

MINUTES- 1st July 2019- ST MICHAEL'S JUNIOR PTA

MEETING CALLED BY	SMJ PTA
TYPE OF MEETING	PTA Meeting
FACILITATOR	Lian Preston
NOTE TAKER	Lian Preston
ATTENDEES	Lian (Chair), Hazel (Parent), Mrs Carpenter (LSA), Ruth (Parent), Vicky(Parent), Hannah (Parent) & Alyson (Parent)
APOLOGIES	Mrs Bundy (Deputy Head) & Claire(Parent)

15:30 Meeting commenced

Welcome - Lian Preston welcomed committee members, teachers and parents to the meeting.

DISCUSSION	Ice Cream Sale	
<p>Lian explained that we will have to completely restock freezer for ice cream sales due to Sports Day success in selling most of our stock. 5 boxes helter skelter and 4 boxes twister mini lollies left. She asked what people thought about us just knocking it on the head as it seemed silly to buy yet more ice creams and no guarantee we will sell them all. Alyson then pointed out that FOSM PTA are selling ice creams every Friday for the next 3 weeks, all agreed to quit whilst we are ahead. Lian will take all the money to Jon and receipts to bank.</p>		
CONCLUSION		
<p>No more ice cream sales, Lian to remove event off PTA fb page. Lian to take money and receipts to Jon.</p>		
ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE
Remove FB event	Lian	Tonight
Take money and receipts treasurer	Lian	ASAP

DISCUSSION	Sports Morning
<p>Lian informed Mrs Carpenter that there was fantastic praise by many parents on FB about the amazing Sports Morning last week. No negatives at all and she wanted all the staff to know how well parents thought it went. Teas and coffees went down a storm! Will have to remember that for next year as we were not as well equipped as we could have been as it took Lian by surprise how popular it was. All the ice creams sold and we were very fortunate with helpers on the day, thanks go out to all our helpers.</p>	

CONCLUSION		
Compliments to be sent to staff for fantastic sports morning. Teas & coffee definitely a winner.		
ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE
Email Mrs Bundy & Mrs Tyler	Lian	Tonight

DISCUSSION	Cinema	
<p>Had much fewer children attend cinema night, not sure if this was film choice or children not as interested in attending these events as much now. Was better with fewer children with respect to noise levels and it seemed more children were actually interested in watching the film this time. We did not stop for interval which made the whole night run much more smoothly and we finished the film early whereas in the past we run late at times. Giving out drink in sealed cup and bag popcorn much easier as only 1 sort (sweet) so more straightforward. We are still struggling to get parent volunteers to run events, there was 4 of us with 50 children. We managed but more helpers would make things easier. The next cinema is a week Tuesday and so far we have more from Infants than Juniors. Again unclear as to why Yr 3 are not interested in attending. Lian has asked Mrs Carpenter to attend as we have Year 2 and she has met some of these children and feel this would be good to have a familiar face at the event. She has agreed and she contacted staff to see if any others would be available to help, Miss Streek has offered to stay too.</p>		

CONCLUSION		
Cinema was a success, less children attended however all enjoyed. Next Cinema Night next Tuesday for Yr 2 & 3.		
ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE
Buy popcorn and drinks	Lian	Monday 8 th

DISCUSSION	Choir T shirt, PA system, Library books from AOB last meeting	
Need to email Mrs Bundy and Mrs Tyler for the update on these.		

DISCUSSION	Future ideas for the PTA	
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We are struggling to attract new parents to our PTA and Lian is very concerned that we need new blood, with new ideas and enthusiasm for our PTA to take it into the future in a more positive way. Lian asked Hannah to ask her fellow Yr 3 parents for ideas and several ideas came out:

- Meetings hard to attend after school as little ones have clubs, Koosa etc.
- There are a lot of events , and with emails going on from both schools trying to ensure I get the right dates for each school is enough ..plenty of other parents have said there are too many emails coming from both schools and sometimes just not enough notice.
- I understand the idea of when patents / carers pick up their children there's an immediate hand on pocket , but to be honest I get a bit frustrated with how often it happens along with feeling pressure to always do it so kids don't complain . With after school activities sometimes an ice cream stall is not the best thing to have , especially when most of us have ice creams at home and don't want to pay out twice.
- online style forum to get people to input (Not Facebook, although it's nice they have that) If they accessed something like pad let, sil-do or menti meter they could say they are having a meeting online 9pm on the first Monday of month for example and then people could add their opinions and you could have a chair who runs the meeting.
- Another thought is to get in touch with local organisations such as rotary or roundtable if there are larger, more specific items required. They are very supportive of schools doing worthy projects.
- I was also thinking maybe they could channel their resources into one or two big events a year rather than all these little events. It may have been done before my time, but running Ice cream/cinema/other things can seem too much to ask if parents each month to keep helping out. Maybe a massive summer fair, or Xmas one and an evening event for parents like a barn dance. Would get momentum flowing a bit a the money up.
- Maybe more family events / meetings so we don't have to rely on childcare , something we can bring the kids with us if needed .looks like we're all keen to try help out a bit and also agree that the ones who are helping out have their own work and families are working hard in their time to try solve some issues. It's all positive stuff
- If there was a calender of dates and not just pop ups for when the next one is ,maybe gives a bit more chance to sort for actual meetings
- Perhaps they could send out a survey monkey link to parents from the admin office requesting ideas and input to find out exactly what parents want or expect from the PTA it will be different with every new cohort. Again happy to help pull something together before the end of term. Then they will have some valuable and relevant feedback from parents. You can look at stats for each year group then and shape the PTA to suit the needs of families and then hopefully if they listen to parents they will get a better return rate and turn out for events.
- also recognise that the people running it work as well so I think they are doing a great job with that they have. A new model of PTA might be needed though to help with more input.
- Agree the bigger events. I'm happy to help with things that are more focused and less regular as it's easier to plan around to be honest. Love the idea of a dance or something. Maybe. A family sports day instead of just a kids only one next year?
- Or a fete with good old cheap things like welly wanging and soaking the teachers! Kids would love it! And so would siblings so makes it so much easier for families to help and attend.
- a family fun run one Saturday in the field would be awesome, £5 a family or something....also promotes healthy things
- One school I know does a family camp out on their field. Families pay a small fee to participate and bring their own tent etc. They have an evening BBQ and party games and then just camp over night
- Where I work the parents pay a monthly direct debit to support the school.

CONCLUSION

Like the idea of sending out survey to all parents to try and find out what they want from our PTA.
Look into the online meetings more to see if we can put these into practise next year.
Could it be parents are not helping because they don't like little and often events? We have kind of got to this state of little and often as it is always the very few that help, Lian and Hazel tend to feel responsible to attend all events and then with few helpers it doesn't encourage us to want to organise a big event. We need to try something new, to try encourage new parents to want to take over before Lian needs to leave so she can stay onboard the PTA to help and guide without having to force parents into the Chair position. It is far better to get a new captain for our PTA ship now as a floating ship than a sinking ship.
Could ask Mrs Tyler about a camping event, how realistic that is?

ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE
Look into survey monkey	Lian	ASAP
Look into online meetings	Lian	ASAP
Ask Mrs Tyler about the possibility of camping event in future	Lian	Soon

DISCUSSION AOB

We are still in need of a new secretary.
Lian has had the floats returned from Year 6 world of work, must give to Jon.
Alyson suggested a sponsored event, similar to the Infant School running sponsored shoot out, they raised over £1000! Lian suggested if we knew a target for which we were raising the money that we may get a better response.
Possible ideas for sponsored event colour run, bubble dash using the field. Mr Sanders has offered his services if we ever needed so this could be worth investigating next year.

CONCLUSION

Need secretary.
Return floats to treasurer.
Sponsored Event next year.

NEXT MEETING: TBC

VENUE: The Ark, St Michael's Junior School

FINAL COMMENTS AND THANKS MADE BY THE CHAIR PERSON.

MEETING CONCLUDED AT [16:00]

Checked as correct by Chair.....Date.....