



Maddiston PSA

Date: 11 September 2014
Time: 6:15pm
Location: Maddiston Primary School (Library)

Chair: Ellie Bowen

Present: Alan Brown, Sarah Perkins, Kirsty Robertson, Shonid Ogilvie, Kirsty McQuade, Tony Jinks, Sharon McCrimmon, Margaret Chalmers, Gail Leckie, Mairi Clark, Trish Fraser, Vicky Cramb, Claire Dick, Lorna O'Connor

1. Welcome

Ellie opened the meeting and extended a warm welcome to everyone and also welcomed all the new faces and thanked everyone for coming.

2. Recognition for Previous Year

Ellie asked if Kirsty R would like to say something about the last year. Kirsty went onto say that enthusiasm dwindled last year but hopefully we are all feeling positive about this year. Kirsty pointed out that although the Disco didn't go too well there was a lot to be positive about including Christmas Fayre, Christmas Cards, Craft Cafe and Family Photoshoots that all went very well.

3. Treasurers Report

Sarah gave out the Income and Expenditure Statement which showed that we spent more than we earned this year

4. Nomination for PSA Committee

Ellie is stepping down from Chairperson, Sharon is stepping down from Secretary and Kirsty McQ is stepping down from Vice Chair.

Chair - Sarah proposed Alan Brown as Chair and Shonid 2nd it.

Vice Chair - Tony proposed Kirsty R as Vice Chair and Sharon 2nd it.

Treasurer – Alan proposed Sarah and Kirsty R 2nd it.

Secretary – no one put their self forward for this position, Sharon agreed to stay insitu until another Secretary was appointed.

5. Name Change

Kirsty had seen another school use the name of Friends of ? School and asked everyone's thoughts on this as it seems to be more approachable and appealing. Gail said that the PSA sounds very official. Kirsty proposed Friends of Maddiston School and all agreed. Official paperwork is still to be taken forward.

6. Feedback from Postcards and Prize Draw

Alan advised that only 17 cards were returned out of 500 and that was with using a prize draw of £200 to the winning class.

8 people have volunteered and can be added to the list of 3 people already.

Christmas Fayre got 11 votes

Suggestions for future events included an End of Year Dance, Girls Night, School Disco's x 4, Easter Fayre, British Bake Off, Disco for Nursery and a Race Night (Sarah said we still have the horses), Quiz Night, Car Wash, Family Photos, Christmas Cards, Bag Pack, Art & Craft, Health Eating Cooking and Its a Knockout.

Prize Draw from the Post Cards prize draw will be drawn next Friday 19 September 2014.

7. Engaging Parents/Staff

Alan had hoped that Mrs Rodgers would have been at the AGM. Margaret said that teachers will always support PSA but cant get to meetings, Alan asked that they talk about the PSA in class.

8. Bag Packing

Alan said this was always great for raising money and a proportion could be used for kids awards. Shonid suggested splitting it between P1-P4 and P4-P7 and if no show no money. It was agreed that the kids love bag packing. Alan advised he would write to Asda to ask about the tokens and whether the PSA could be considered to fundraise as it was pointed out that the children use green token to put them into the boxes.

9. Quiz Night

Alan advised that he had provisionally booked Polmont Golf Club for Friday 3 October 2014 for a Quiz Night. Steve from FourPlay Discos will do the night for £100. Alan asked if we should sell tickets for £5 per head. Bring your own food proposed and all agreed. Alan said it would be put out in a newsletter. All agreed only 6 per team. Mairi suggested that it be advertised on the Nursery info board. Alan asked Sarah for Whats on Posters. Sharon will do a poster and email it around, Lorna asked for copies to give out.

10. Christmas Events

Sarah has envelopes for the Christmas Cards.

Alan advised that we do not have Ann for the Christmas Fayre this year and she was the one at the grotto, we would need a volunteer to replace her. Shonid advised that she would not be involved with the Christmas Fayre. The normal time for the fayre is the end of November so 30th was proposed and all agreed.

Santa's Sleigh needs a bit of work and proposed for Sunday 7 December with half the collections going to the school and half going to charity.

Christmas Prize Draw could be discussed at the next meeting.

Gail could do letters asking for donations from local companies and Mairi also volunteered and said a register of who has been asked could be kept by her if Kirsty

could give them a copy of the one sent out last year. Alan asked if anyone has any suggestions for a begging letter.

Tony suggested Tam Cowan as he had been involved with fundraising before.

Donations for a prize draw were discussed and Alan asked Lorna about Virgin Trains and Tony about a bike and these has been sourced in previous years.

11. Communication

Facebook and notice board were discussed and agreed to continue. Alan proposed a 2 monthly newsletter and asked for any volunteers to continue this.

12. Slide

Sarah advised a playground slide is a no go at the moment, a fabricator has advised the angle is too shallow, it is only 20 degrees and needs to be 25 or more.

The one Mrs Rodgers proposed was found to be too expensive. Sarah advised she has been trying to source others.

Other playground items were proposed such as a Pirate Ship made of wood that Claire had seen.

Sarah asked about the sand pit but Margaret didn't know about it and thought there may be drainage problems.

Focus for next year is definitely playground.

Active Schools could be a good source to tap into.

Seating should still be a priority.

13. Christmas Cards

Sarah has all the materials and should be getting the artwork back in before the October holiday. Lynn will give a hand if needed. Doing an A6 as well as an A5 was proposed and it is the same quality but bigger. Sarah will have a blank one and there has to be no glitter, anything shiny or highlighter as it wont show up in the print and has to be 5mm thick or less. Prices are £6 pack and £10 for two packs etc, these will be going home to parents soon.

14. AOB

It was advised that a pantomime is booked for 17 December 2014 to come into the school which is Robin Hood and is all paid for.

Rag Bag is proposed for 14 November 2014 and will be coming soon.

Claire asked about Three Kings tribute night to raise funds as there was three other schools at the one she went to with Hallglen, there is one in January/February.

Next meeting Thursday 21 October 2014