

Law Primary PTA Meeting 2<sup>nd</sup> October 2017

**Present:** Louise Black, JoAnne McCafferty, Fiona Guthrie, Sharon Seeley, Lesley Cairns, Linda Inglis, Arlene France, Mrs McNeill and Miss Gibson.

**Apologies:** Leanne Inglis, Gemma Crowe, Elaine Hood.

### **AGM:**

Report from previous year from Louise Black. Main events for fund raising mentioned and big thankyou to everyone for their support.

Treasurers Report showed a PTA Balance £1411.90. Parent Forum Balance £477.12. Cash Float £73.06. the Annual Audit of accounts will be carried out by the latest next month.

All previous Positions stepped down and new Committee agreed.

This year many positions are filled by two members to help in the others absence.

Chairpersons: Louise Black and Gemma Crowe.

Vice Chairpersons: Linda Inglis and Lesley Cairns

Treasurer: Leanne Inglis

Secretary: Currently unfilled.

Constitution agreed and all members to have a PVG for the school.

### **Business Meeting**

Head Teacher Report from Mrs McNeill highlighted that money has been used to allow 5 mornings of a support assistant.

Mrs Gibson has become a full-time member of staff in room 4.

Mrs Kerr is a half week.

Miss Gibson is pleased that money was used towards 15 chrome books to be used within the school (mainly the upper school).

3 members of staff attended the training for Catch Up Literacy.

There have been changes in the nursery with both Mrs Martucci and Mrs McLaughlin both successfully obtaining a secondment, this has created vacancies in the morning sessions. The interviews have been carried out and we are awaiting feedback.

The janitor vacancy will hopefully be filled this week and they will arrive shortly.

The Standards and Quality Report will be issues as a summary to all parents in the next newsletter however a full copy is available to see if anyone would like.

Easyfundraising link to be put on newsletter to allow more parents to know about this.

Our Trim Trail remains out of bounds, it needs £1800 worth of repairs. We are awaiting SLC to get back to us about if they could possibly help with cost. If not we may need to help raise extra funds.

We are waiting to hear if we can obtain any kind of funding from sports Scotland for our sports equipment.

### **PTA Fundraising Events**

the planning for the Halloween Disco is well underway with many things already planned.

P1-3 party 6.15-7pm we have enough parent helpers for this.

P4-7 party 7.15-8pm. Also has plenty of helpers.

This is £2.50 per person which includes snack bag (Crisps, Chocolate and jelly sweet plus fruit shoot) Arlene and Louise will get these.

Games to be played are musical statues, musical bumps, corners game. Miss Gibson will create stickers to remind parents about this event.

John McCafferty will create a poster to advertise.

Fashion Show. This is to be planned for the 8<sup>th</sup> November but this does not now suit a week day as it finishes at 10.30. Arlene will speak to the company but if they cannot move this forward then maybe a weekend for this event. The cost is £150 deposit which is refunded if 100 people are present on the night. All agree this is a promising idea.

Parents night. Helpers are needed to staff the bookstall. First half: Louise and Gemma. Second half Fiona, Susan and Elaine. 3.16-5.30/ 6.15-8pm.

Christmas Fayre. The Christmas fayre planning is well underway down to Fiona Guthrie. We currently have 22 confirmed stalls at £10 per stall. We are wondering if people can pay prior to the event but this will be confirmed by Leanne Inglis.

The PTA will make some bags of goodies like hot chocolate, Rudolph lollies. Like the parent forum last year.

### **School website**

Mrs McNeill and Miss Gibson are concerned (as well as many others) about the school website. They felt it is not as efficient as it could be and therefore are proposing that we could have a website designer come in (Dan McAulay) and design a new one at a cost of £250 then a yearly maintenance fee of £50. She will confirm cost when she hears from him.

This would tie in nicely if we are successful in doing a twitter account for the school. We are currently awaiting feedback from SLC on this matter.

Various other topics mentioned. Linda Inglis is looking for an AOCB for £240 or £480 for school football strips. We will look for a sponsor or fund raiser for these. Lesley suggesting a bag pack for this. Mr Kane was also interested in donating to sports related things.

We have also been voted for the green token scheme in Asda for fundraising by Lesley.

Lockerbie manor is still a well-loved event that the school participate in. Mrs McNeill is concerned as next year there will be two groups attending in quick succession. The PTA feel we will still strive towards donating £10 per child to this.

Mrs McNeill is going to ask someone to come to the next meeting to see about games being painted onto the ground hopscotch etc.

Christmas cards agreed upon and same will be done this year to increase funds. Fiona will order this and we will help with organising so office staff have time in the office and don't need to donate their own time. 268 pupils in school and Miss Gibson happy that the cards are designed in school time.

Last on the agenda was a change of time for PTA meetings as many feel it is too late. It was decided that 6.30 will be a better time for this although not all members will make this we will keep them up to date with events and planning.

Thank you for attending.