

## Prior Weston & Children's Centre PTA Minutes

**19 December 2014**

**Apologies:** Tunde P, Imre I, Julie R

**Present:** Nargis C, Mark W, Kevin L-E, Kirstin Kaszubowska, Elma, Jessica Zarges, Nicole Scott, Sabine K, Nico M, Rick R,

**Meeting opened: 08:00am**

**1. Approval of previous minutes: approved by email.**

Agenda	Notes and actions	Who	by when
<b>Recorders</b>	<p>After a discussion with Aaron, Elma Appassamy, Music Coordinator and Teacher, has pitched for approx £2,520 to cover the cost of a recorder to give to every child in KS2. (250 children x £10.50 = £2520). Recorder music books will also need to be purchased.</p> <p>Elma' schedule allows her to teach recorder to groups of 15 children once a week in a 30 min session.</p> <p>Some c'tee members suggested it would be better to start with KS1 – but Elma's time and curriculum requirements make that presently impossible. Others expressed interest in having more music provision in school and include other instruments, as some children in KS2 ( in years 5-6) already have recorders which were purchased last year. It was felt the children have lost interest in them after Harriet left.</p> <p>Elma explained the rationale behind choosing the recorder. Curriculum requirements can be incorporated within the structure to teach recorders. Elma has a lot of interesting ideas and would like to organise recorder festival and other events but this is an early stage for her.</p> <p>It might be an idea to include more extra curricular music provision in clubs. PTA keen to fund music provision, but some c'tee members were not sure that purchasing recorders at this stage would be a sensible step. As there might be a better way of using this funds.</p> <p>Sabine and Rick part of working group to improve music and arts provision in school. Nargis would like to be a part of focus group</p>		

	for arts provision and support schools application for Artsmark status. The application process for Artsmark is one possible route to develop great overall arts provision in the school which could benefit from a more strategic approach.		
Survey results summary	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Kirstin briefly summarized her findings (59 responses – about 10% response rate)</li> <li>• Role of the PTA was sort of clear and work valued, but there was confusions about if it has impact on the governance of the school</li> <li>• What respondents wanted the PTA to be: some people want a forum for parents to raise grievances about the school. Others want year group related meetings to address issues.</li> <li>• People had quite a precise idea on how much money PTA raises every year</li> <li>• The awareness on how money was spent was not as clear (more transparency needed)</li> <li>• It was pointed out that school communication and PTA communications contradicted each other re school trips</li> <li>• Quite a few parents had good ideas for events/ how to raise money and 39% were happy to participate in event</li> <li>• 80% were happy to download PTA social app</li> <li>• Contact preference was text and e-mail</li> </ul>	Kirstin K	
Class Reps	<p>Decide priorities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Who we are</li> <li>• Utilise the comms channels</li> <li>• Put together a comprehensive pack for the Rep recruitment</li> <li>• Each rep to give PTA stickers to teachers of their class to be used for trips funded by PTA</li> </ul>		
PTA board	Jo is working on it.	Jo	
Auction of promises 26/03/15	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Provisional date for first meeting: first week of January 2015/ tbc via e-mail</li> <li>• Team leader - tbc</li> <li>• Team members: Kevin, Mark, Sabine, Kirstin, Jenny, Jessica</li> <li>• Julie Riley to be asked for handbook of</li> </ul>	Kevin L-E	

	<p>events (info could be added to PTA social?)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• PTA social – would allow for general breakup of jobs for the events</li> </ul>		
<p>Dates of meetings 2015 NB 8am start</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Fri 30<sup>th</sup> Jan, Fri 27<sup>th</sup> Feb, Fri 24<sup>th</sup> April, Fri 5<sup>th</sup> June, Fri 26<sup>th</sup> June, Fri 17<sup>th</sup> July</li> </ul>		
<p>An Important date – please keep your diary clear!</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> March – Auction of Promises</i></li> </ul>		

Next meeting:

**[30 January 2015 @ 8.00am](#)**