



Beaconhurst

Minutes of Beaconhurst PTA meeting, held 13/01/09 in School Dining Hall

Present

Karen Fletcher	Chair		
Iain Kilpatrick	Vice-chair	Mike Bray	Junior School rep.
Graham Scott	Treasurer	Dawn Haughton	Senior School rep.
Rachel Vevers	Secretary		
Vanessa Tierney		Susan Warrender	
Julie Ackroyd		Suzanne Teed	
Uli Schlafli		Pamela Knight	

Apologies

Lorna Jackson	Junior Start rep.
Gillian Horn	
Penelope McLachlan	
Sunnie Gibb	

1 Chair's Welcome

2 Minutes & Matters Arising

IK has spoken to the caterers regarding targets for availability of food throughout lunchtime, and the rota has now been altered so that year groups take turns to be last on different days.

3 Northbrook Wrapping Paper

£1134 was paid to Northbrook, giving us a profit of £378. The availability of extra helpers made a big difference to the distribution task – RV thanked those who gave up the morning of 14/11/08 to help.

4 Bag2School

JA agreed to take on the running of Bag2School. It was noted that a 100% increase in bonus is paid if 2 dates are booked at a time. There was some discussion about the fairness of the way Bag2School load multiple pick-ups on the lorry, when weight is

meant to be the way payment is determined. It was agreed to cone off a couple of parking spaces in the lower car park in future, to save parents carrying heavy bags up to the Cameron Hall, although the lorry will still collect from there any bags brought the night before.

5 Headmaster's report

The Spring Term calendar has been sent out to parents. The spring calendar link on the website is not working, but the events section will allow parents to view dates. School will be holding an Open House even on 18/12/09, from 9-12.30. PTA representation will be welcome. (Vanessa Tierney and Suzanne Teed volunteered). Feedback was requested on the suggestion that it might be possible to pay fees and incidentals to school by card transaction. The general consensus was that this would be welcome. Feedback was also sought on Holy Rood church, the new venue for the Christmas service. This was felt to have been a positive change, although it was suggested that some sort of opening welcome might be appropriate. The reporting of public examination results was discussed – Headmaster to address this issue further.

5 Teachers' reports

Junior School – nothing specific.

Senior School – DH reported on an excellent ski trip, where pupils had enjoyed challenging skiing and other visitors in the resort had commented favourably on them. The storage boxes for PE have been purchased and will be billed to the PTA.

6 Treasurer's Report

£1850 in the account. Graham Scott asked to be emailed at *scottsnursery@btinternet.com* when Treasurer action is required, so that he knows to come into school.

7 Coffee Mornings

The timing of coffee mornings was discussed, along with how to increase the attendance. Some parents feel that they are likely to be asked to do something for the PTA if they attend, which is not the case. Informative themes were suggested. Grace Johnston, Julie Ackroyd and Pamela Knight to liaise further.

RV suggested holding the next coffee morning in the Library to raise parents' awareness and offer an opportunity for parents to see how the facility operates.

8 Future Events

Hair/make-up/beauty evening to be held in March. 20th suggested as a possible date. DH suggested tie-in with Cameron House fashion show.

90th Anniversary – Former Pupils are keen to commemorate this – FP/PTA involvement was suggested for the annual event in September.

Summer Fair/Open Morning – this will be discussed at the next meeting.

9 AOCB

Julie Ackroyd suggested introducing the Yellow Moon fundraising craft catalogues from Baker Ross, and is willing to organize this. Mud by pedestrian gate at new top gates, and leaves on steps down to lower car park were mentioned and will be dealt with by school. Parents are still using the double yellow lines to drop off children. New 20mph zone will be implemented by Stirling Council in time.

Uli Schlafli to organize a newsletter, Rachel Vevers to write a piece about the Library for inclusion.

Karen Fletcher suggested starting a Running Club for Junior School, on Tuesday or Thursday evenings.

The Headmaster drew attention to the change in next session's holiday pattern – the February half-term will now be a week long.

8 Date of next meeting

Tuesday 24th February 2009 at 7.15pm

Meeting closed 5.35pm

RV - Secretary