

Greatfield Parents' Association

Tuesday 20th April, 7.45 pm

Present: Bev Ryder-Jones, Alison Hunt, Anna Beames, Steve Shepherd, Jenny Jewett, Jane Bradley, Andy Holmes, Piers Shorthouse

Apologies: Sam Fisher, Clive and Michelle Bennett, Mel Shorthouse

Chair's Update

Sponsored Bounce went well and sponsorship money already rolling in, keep it coming please!!!! The "fundraiser" badges seem well received by children.

Newsletter ready to go and forwarded to Mrs Thomas for distribution.

Bags2School collection is due after the next half term break so the bags will be with us soon and distributed prior to the holiday to allow plenty of time for them to be filled.

Treasurer's Update

Current Account £4,100

Deposit Account £1,900

Letters written to both HSBC (our bank) and Barclays (school bank) regarding sponsorship/matched giving schemes – no reply yet.

Alison has contacted Recycle Gloucestershire regarding the summer fete – no reply yet.

Giving Machine now set up and commission being earned already – a letter cancelling Hungry Elephant has been sent and Andy Holmes will chase to confirm our account is now closed.

Some present were concerned about the cost of the proposed "bike pods" and said they wanted better value for the GPAs money – would school consider other storage options – Steve to discuss with Mrs Thomas.

Summer Fete – 27th June

Lottery and Bar licences arranged, raffle tickets in hand with AJ Green printers. No news yet regarding air craft for the day – no news is still good news....!!!! Steve will discuss the displays being provided by the school eg Choir, Country Dancing, Groovers etc with Mrs Thomas so a running order can be drawn up. Bev to contact Tai Chi Kung Fu as they'd like to carry out a demonstration and are willing to provide a raffle prize too. Andy is going to contact the TA or similar to see if they might be available to provide something of interest too. A pupil competition, eg make a garden in a seed tray, was suggested by Steve and well received by all. Steve will discuss the

idea with Mrs Thomas. Clive Austin happy to provide ice creams again – Anna liaising with him. The entrance fee will be £1 per adult this year and will include a quiz that will be printed on the programme. We're going to theme the whole event around the World Cup and Bev still trying to arrange someone "football linked" to open it. She will also talk to Southside Football Club to see if they may be interested in attending and supporting us in some capacity. Anna to approach Greatfield Playgroup with the offer of a profit share scheme if they run the "Face Painting and Tattoo" stand this year. Anna also to approach Greatfield Farm Shop regarding our Strawberries and Pimms stand – maybe they would consider helping us again this year in return from some advertising on the stall or maybe they would like to run a small stall selling their produce on the day? A sponsor for the balloon release is required – ideally £100 – this would cover all costs and Bev can get the sponsors name printed on the balloon slips. We ran through a list of stalls we hope to run – assuming we can get some support from parents, friends and families – not listed as too long!!!

Fireworks Display

Unfortunately, the school is simply too small for us to put on a display – our insurance requires a distance of 100m from the nearest third party car or house. In addition, any third party service provider (eg bouncy castle, fireworks etc) must hold their own Public Liability Insurance in addition to ours. We are insured, however, to hold events anywhere so if we fancy a go at this again – all we need is a field with the required boundary distance and we're away...!!!!

AOB

Would Mrs R Smith like a kit for her netball team?

Is Mr Sadler going to provide us with a sports "wish list"?

Has Mrs Moseley purchased the cookery equipment or are we buying it?

Do we have access to an embroidery pattern for the schools logo? If not, once purchased, all our kits could be embroidered very cheaply. Bev looking into this.

After school clubs for KS1 – eg Andy Tucker, Happy Days Gym – are there any plans to invite these groups into school to offer fee paying after school activities for KS1 in particular?

Date of next meeting

11th May 2011