

BOWSLAND GREEN PRIMARY SCHOOL PTA

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parent Teacher Association held on the 28th January 2010 at 3.45 p.m. at Bowland Green Primary School

PTA Members Present:

Lynne Miller, Sam Alford, Michelle Ives, Michelle Spratt, Amy Conlin, Hayley Callaghan, Nicci Cunningham, Nikki Spurrier, Nikki Maher, Suhad Alturk

Apologies; Nikki Carnell, Angela Bridgeman, Gail Vindal, Vandana Kamath, Sarah Fowler

1. Actions arising from last meeting

None

2. Financial

The accounts have now been audited for the last financial year. We have had an increase in cash in our account of £1452.31 (all monies received less all monies paid out).

3. Setting the PTA calendar for 2010

- The Happy Circus (they are an all human travelling circus), have been booked for the 9th October in the afternoon, for around 2 hours. They will set up in the school fields. We will sell tickets in advance to ensure that we cover the cost of hiring them. More details to be discussed nearer the time.
- The Joint Schools Arts Festival is on the 16th October 2010, to be held at the Bradley Stoke Community School. There will be free workshops run between 10 a.m. – 4 p.m. In the evening each school will be able to do a showcase, around 20 minutes long. We will need to look at what we can do for this. The minutes from each meeting of the Joints Arts Festival are on the PTA section on the school website if you would like to read more about it.
- We want to hold a Promises Night, but a date needs to be decided ASAP, as Niki Carnell would like to start sorting prizes. – Could this be held in term 6 (June)?
- Sports Day we will do the same as we did last year after sports day. Hold a BBQ, bouncy castle, face painting, tuck shop, bar etc.
- Sponsored Assault Course could this be held earlier in the term?
- Lynne is looking at the possibility of a table top sale at the Bradley Stoke Community School. She will get back to us when more details have been agreed.
- Halloween Disco will go ahead this year; again we need to agree the date.
- Science Week will be held to Term 5

- Mrs Whitaker has put forward the idea of an International Food Fayre, which will run for a week. The idea is to get the parents, school and PTA involved. The week will end with an event in the school hall on the Friday afternoon between 2 – 5 p.m. to sell food from all parts of the world. The hall would be decorated with flags from all the participating countries and it would be a fundraiser. They would like the PTA help with a tuck shop. They are looking at doing this after the SATS. Details are still being discussed.

4. Easter Egg Decorating Competition

- We will be running the Easter egg decorating competition again this year. We will ask the children to bring a boiled egg into school on Thursday 1st April. (The PTA will provide extra eggs as some pupils will forget to bring them in.) The eggs will be decorated in school and the PTA will judge the best 1st/2nd/3rd in each class. Prizes to be provided by the PTA and chocolate to be given to share in the class.

5. Text Messaging for School's

- This would cost around £300/£400 per year for the service and then you would pay per text sent or for £700 per year with unlimited texts. The school are asking is this can be part funded by PTA and part funded by the school. The PTA are happy to help with the cost. The whole scheme still needs to be discussed further as it would need to be administered by someone.

6. Playground

- The PTA have not invested any money into the playground, and we have raised money last year to help fund it. We have money in our accounts that can be used for improving the play areas and quiet areas. The school are still hoping for an all weather outside stage which the PTA can help fund. It is now time to revisit the project and see where we can go forward.
- Idea's that need to be started soon are sails for shade and tables for lunches. Also some small play equipment.
- We have suggested that ideas need to come from the school council, maybe in the form of a questionnaire, and then this information can come back to PTA. We can meet with the school council and then draw up a plan.

7. AOB

Suhad (new member on the PTA), is offering to teach Arabic classes, and then donate the money to the school that she gets, also maybe offering it as an after school club (this would be free), and also for adults within the school and community over a certain amount of weeks. Introducing the foundation of the culture. Suhad would need to think how she would like to run this, how much she would like to charge and how we could accommodate this at the school.

No date had been set for the next meeting; this will be decided once dates for forthcoming events have been agreed with Mrs Whitaker.

