

Prior Weston Primary School & Children's Centre PTA Minutes

24 April 2015

Apologies: Tunde P, Kirstin K, Jessica Z, Jenny.

Present: Kevin L-E, Nargis C, Mark W, Caroline W, Sabine K, Rik R, Julie R.

Meeting opened: 08:00am (at Prêt)

1. Approval of previous minutes: approved by email.

Agenda	Notes and actions	Who	by when
PTA Parents' Fund: Disco 21 st May	Caroline & Paul Campbell (Interim HT) had concerns about managing the behaviour of certain families and suggest that will be best to have one year group (or no more than 60 kids) at each disco. Concerns were raised that this would compromise the PW spirit of cross-year-group mixing that this event is designed to revive.	Mark to talk to Esther and Claire (project managers for the School Disco)	asap
Overview of the school calendar 2015 inc The Happening	Dates: 21 May Disco – last day half-term TBC 29 June-3 July – Project Week 3 July – Happening 15 July – Sports Day Last week of term – leavers Assembly plus big sleepover -16 July		
The Happening – 3 July	Book stall – start collecting books donations etc Café – does the PTA want to run one this year? If so, team leader needed	Tunde & Imre running the book stall (all in hand)	By 3 July
Gardening Club (lunchtime, run by a volunteer)	Caroline would like to start a lunch time gardening club to plant up the empty spaces around the school. Potential help will be provided by Sarah Hudson – Friends of City Gardens, Fortune park and parents and children. Rik raised concerns about the decision by Islington council not to lock Fortune Park at night – he is meeting the council to change their mind about the “low risk” grading of the park – emphasizing that this is a park AND an entrance to a primary school, risks of rough sleepers and presence of drug paraphernalia– the park needs better security and care.	Caroline	

Increasing demand for school journeys subsidy	30% of children qualify for free school meals – there has been an increase in applications for PTA support for school trips (Year 4 and 6). This is not a problem – as there is sufficient funding available. Not all 30% applied for PTA help.		
Arsenal Doubles Club	Caroline is meeting with the club to find out the costs and benefits of running the clubs in school – if suitable, she will come back to the PTA will discuss her findings.		
Afterschool clubs	<p>The PTA is now open to the idea of supporting more clubs to improve the breadth and depth of club offerings – as long as clubs are open to all on a first come first served basis.</p> <p>Caroline, with help of teachers, will put together a list of clubs for September start and bring a funding proposal to the PTA asap.</p> <p>More specifically she would like to run an archaeology after-school club, to include parents, run by The Gleaners</p>	all	
PTA Parents' Fund: Upcoming Arts Consultation evening April 30	<p>Rik is organising an event on the 30 April 3:30-6:30pm. Help needed!</p> <p>Draft key principles for the Arts policy for the school will be displayed. Parents and children will be able to make suggestions and comments on the walls in the school foyer and entrance, and in return will get a free cupcake. Rik to make approx budget. Paints for the wall may already be at the school – Caroline speak to Gary about permission to paint over the walls.</p>	Rik Caroline Volunteers (plus kids and parents)	
Dates of meetings 2015 8am start	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Fri 5th June, Fri 26th June, Fri 17th July 	all	
Lessons taken from Auction Promises inc use of PTA Social	<p>We should approach local businesses in a more systematic / organized way.</p> <p>Suggestion: make a list of businesses to approach – all parents can add to and tick off. Volunteer parents needed to do rounds. Rik Boulton volunteers to co-ordinate this next year.</p>	all	

AOB	<p>Caroline thanked the PTA sincerely on behalf of the teachers and school staff for the Easter flowers/bulbs (Teacher appreciation initiative thanks to Naomi Fabry, PW parent).</p> <p>Receipt from Louise Threadgold for £56.09 – for the Dragons Den drinks production and marketing project. Kevin to record underspend, originally approved £250. The project was a great success – and cost much less than expected. The teacher said a big thank you to PTA.</p>		
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Next meeting:

5 June 2015 @ 8.00am