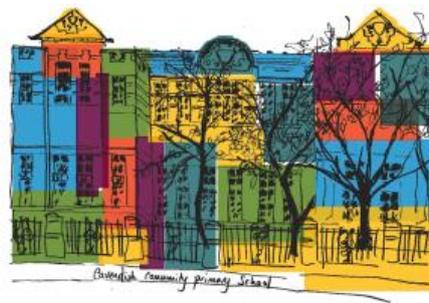




Cavendish PTA



Minutes for Cavendish PTA meeting 04.03.2015

Present: Dawn Lappin (DL - Chair), Jen Barnes (Secretary), Helen Burton, David Griffiths, Helen Boanas, Margaret Hayles, Rob King, Simon Manning (SM - Treasurer)

Apologies: Catherine McKinnon, Bridget Moss, Nicola Sherlock, Caroline McGilliard

Treasurer's Report

The Valentines fair was a very successful event, and made a bumper profit of over £700.

The PTA bank balance is standing at just over £4,500 but have committed to the ice rink, contribution from PTA yet to be confirmed. Need to chase office to find out how much raised on ice rink tickets.

Action: DL

Need to file the PTA accounts with the charity commission ASAP, need the Trustee Annual Report (TAR) approving by Janet Marland. SM has found an accountant (Andrea Csanyi) who is willing to audit the accounts free of charge. Still outstanding. **Action: SM**

Events

Comic Relief

Friday March 13th. To be held on school playground, weather permitting. If raining then might be able to use hall, to be confirmed. Attractions: splat the teacher (outside only), funny face painting, decorate the biscuit, float drinks, tuck. Also staff bake-off. Volunteers all sorted for the stalls and teachers to man the cake stall.

Didsbury Festival 2015

This will be on Saturday 13th June. Schools can choose their own theme for the parade – maybe ask children for suggestions (post box?). Or maybe a sports theme (football, hoola-hooping, hockey etc). Rob King has spoken to new samba band organiser and he is willing to be involved. David Griffiths to invite the samba man to do an assembly so that the children are aware of the samba drumming club.

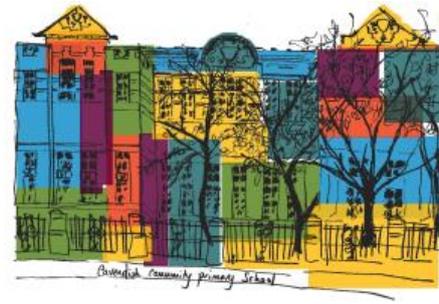
Action: DG.

Cavendish has not had a presence for the past couple of years, mainly due to leaving insufficient time to plan. DL keen to be more involved this year especially with respect to the procession.

SM said that a double pitch cost ~ £80 and that a generator (diesel!) for the bouncy castle would be a similar amount.



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Need volunteers from 9 am (school) until 5pm. Suggest start looking at the rota now.

“Railings Rally”

This point was introduced at date of last meeting, no update could be provided but it was agreed to keep the content and actions on future agendas to ensure it remains on the PTA's radar.

Parent has suggested holding an event to spruce up the school railings, and investigating if any companies would donate materials (paint etc).

Janet Marland said that maintenance of the railings was on Gary's radar, and she would talk to him to see what was involved (e.g. there may be issues with lead paint, or other H&S considerations). Need to get feedback from Gary/Janet. **Action: JM**

Quiz night

Proposal to hold another quiz night in April/May. Michelle is willing to organise and run this as previously, need to confirm date, a Thursday suggested. Dawn to speak to Nic Kennedy to check hall availability. **Action DL**

Was suggested that Namaste might be interested in assisting with food, with PTA contributing to costs. Talk to Namaste after have a date. Ticket prize could include food.

Need to think about some good prizes.

Summer Fair/Sausage Sizzle

Need to agree Friday versus Saturday – setting up on Friday in 2014 was very difficult, only had 2 hours which was insufficient, need access from the morning. Also the event didn't start until 4pm which was too late for a lot of nursery/reception families, need to be able to start earlier.

Field should be available wrt building works, query over double gates being available as an emergency exit – David Griffiths confirmed that this should be okay.

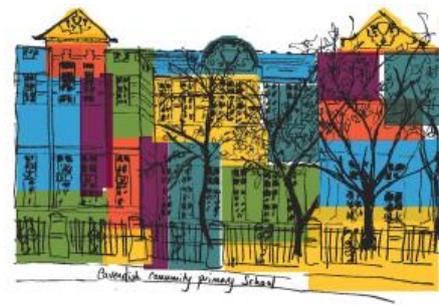
Suggested date is Friday 10th July, David Griffiths to confirm date okay (doesn't clash with the leavers' assembly). **Action DG**

Dawn asked if school had ever bought in any additional attractions (e.g. petting zoo, climbing wall etc – check with Rockover Climbing parent). Rob King suggested Sportsweeks might be interested in putting on stalls, will investigate. **Action RK**

Dawn also suggested that school sports clubs could also each put on a mini event so that parents could see these activities.



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Teachers Requests for Funds

a) Update about Nursery and Reception waterproofs

At the previous meeting it was agreed to fund replacement of waterproofs for both Nursery and Reception as the current ones are becoming very old and tatty. Plan to invest in 80 new sets for Nursery and 40 for Reception and a maximum spend of £2400 was approved. The waterproofs haven't yet been purchased as staff are still researching to ensure they get the best price. The money has been transferred to the school's 'PTA pot' and so doesn't need to be subtracted from the £4500 balance. Ongoing. **Action: Rachael Myers and Helen Cooper**

b) Request from Rob King - Defibrillators

Following on from the last meeting, Rob King provided an update on the purchase of the defibrillators. He confirmed that Capita Education were willing to support the purchase but to date he wasn't sure where it was up to. RK to update the PTA at date of next meeting. Ongoing **Action: RK**

c) Request from Margaret Hayles

Diane Model has contacted her, she has put Cavendish forward for sponsorship to get e.g. medals/trophies, and may also be possible to get an athlete to come to school.

Margaret would like some hi-steppers, £210 per set of 10 hurdles, would like two sets if possible. Would get a lot of use both in and out of school.

All agreed and £420 approved

AOB

None

Next Meeting – Wednesday 29th April 2015