

**Prior Weston Primary School & Children's Centre PTA Minutes**

**27 February 2015\***

*\*NB: meeting 30 Jan 2015 was cancelled.*

**Apologies:** Tunde P, Imre I, Gus G, Kevin L-E, Kirstin K, Jessica Z, Sabine K,

**Present:** Nargis C, Mark W, Nicole S, Caroline Wright, Rik Boulton, Julie R.

**Meeting opened: 08:00am (at Prêt)**

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

Agenda	Notes and actions	Who	by when
<p><b>PTA Teachers Fund</b></p> <p>Some confusion over min/max amount which can be pitched by teachers.</p>	<p>Clarify that there is no min/max amount of funding for the PTA teachers' fund, as long as it has been approved by Head teacher. The PTA will only fund projects which have 'additionality' i.e. which otherwise would not happen.</p> <p>Caroline will be more involved in PTA and extra-curricular provision as well as creative arts policy development now that she no longer has her class teaching responsibilities</p>	Caroline	
<p><b>PTA Parents Fund</b></p> <p>Teacher appreciation &amp; after-school clubs</p>	<p>More teachers should be involved in the PTA – as it is, after all, a Parent and TEACHER Association. A new idea was suggested by Nicole and approved by others present – that a parent-initiated teacher appreciation idea could be considered for funding. Moreover it was agreed to change the criteria for funding events from 'open to all' to "open to as many as possible" and to "demonstrating benefit to the community". A teacher appreciation initiative would, for instance, benefit the children who would be taught by teachers who felt appreciated. Funding an after-school club might only reach a small number of children but the increased choice of varied after-school offerings would make PW a richer and more exciting school to attend. This liberalisation of the rules will hopefully increase the take-up of the PTA Parents Fund as parents realise they don't have to project manage large-scale, open-to-all events but can get money and support for micro-projects.</p>	all	

<p><b>Afterschool clubs</b></p> <p>and</p> <p>Creative arts policy</p>	<p>Afterschool provision is under review by Caroline. Parents involvement in setting up clubs is welcome and there will be more guidance on how to go about it. Question regarding how places should be allocated. If children are picked for clubs based on need and other criteria eg how much someone would benefit from attending a particular club based on teachers recommendation etc.</p> <p>Caroline welcomes volunteering from parents to get involved.</p> <p>Rik is involved in organising The Arts Consultation evening on 30th April 3.30pm to 6.30pm</p>	all	
<p><b>Parents forum</b></p>	<p>Several attending want to go ahead with organising a Parents Forum (separate from the PTA) to give parents a platform for communicating with the school. There may be a social event to kick this off</p>	all	
<p><b>New Website</b></p>	<p>New website project postponed until new HT appointment. Anna Stevens is for now covering school communications (newsletters and website TBC)</p>	Caroline	
<p>Dates of meetings 2015 8am start</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>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>	all	
<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>	all	

Next meeting:

**24 April 2015 @ 8.00am**