.

SCHOOL BUSINESS

U Power <http://ruts.org.uk/upower>

U Power is a youth led community project, focusing on the promotion of cycling as a low carbon behaviour within the communities of Midlothian. The project is funded by the Scottish Government for 18 months and is looking into all areas for sustainable cycling initiatives in schools and the community. The aim is to try and reduce carbon omissions by 155 tonne.

A number of ideas were discussed:

Bike breakfast morning, maintenance of bikes, purchasing bikes & trailers for community use (hire), bike/scooter trains (linked into road closures and alternative routes), storage of bikes at school and ability to lock bikes.

The project would help to start any scheme but parents would have to implement and continue.

It was agreed that this would be the approach to take and link in with the road closure, once agreed.

A suggestion was made for the last Friday before half term (13 Feb) that a one-off closure of the road could be asked for and have bike and scooter trains. Also bike breakfast could run. JRSO's could produce information.

Buildings update

Lesley to chase for update.

Parking update

PC Hutchison is awaiting a report from East Lothian which outlines the success of the closures in Haddington.

Ann to contact PC Hutchison regarding the possibility of one day closure for the bike/scoot to school for Friday 13th February.

Accounts Update

Bank balance £5,700 with approx £200 just in from the bottles. Profits made of Calendars - £440, Christmas Fair £1,500 (£500 on crafts by children), Raffle £470.

Profit on Christmas Fair was up from previous year.

Lesley is to look into electronic banking and if it would be possible to administer for payments rather than cheques.

There was a discussion about how the current funds could be used. Some of which were ipads, improvements to the garden, whole/group outings, Tree of knowledge speaker, outdoor classroom, resurfacing of astro turf, Theatre production. The pupils will be asked for input, as this links into the topic of needs and wants which they are currently working on.

AOB

Easyfundraising

Leigh asked if it was possible that all parents can receive the email regarding the referral. Jill to include in the newsletter.

Uniforms

Ann fed back from the focus group that a new form had been produced for the ordering of the uniforms and it had been agreed with Borders. A separate form for P7 to be issued. School tie and Badge to be provided to Borders so they can produce.

Pricing of items to be investigated as higher than other schools in area.

Will be able to order uniforms at Parent Consultation evening.

Wildlife Garden & Grounds development

Lynn is coming into school to meet with ECO group to discuss the plans. She has started approaching nurseries regarding discounts, and has been able to secure 30-40% from some already.

The date of the next meeting and AGM is Monday 9th March 2015