

Minutes of Meeting – Wednesday 16th January 2013 6.30pm

Present – TJ already noted
Apologies – TJ already noted
MB Chair – also not present
Guest Speaker – Mr D Hill – Headmaster

Meeting Opened

Previous minutes read and passed.

AB advised that all stall holders at Xmas Fayre were pleased with the space provided in the main hall. All members present agreed that a good amount of money had been raised and that the evening was a success. The mulled wine not drunk on the night due to technical problems was enjoyed by BBS staff members on the last day of school!

Point 9 of previous minutes was discussed and that PTA section on the school website was still ongoing and being constructed.

A letter had been written to Anita? thanking her for all her hard work providing refreshments over the years for school events and a donation had been given by the PTA and a bouquet of flowers presented to her.

Chairman's Report

Income - £504.05 was raised at the Xmas Fayre
Outgoings - £413 donated to the craft club, £215 to Tolkien sponsored walk.
Current balance in bank account £10777.12

Head Teachers report

Mr Hill advised that Mary Osborne – Deputy Head is retiring at Easter after many years as a teacher at the school. A leaving present was discussed and it was agreed that NW would approach Mr Osborne with regard to ideas for a leaving present. This did not necessarily mean that a large monetary gift was required, as a more sentimental one may be more appealing to Mrs Osborne. Interviews for a new deputy head are to take place on the 13/14th February with a view to a successor commencing employment after the Easter Break.

Mr Hill then handed out paperwork showing 2 examples of proposed changes to the pattern of the school day with both showing a slightly earlier finishing time of 3.15pm and 3.20pm respectfully, but with shorter lunch breaks to compensate for the earlier finish. These were discussed briefly and in principle seemed a good idea by the committee members also a later lunch and earlier finish did mean that any after school clubs could start earlier and benefit for lighter evening hours. Mr Hill is to distribute a letter to all parents of the school children to see what the response would be.

The purchase of wheelchairs is currently being discussed with TJ and NW – ongoing at this stage

There is a survey on the BBS website which once completed goes towards the schools OFSTED report. This needs to be completed by as many parents as possible to give an accurate account of what parents think of the school. Raising awareness of this was discussed and is ongoing.

AB advised the committee members that Cash for Clothes was a potential good money earner for the PTA funds and dates were set of Monday 4th March and Tuesday 5th March for bags to be returned to school with a competition between each of the school houses to see which one could donate in the most clothes. MK advised that maybe the external clubs using the school facilities were advised of this event they may also like to donate clothes. This was to be discussed nearer the time.

The Spring Raffle was discussed and AB advised that he would contact MB to ascertain whether the local supermarkets had been approached with regard to committee members canvassing a spring raffle outside their supermarket.

The annual sponsored walk was discussed and it was agreed that once again it would be held on the school playing field. It was much easier to organize, less cost was involved and a fun time was still had by all the school children taking part. However, fresh ideas were needed to make the sponsored walk of 2013 more exciting and this is to be discussed in more detail at the next meeting.

A Clothes Show night was suggested by NW. A company called Cleaver Cat had written to the school advising of what their business was about. They bring along to the school racks of designer clothes, i.e. Firetrap, with the school getting a percentage of the profits made at the end of the night and also a percentage of profits going to a charity nominated by the school. Mr Hill advised that this could be run alongside another event taking place at the school – i.e., a parents evening to potentially maximize parent attendance. MK advised that children could also take part in a catwalk show modelling the clothes on offer. This was to be discussed at next meeting.

Date of next meeting – Tuesday 13th February at 6.30pm.