



Elliott Park School PTA Meeting

PTA Minutes

Time: 6pm 11.09.2019

Members present

LP – Liz Payne	Chair
JL - Julia Lewis	Chair
CH - Colleen Hiller	Head teacher
NM – Nina Montgomery	Teacher
SR – Stuart Roberts	Teacher
SP - Sally Pinagapany	Parent
VL – Vickie Locker	Parent
CB – Caroline Barkway	Parent
AW – Abbie Williams	Parent
RL – Robyn Lee	Parent
SO – Sotoné Oluderu	Parent

Apologies

PP – Patrick Pinagapany	PTA accounts
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Matters arising

Chairs welcomed everyone to the meeting and made introductions to new parents.

Feedback on last term's events was given:

- End of term disco

The disco was a success. All children were well behaved and seemed to enjoy the evening. CH asked if the disco had broken even or run at a loss? LP said the children had glitter tattoos and sweets so the ticket sales may not have covered the hall hire costs. JL & LP to look at costs and report to PP.

PTA would like to make the disco a regular event. SO suggested increasing the ticket cost so that no loss was made. JL/LP said they did not wish to make a profit on this particular event.

- Sports' Day

Barbecue was a great success although could have benefitted from being set up earlier to prevent such a long queue. CH will negotiate an earlier start next summer. The PTA all agreed the venue was better than previous years, when it has been at the Sheppey Sports Club.

- Limo & Bowling Trip

Year 6 Leavers' Do was a success. LP/JL will make contact with the Limo company to reserve the limo for next year and take advantage of the price being fixed at this year's price.

Matters arising

The Chairs raised the possibility of another Christmas Fair to be held at the school. CH explained the huge amount of disruption this caused to the normal running of the school; the increased workload to the staff and the expense in paying for extra hours caretaking and cleaning, which had not been included in the previous year's accounting. A suggestion by CH to use an alternative venue was overruled;

reasons given were lack of parking at the proposed alternatives, and people 'wanting to have a nose inside the school', along with the venues proposed holding their own fairs. PTA members felt that EPS would not attract enough interest if held at a different venue. The chairs would decide and confirm a date for the fair, review the stall holders charge and plan another meeting to discuss the arrangements. JL also suggested Barclays 'Match' funding as a possibility to increase the profits.

Other events to be discussed for the future:

- Halloween party
- Quiz -2020
- Bingo for the whole family

Chairs will put together a newsletter with details of fundraising events and ideas, including a wish list for equipment the school would like.

Dates for diaries:

- DM (outgoing Chair) had already booked Pig Racing for 7th February 2020

Members were thanked for their attendance and the meeting closed at approx. 7.30pm