

**PARENTS' ASSOCIATION MEETING  
MONDAY 2<sup>ND</sup> MARCH 2009**

**PRESENT:** Carol Tait (Co-Chair)                      Sophie McLoughlin (Co-Chair)  
              Jill Brooks                                         Tim Kimber  
              Julia Rilett                                        Joanna Benefield  
              Mark Nellis                                        Linda Brett  
              Maggie Bailey (Head)

**Apologies:** Fran Kitson, Sara Windsor, Sally Ward, Anne Cramp

**MATTERS ARISING**

Following the meeting in January 2009 Sophie McLoughlin confirmed that the payment to Filmbank was a one-off deposit payment and that the PA would get this amount back.

The Summer Fair Showcase was confirmed as Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> June 2009.

It was generally agreed that Parentmail was now up and running and well and that parents were receiving news etc.

**SCHOOL UPDATE**

Maggie Bailey reported on the following:

The new senior leadership team was now in place and comprised of Astra Ali and Tom Maltby. In addition, Jo Harrison will be returning to work.

250 places were offered for September 2009 and the school is likely to be full or oversubscribed in 2010.

The school was hoping to put a Skills Centre on site with specialist areas – language, dyslexia, speech therapy and a Young and Gifted Centre.

63% of classes have been accredited as good or outstanding compared to 43% last year. The school had a target to make more classes outstanding for the next evaluation.

Tim Kimber asked for an update on the School Farm. Maggie Bailey reported that the school had been given £150,000 over three years for this project. Roadshows had taken place to promote the farm and get community support. Maggie Bailey was in the process of setting up a trust for the farm to be a limited company and was looking for membership. Maggie Bailey said that she had received a letter from Prince Charles supporting the farm and he had confirmed that it goes ahead he will open the farm. The timescale for this was either January 2010 or September 2010.

**CAR BOOT SALE**

Carol Tait reported that there had only been a loss of £68 from January's Car Boot Sale. This was due to the extremely bad weather on the day.

Carol reported that after liaising with Maggie Bailey there is now an indoor plan for bad weather and this will be stated in advertisements for future car boot sales.

One of the banners had been torn down at the last car boot sale and needed to be replaced.

The next sale was 8<sup>th</sup> March 2009 and Carol Tait asked people to confirm with her if they could help.

Joanna Benefield suggested getting dates for next year's car boot sales agreed. It was agreed that this was a good idea and Sophie McLoughlin confirmed that she would liaise with Tiffin Boys School for their dates before the next meeting.

### **FILM NIGHT**

Sophie McLoughlin reported that the Film Night was now confirmed for Friday 20<sup>th</sup> March and would hopefully be Mama Mia. People could book in advance via a payment slip or buy tickets on the door on the night.

Parents would be asked to provide quality snacks for the film night and an email would be sent out to parents asking for snack donations.

As well as the parents showing there would be a showing for pupils after school on 20<sup>th</sup> March.

Tim Kimber suggested asking parents which films they would like to see for future events. It was agreed that this was a good idea and parents would be asked via Parentmail and ebulletin.

Sophie confirmed that a raffle would be arranged and asked for donations for raffle prizes.

### **SUMMER SHOW CASE**

This was confirmed as Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> June from 12.00 noon to 4.00 p.m.

There would be 4 sporting activities, an art exhibition (with a possible sale of artwork), bands playing and a bbq and bar.

Maggie Bailey confirmed that she would get volunteers from the staff and the PA could then look at the skills audit parents had returned with a view to getting parent volunteers.

Sophie asked if this could be part of the induction for new year 7 pupils and parents so that they could come along and Maggie Bailey agreed to incorporate this into the induction plan.

### **MAY FAIR – RICHMOND GREEN**

The Richmond May Fair was Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> May from 11.00 a.m. to 4.00 p.m. Volunteers would be needed from 8.00 a.m. to set up the staff.

It was agreed that hot dogs, cakes and drinks would be sold.

Photo display boards would be put up with information on the school which pupils could be responsible for and pupils would be asked to volunteer to man the display boards. They would be required to wear school uniform.

Maggie Bailey reported that it may be possible to get the school cheerleaders to come along and would confirm this with Sophie McLoughlin.

It was hoped to get a larger stall area – price £50.

### **TREASURER UPDATE**

Sophie McLoughlin reported that the PA had a new treasurer – Linda Copland. Linda had a lot of experience as a treasurer and was currently treasurer for Wyndham Nursery. The PA took the opportunity to extend a warm welcome to Linda.

## **INTERNET SAFETY WORKSHOP**

Sophie McLoughlin agreed to circulate possible dates for this workshop to Maggie Bailey. The workshop would be held in the Ingenium.

Sally Arthur would be the point of contact for future workshops with Jill Hynes re: Handling Teenagers.

Maggie Bailey requested 10 places for the Handling Teenagers workshop so that she could allocate parents to attend. This was agreed by the PA

Personal Safety Workshops for pupils would be considered for the future.

## **ONE OFF APPEAL LETTER**

Sophie McLoughlin and Carol Tait circulated an appeal letter which would go out to every parent asking for a single donation to the school. Maggie Bailey and the PA approved the letter, which would go out as soon as possible.

## **ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

### **Quiz Night**

The quiz night had been a great success and 35 people attended. £213 profit was made at this event.

### **PA Money Allocation**

Sophie McLoughlin reported that a cheque for £22000 had been sent to the school from the PA which was for the big screen in the School Hall and for the decking area and furniture for the decking area

### **Race Night**

Friday 15<sup>th</sup> May was suggested for Race Night, which would be held in the school hall. This date would be confirmed at the next meeting.

### **Ski Trip**

Tim Kimber reported that the Year 11 ski trip to Spain had been a huge success. It was felt that this should be a recurring trip for Year 11 students if possible. **School**

### **Rugby Tournament**

Maggie Bailey reported that the school was organising a tournament for the afternoons of 22<sup>nd</sup>/23<sup>rd</sup>/24<sup>th</sup> April and that the PA had been asked if they could do the refreshments on these afternoons. The PA agreed to support this and would look for volunteers.

### **Improving Learning Environment**

Mark Nellis reported that he had spoken to Mr. Ridgwood about trying to allocate some monies for easels/art tables for the Art Room as students were currently using flat tables which were not ideal. It was agreed that Mark Nellis should look into this further with Mr. Ridgwood and report back to the PA.

## **DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

Sophie McLoughlin reported that the PA had not held an AGM meeting for over a year and it was agreed that the next meeting would be an AGM as well as the usual PA meeting.

The next meeting would be **Monday 27<sup>th</sup> April at 7.30 p.m. at the Hawker Centre, Kingston.**

