

Minutes for Cavendish PTA meeting 01.05.13

Present: Carolyne Allmark, Rob King, Karen Kennedy, Janet Marland, Kass Arnold, Chris Arnold, Carole Spiller, Jen Barnes

Apologies: Rachel Boyd, Clare McCarron, Si Manning

1. Treasurer's Report

SM unable to make the meeting so postponed this until the next meeting.

2. Welcomes

Welcome and thank you to parents, Kass and Chris Arnold, for coming along to their first meeting. New support, enthusiasm and ideas are always welcome!

3. Didsbury Festival – Sat 8th June

JB organising sub-committee to include CS, Ruth Bromley and possibly CMcC. Sub-committee will meet prior to Festival to allocate tasks etc. JB to coordinate. **JB, CS, CMcC?**

JM to speak to dance teacher Rachel Wrigley, who teaches Street Dancing on Saturdays at the school to see if she can help by coordinating a group of older girls from her class to lead a short, repetitive and easy to follow dance routine for the parade. Children, parents and staff from Cavendish could then follow in the parade. **JM**

JB to speak to Meg Gregan (nursery mum) re face painting and KK is checking her diary to see if she is free to face paint also. Will let JB know. Set up is 10am, one car per pitch allowed onto the field at Didsbury Park and clear up 3pm. **JB**

CA and CMcC to do a tuck and tat run. **CA, CMcC**

Suggestion made to get punch bag balloons to sell and a canister to blow them up.

SM has paid for the pitches although no confirmation has been received from the festival organisers. SM to follow up. **SM**

4. CavFest 2013 – Sat 21st September

No acts released yet due to confidentiality agreements until the whole line up is confirmed.

Appeal going in school newsletter for things parents need to donate for the Eco Warrior Tent. **JB**

Greens are running the bar but decided on no stalls this time.

List of volunteer teachers still needed.

Confirmed we will be doing the climbing wall for the older kids.
Catering still TBC with Glynnis, food hygiene certs needed for anyone helping out with catering.
CA, KK, KA and CArnold volunteered to go on the rota on the day.
Next CavFest meeting 9th May 8pm.

5. Summer Fair – Sat 13th July

Agreed to put it on the agenda for next time but that we would replicate as much as we can from last year based on its success including doing as much as we can outside, weather permitting.

6. Car Boot

Agreed to run the next one pre-October half term so to encourage people thinking of having a pre-xmas clear-out but not too close to xmas so that it detracts from the donations we need for our xmas fair.

Find out who is working on the banner for outside school for this – **SM**
thought SM might know?

7. Gardening Club

Still trying to figure out the reason behind the recent invoice submitted by Leonie for outstanding expenses she has incurred since starting to work for the school. SM, the new school business manager and JM are going to meet to discuss. **SM, JM**

School has agreed to fund the gardening budget until March 2014 but more fundraising needs to be done to support this and enable us to continue beyond this point.

We may have to cut the number of times a week Leonie comes into school to, say, fortnightly, in order to save money.

8. Teachers' Requests

RK requested £80 to fund transport to an upcoming important sporting event. All agreed. **RK**

JB is meeting with the new school business manager and Michelle from the office to look at ways of capping the annual spend for parents, per child, for school trips to £48. Currently seeing how much we can fund from school to support keeping to this limit.

Point raised by RK and JB that often it's the cost of transporting children to trips, rather than the trips themselves, that is proving to be the most costly and costs in this area continue to increase. Agreed we could allocate specific CavFest funds to supporting the transport of children to extra-curricular activities and trips.

CArnold volunteered to speak to the sports development officer at Sport England to see if there are any grants or funds we could get access to. CArnold to report back at the next meeting please.
The school has ring-fenced £10,000 a year for sports development over the next two years.

9. Sports Kit

Update needed from SM on response from his contact at Siemens on sponsoring school sports kits. **SM**

RK mentioned we are still collecting Sainsbury's school vouchers. JB agreed to put a reminder to parents in next week's newsletter. **JB**

AOB:

CA suggested we need to do a more direct reminder to parents about PTA meetings to encourage more people to come along who may have not seen info on website, notice board or newsletter. CA agreed to draft a flyer to send to the office before the next meeting and the office will email all parents to encourage more to come along. **CA/office**

Date of next meeting – 7pm Wednesday 12th June 2013