

STIVICHALL PTA MEETING

TUESDAY 16TH SEPTEMBER 2008 - 7.30PM - STAFF ROOM

PRESENT: Chris Rose; Kerry Hooper; Lyn Jeffery; Jill Miles; Maria Thompson; Edith Howard; Debbie Pollard; Maddie Langeveld; Katy Carpenter; Louise Richmond; Julie Davies; Sara Jennings; James Glover

APOLOGIES: Joanne McLean; Alison Clarke; Gaynor Millar; Barbara Drew; Anita Cooke

WELCOME back to all. Sue has now moved to Cardiff and has sent the PTA a Thank U Card for her lovely present and leaving card.

SUMMER FAYRE: General opinion that it went well considering difficulties over the location and dodgy weather. The number of people coming through the gate was down this year and reflected slightly on stall takings. Overall, did slightly less than last year. Matched funding from Axa has been applied for and the result of these should come through shortly, boosting the overall figure for the fete. See attached Treasurers spreadsheet for further details.

SCHOOL MOVE

Mr Rose reported that so far builders on schedule to enable school to move over October half term. It was anticipated that the demolition of old school would start Monday of half term. However, this will now be delayed.

This is good as it means the PTA will have more time over half term to empty the two PTA stores currently in existence, dismantle the racking, re-erect racking and move everything. Help needed for this.

DIARY DATES

15th October - Pub meeting at 8.00pm

22nd October - PTA meeting - 7.00pm at School - XMAS FAYRE - please all attend or send in your ideas and offers of help.

12th November - AGM -

21st November - KS1 family evening

28th November KS2 Junior disco

6th December - Xmas Fayre

Discussion took place as to trying to do some sort of last event in the old school, eg. disco, kids graffiti on the walls, etc. However, kids are already doing graffiti in school at the moment and there is further difficulty with dates for discos as packing crates will start to fill up school.

The number of attendees allowed at a disco/family event in the new school is at present unknown. A final inspection on the completed school is awaited with regard to this. However, it is anticipated that there will be an increase in the number of tickets for sale.

TREASURERS REPORT

See Jill's attached balance sheet. Now have approximately £18,000 in the bank. Approximately £4,000 of this is spoken for with regard to annual commitments (aquaid water bottles, xmas arts day equipment, xmas school entertainment, partnership centre visits, etc) and a required float of £1,000 for the fete. This leaves £14,000 currently available.

Mr Rose again stated that they need help with the purchase of it equipment, furniture, hand driers, early learning playground equipment, new library shelving, etc. However, most of these items are already on order and will be paid for whether or not PTA assist with these items. Further discussions to take place at the Pub meeting. A strong feeling amongst some members that all Parents should have a say in this as without them the money would not have been raised. A shortlist of suggested items to purchase will be prepared and put out to parents for their opinion/voting

One item that the school do need help raising funds for is grass turf. The budget allows for the provision of grass seed. However, if grass seed is used the grass areas will be out of bounds for a considerable time. It would almost certainly not be available for use for next year's sports days, year 3 camp, etc. If Turf can be put down this year, it will be ready for stampeding kids by spring of next year. The lowest quote obtained for this to date is approximately £15,000. Chris Rose is trying to obtain matched funding from the Soccar Foundation which would halve the cost. General opinion of the PTA present at the meeting was that this should be the subject of a separate fund raising event. Especially as the children are very keen to fund raise for their own pieces of turf!

No specific funding requests have been received from the school.