



## CHRIST THE KING PTA

### MINUTES OF THE PTA MEETING

**DATE:** 7<sup>th</sup> March 2012

**TIME:** 3.30pm

### PRESENT:

Rosanne Eckersley, Nichola Potts, Lisa Caldwell, Nicola Hallows, Kaye Hudson, Sara Burns, Zenka Taffe, Emma Filactou, Anna Filactou, Liz Reeve, Sarah McCaffrey, Sarah Melia, Kathleen Ratcliffe, Alison Cullen.

### APOLOGIES:

Helen Donnelly, Joanne Drinkwater

<b>ITEM 1</b>	<b>Welcome / Apologies/Any urgent items AOB</b>
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- RE chaired the meeting and welcomed everyone. Apologies were read out.

### ACTION TO BE TAKEN

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<b>ITEM 2</b>	<b>Minutes (06/02/2012) / Matter Arising</b>
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- RE asked whether everyone had seen a copy. NH advised that they'd been emailed to everyone who had requested them.
- RE went through the minutes from the last meeting to inform everyone what had been discussed and any developments.
- RE advised everyone that when the photographer came it was well organised and wanted to thank everyone that helped out on the day.
- RE discussed the outdoor adventure area and how catalogues had been ordered and looked through. When choosing a suitable play area we have to ensure that they are sustainable and safe. For eg. taking note of the nuts, bolts and splinters etc.
- LC/RME will be going to the Legion to carry out a risk assessment for the cabaret evening on the 9<sup>th</sup> March.
- The date for the Easter family night was not available at St Edmunds Social Club and it probably would be too close to the cabaret night to be able to organise one. Everyone discussed the idea of a Spring Family night which would give us enough time to organise. EF suggested that we should have another parent only night in either September or October. SM queried whether it would be a waste of time as the response for the Cabaret Night had not been that great. EF said the reason it might not have been successful is because it's not on a Saturday night.
- AF suggested we go back to basics for Easter and have an Easter bonnet competition or something similar. Everyone agreed it would be a good idea.

- RE said we need a dedicated group to look at sponsorship for the Gala day.
- RE advised everyone that Planet Sherston was going well. NP agreed that it was great and Y6 were really enjoying it. It was still an ongoing project.
- RE advised that she had not yet heard anything regarding the NSPCC attending the coffee afternoon.
- RE discussed the Rings of Gold Musical. RE suggested that it should be split into two parts and to keep it self contained for parents.
- Everyone agreed the funmats were a good idea. RE advised that Lisa Horrocks is to liaise with LW.
- Lisa Horrocks to do the newsletter for Easter. RE asked whether we should add photographs. A letter will be sent out to parents asking for their consent.

### **ACTION TO BE TAKEN**

- Need to decide whether we should organise a Spring Family night.
- If we are to organise another parent only night, we need to start planning now.
- A group dedicated to organising sponsorship for the gala needs to be decided.
- Need to check whether LH has liaised with LW regarding the funmats.

<b>ITEM 3</b>	<b>School Inspection</b>
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- RE informed everyone about the two strands regarding an inspection. Section 5 and Section 48.
- RE told everyone that we should have had an inspection in September 2011 and it was no surprise that it took place in January 2012 as the framework had changed.
- RE confirmed that it took place on the 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> January.
- RE advised everyone that the findings had been discussed with staff.
- The feedback from parents, staff and children was disappointment at OFSTED's grading.
- RE advised that there is already a clear plan for school improvement in place (this is part of school's regular practice). Recommendations in the report were for improvements which were already contained within the plan.
- RE said inspection was a sensitive issue. RE has discussed it with the Diocese and OFSTED service provider.
- RE explained how an inspection works and who our providers were and that concerns have been raised.
- If any parents have any concerns regarding the inspection RE would be happy to speak with them.
- The R.E inspection takes place on the 28<sup>th</sup> March and again there is a new framework.
- The R.E inspection is now all about the 5 w's. Welcome, Welfare, Word, Worship and Witness. This is being developed within the school.
- RE wanted to thank everyone for their support during and after the inspection.
- Parents are an important stakeholder and RE wants to ensure that the school gives the best possible education.
- RE is always looking at ways of improving.
- EF commented that she thought the report was very unfair and that it does not reflect the school. EF said as far as she is concerned the education her children receive is great and the school had not been given enough credit.
- LR said it was data lead and that it was an insult to the parents.
- EF said that her children are happy at Christ the King and that's what matters.
- LR said we need to focus on progress.

- RE advised us that there was now a higher focus on attainment within the government regarding standards.
- RE explained that it was now the 4<sup>th</sup> time Christ the King had been caught with an inspection at the beginning of a new framework.
- LR advised everyone that if they did have any concerns or negative comments, they can go to her or any of the governors and it would be treated as confidential. There are different avenues of approach and parents have to be assured. This was said on behalf of the governing body.

#### **ACTION TO BE TAKEN**

- RE to advise everyone the outcome of the R.E inspection.

<b>ITEM 4</b>	<b>Cabaret Night</b>
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- RE asked how many tickets had been sold. LC advised her that not many had been sold.
- SM has contacted the singer to confirm.
- LC advised that the raffle prizes had been confirmed.
- It was discussed that maybe we need to change the way we plan an event.
- SM confirmed that the reason why it was a Friday was because we didn't want it at St Edmunds and the only nights the Legion could do was a Friday because they have their own events on a Saturday.
- EF suggested that we organise an October night and maybe do a Saturday.
- LR said that we are possibly taking away the meaning of the PTA which originally was about parents and children getting together and that it should be about family nights.
- EF didn't agree and said it's also about the parents being able to let their hair down and raise money for the school.
- SM said we could have both family nights and parent nights.
- LR said it's nice for parents who don't get a chance to meet in the playground due to work commitments to meet at family nights with their children.
- RE suggested we get some family nights pre booked now with St Edmunds.
- RE said it was wise to keep the price at £5.00 per ticket.
- Maybe it will be a good idea to have four nights a year, 2 family nights and 2 parent nights.
- SM confirmed that by selling only 50 tickets up to now, we will be at a loss. SM asked whether parents that weren't going could still ask their family and friends to make it more successful.
- RE suggested we send out another letter. RE also asked whether we would be selling on the door, this was confirmed.

#### **ACTION TO BE TAKEN**

- Another letter to be sent out regarding Cabaret Night.
- Family nights need to be decided on and pre booked.
- Parent nights to be decided on and planned.

<b>ITEM 5</b>	<b>Gala Day</b>
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- RE confirmed that everyone that needs to be contacted has been, for e.g, St John's Ambulance, application for a temporary licence etc.
- Planning meeting needs to be arranged for next week.

- We need to decide whether we are having a bouncy castle, donkeys etc, if so, these need to be booked as soon as possible because of all the celebrations this year, jubilee, Olympics etc

## **ACTION TO BE TAKEN**

- A meeting to be arranged for gala planning. Notice to be done.

<b>ITEM 6</b>	<b>Coffee Afternoon</b>
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- RE confirmed that the next coffee meeting is about well being and welfare etc. this is to be coordinated by Imran.
- RE advised everyone that due to cutbacks MAPAS may be closing down. RE confirmed that this would be really unfortunate as she wants to ensure as many pupils can play an instrument and get involved with music. If MAPAS goes it will effect the costs of music lessons etc.
- RE confirmed that a coffee afternoon has been arranged for the 16<sup>th</sup> March and it's to include a music showcase. This is ideal for parents to see the scope of the music at the school and how this will be effected if MAPAS has to go.
- The curriculum is being narrowed more and more.
- If the closure happens violin lessons will have to stop for Year 3.
- RE confirmed that there will be a separate violin and drum presentation on the 25<sup>th</sup> April.

## **ACTION TO BE TAKEN**

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<b>ITEM 7</b>	<b>Jubilee Woods Project</b>
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- RE confirmed that Helen Donnelly will be coordinating the Jubilee Woods Project.
- RE confirmed we had been successful in our application.
- The delivery of the trees had arrived and it's going to take a lot of planting.
- RE advised us that the trees would be planted around the tyre area.
- It would be great for the children to be able to see the growth and development of the area that they have helped in.
- RE suggested that it would also be nice to have benches near the area.
- We need as many people involved as possible.
- AC asked whether there was a time limit in when to get it done by. RE confirmed that there was as we didn't want the seeds / trees to die.
- EF asked whether anything had been sorted with regards to the flattened area on the field. RE confirmed that the Diocese were trying to get the deeds.
- LR mentioned whether it would be a good idea to do a time capsule.
- We were told that one had been done in the late 70's.
- AC suggested having a bird box with a camera, so that the children will be able to see what's going on.
- RE confirmed that Linnyslaw have promised top soil and compost. RE asked whether we would be able to get donations from anywhere else.
- It was suggested that children could bring in their own bulbs.
- RE mentioned that when we plant the trees we could have a cake stall etc.. this could be mentioned on a coffee afternoon.
- RE told us about the allotment area behind the nursery. This could be a developed area but in order to make it work it requires time.

- It was mentioned that we could have an after school gardening club where we can keep it maintained.

### **ACTION TO BE TAKEN**

- Need to organise a day to plant the trees.
- Need to decide whether we are doing a time capsule, bird box.
- Are we going to have an after school gardening club?

<b>ITEM 8</b>	<b>School Trips</b>
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- RE told us all about the Year 4 trip to Tatton Park. All the children will be getting dressed up.
- RE advised us that letters had been sent to parents regarding voluntary contributions. RE confirmed that most parents had paid.
- Everyone agreed that the letter sent to parents was great and to the point regarding contributions.
- AF advised RE that she had received another letter regarding contributions for swimming lessons when she had already paid.
- RE confirmed we need to ensure that letters should be sent out to the parents who haven't paid.

### **ACTION TO BE TAKEN**

- Need to ensure that swimming letters sent second time round are sent to the right parents.

<b>ITEM 9</b>	<b>Bonus Balls</b>
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- RE asked whether we should continue with the bonus ball.
- RE was advised that some parents didn't even know about it.
- Everyone agreed that another letter needs to be sent out to regenerate it again.

### **ACTION TO BE TAKEN**

- A letter to be sent out regarding the bonus ball.

<b>ITEM 10</b>	<b>AOB</b>
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- RE asked AF to buy some Easter Eggs for the Easter competitions.
- EF asked whether every pupil should receive a crème egg. Some people suggested a Crème egg for everyone might be costly. EF disagreed and said it was better to give the children a Crème egg rather than a tiny foiled egg.
- A meeting was arranged for the Gala for Monday at 2.30pm.
- RE asked whether it would be worth inviting people from the parish to attend the gala meeting as it is a big event this year for the parish and the pta.

### **ACTION TO BE TAKEN**

- AF to buy the eggs for Easter.
- A notice to be done for the gala meeting

**ITEM 11**

**Date of Next Meeting: Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> April 7pm**

**Signed.....**