

Victoria Primary School PTA Committee Meeting 12th January 2010 Penarth Conservative Club

Present:

Tina Taylor, Suzanne Langrish (Chair), Chris Hardess (Co-chair), Sue Stafford (Secretary), LLywela Wilson, Debbie Holman (Publicity Officer), Joanne Humphreys, Kerry Taylor, Mandy Barrington, Susan Coffey.

Apologies:

Cath Newman (Treasurer), Cheryl Lannon, Liz Hardess, Rachel Gray, Simon Husband, Emma David, Helen Kerr.

Chair's Update:

Suzanne welcomed us all and thanked everyone for coming despite the bad weather. Matters arising from previous meetings were discussed. As Sue Logsdail was absent discussion of fund raising through tea towels was postponed. Mandy showed us Christmas cards made by children and suggested we did them instead and it was agreed to discuss the matter at a later date. Mrs Taylor said we could use the Junior Library or Infant Hall to hold a coffee morning/afternoon if we wanted but the caretaker's house was not suitable at the present time. Jo suggested using Trinity or All Saints Church Hall instead, where parents could bring younger siblings and the possibly use available Toddler Group toys.

Action: Jo to investigate.

Chris explained he has put some photos on website but needs more.

Action: committee members to email photos to Chris.

As there is no news at present from Lesley Jones regarding £4£ scheme, Sue agreed to include appeal for any other parents who could participate in the scheme in the next newsletter.

Sue reported that new Welsh Books have been ordered by Mrs Gibson. Mrs Taylor explained that the PTA do not need to contribute to them because the school was given a £300 grant by the Welsh Books Council.

Debbie was praised for her article in the Penarth Times and Suzanne asked her to do another after next fund raising event.

Action: Debbie to liase with Abbie Skinner after Mother's Day Secret Room.

Mrs Taylor reported that she had asked the Governors about putting the Agenda for their meetings on the school website but that they did not feel it appropriate. The minutes are available for any interested parents in the staffroom. Governors also agree to try and attend PTA meetings.

Action: Sue to publicise in newsletter. LLywela to approach Rachel Miles to attend next meeting.

Susan Coffey had applied for a grant from Awards for All Wales, for regeneration of caretaker's garden, but reported we had been turned down because the PTA does not own the land. She was formally thanked for all her hard work. Susan suggested opening finished garden to public on weekend.

*Action: Susan to approach local businesses to ask for contributions. Debbie to investigate hiring skip.
Sue to put request in next newsletter for material contributions from parents.*

Chris reported that he has spoken to councillor Clive Williams regarding plans for school playing fields

and was told the plans are still in limbo at present but Councillor Williams would attempt to find out any news. Chris agreed to contact him again.

Treasurer's Report:

Cath Newman was absent from the meeting but had prepared a quick report which was distributed by Mandy. Sue reported on Cath's behalf that the expenditure on the Bingo Night included items that would be used again, such as tablecloths, software etc. therefore the next one would not incur as much cost.

Head Teacher's Report:

Mrs Taylor asked if the PTA could increase its subsidy for school trips such as LLangrannog etc. This was agreed. Miss Najjar is still investigating buying new netball kit for school, which PTA have already agreed to fund.

Previous Events:

It was agreed that the Bingo Night was a great success. Many thanks were offered to Cath for organising Breakfast With Santa. It was also agreed that the Christmas Fayre needs a little more planning. Llywela suggested we start planning Autumn Term events in June/July to give us more time. Alternative locations were suggested for the Christmas Fayre but it was agreed to keep it in Infant Hall. Thanks were given to Chris for organising the Christmas meal, which was enjoyed by all who attended.

Future Events:

The Mother's Day Secret Room will be on Tuesday 9th and Wednesday 10th March. It will be held in the Junior Library and Rachel Gray has kindly offered to organise it.

Action: Sue to put request for contributions in next newsletter.

The Sponsored Bounce will be on Friday 7th May. Jo and Llywela volunteered to organise it and also offered Nic Rotherham's services.

Action: Llywela to contact bouncy castle man. Sue to print sponsor forms.

It was agreed to hold our annual Cabaret in May on Friday 14th May at the Conservative Club. This will probably take the form of a themed disco/karaoke night. To be discussed later.

Action: Debbie to book the upstairs concert room.

Any Other Business:

Chris put forward his idea of a Six Nations Championship Competition where entrants pay £1 to predict results. He will also offer entry outside school to generate as much funding as possible. Prizes were discussed and it was agreed to offer £50 first prize. Mrs Taylor will ask Mr Wiltshire for a signed rugby ball, and Suzanne will give a signed photograph as 2nd and 3rd prizes.

Action: Chris to organise and print forms.

The change of name to 'Friends of Victoria' was discussed but the committee agreed to keep the name as Victoria Primary PTA but Sue would publicise in newsletters that you don't need to be a parent or a teacher to join or help. Llywela also suggested a 2nd mailing list of helpers.

Next Meeting:

Wednesday 17th March 2010 Conservative Club, upstairs lounge.