



St Patrick's PFA Meeting Minutes

- Location:** Bulls Head Gomersal
- Date:** 09/05/17
- Attendees:** Carly Eagleton, Sarah Keenan, Fiona Mullaney, Yvette Delahunt, Joanna Terry, Brian Murphy
- Apologies:** Sandra Lord, Gemma Coughbrough, Jennifer Firth, Sharon Sugden, Karen Fisher, Sara Daché, Sharon Buchan, Catherine Worthington, Clare Trudell, Jodie Hinchcliffe

Agenda Items:

1. Easter Trail

£761 made from the Easter trail and good feedback from the event received. Thanks to everyone who helped on the day and collecting donations from businesses.
Most parents like the idea of different ability trails.

2. Playground purchases

- £30 has been spent on some foam footballs, tennis and rounders equipment.
- Sandra has given PFA list of other equipment that the children would benefit from such as Frisbees and dancing ribbons. Carly has approached Primo Play to see if they are able to make a donation or provide equipment at a discounted rate. Waiting to hear back.
- Mr Senior has requested football / rugby posts that could be permanently in the playground with option to put away during school holidays. He's looking at what options are available and will come back to us.
- Grafitti wall – we can't use the wall of the boiler house as that is not our building. We discussed idea of creating a frame of MDF with blackboard paint.

3. Summer Fair

- Decision made to miss the Summer Fair this year. This is due to lack of people available to help coordinate this event from main committee due to holidays and work commitment prior to event. A couple of PFA members are on holiday running up to the date that it would be held (Friday 7th July) and it is difficult to recruit volunteers when it would start on a Friday after school as many parents are at work. Although we do have people volunteering to help on the day more help is needed for the organisation of such large events. Suggestions please for smaller scale events?

4. Other events

- We discussed 'The Great get together' that is being held over the country in memory of Jo Cox. School may be holding their own 'Great get together' for the children so we do not want to duplicate and also there will be many events in the local area.
- Main consensus was to hold an event in September whether it be a picnic at school or a BBQ at Bulls Head. This would enable parents new to the school in September to join us.

- Early years meeting is 27th June. Member of PFA to attend to explain more about what we do and increase PFA membership. Tears and Tissues coffee morning to be first event of autumn term.
- Fashion Show and Beauty Event suggestion of "Ladies Evening" Could we get some therapists in to do mini-manicures, mini-facials etc. £10 ticket charge inc glass of prosecco and one treatment?

5. iPads

Carly to take pictures of pupils (those with permission) using iPads to put on Facebook page so parents can see the benefit of the fundraising. 16 iPads, Rubber shock casings and 3 portable charging stations purchased and now been enjoyed and fully utilised by staff and children.

6. New Noticeboard

This should be in place 9th or 10th May. Noticeboard has been donated by MP Fit with the help of JES Designs

7. Outdoor area.

- Fiona Mullaney has worked with pupils in Year 5 to come up with some fantastic designs of what they would like to see in the quiet outdoor area for the bottom of the playground based around a book theme.
- Decision made to pay £150 to Arcadia Designs to incorporate these in a plan. Professional input.
- Once we have a plan in place we will apply to 'Awards of all' and possibly 'Tesco bags for all' and the 'Co-op' to see if we can get help towards the cost of funding this.
- In application we need to stress how this would benefit the wider community. We do have links with other schools that could benefit from this area for example a Leeds school that visit St Patrick's and Oakwell that we could highlight in an application.
- In the application we could use 'letters from the children' to support what benefits the area would bring.
- Idea to break application into sections and get volunteers to complete so not one person responsible for all. Lots of paper work please contact Sarah Keenan if you can help or Carly Eagleton.
- Another idea was to approach a building company that would want to help design the area and in turn promote their work in the community. (Yvette to contact estate agents/builders?)

8. Clothing collection

Took place Friday 12th May at school. Volunteers thank you for helping gather bags together and put in place for collection. Future dates need stopping as company delivered bags on assumption we would do this without being asked. Need to plan dates on yearly calendar in future. Thanks to Mr Senior for sorting bags for children and displaying posters (without us knowing!) Not a good date as Year 5 parents away due to residential visit.

9. Finances

£3500 spent on ICT

£761.00 made at Easter fair

Approximate bank balance £4857.00

Due to school budget cuts it is now more important than ever PFA to raise funds to provide “essentials” not just “extras”

PFA to consider raising money for school and not charities especially for coffee mornings due to this.

This link is specific to St Patricks budget cuts.

<http://www.schoolcuts.org.uk/#!/schools?chosenSchool=3823405>

10. Ropes for play equipment

We are struggling to find a reasonably priced quote to supply and fit replacement ropes for the existing play equipment (existing quotes around £600).

One idea was to put graffiti wall where the big frame is. Perhaps chain some MDF with blackboard paint?

The other idea was to put request on Facebook for anyone who knows where we can source them from. Joanna also going to contact Oakwell and council to see if they are able to help advise where we can source some from.

11. Easy fundraising

This is website where you can click through when making online purchases at various retailers (i.e. Amazon) and they will donate money to the PFA. We are just having problems with log on at the moment. Sarah K to follow this up. Once log in details sorted then we will advertise this on Facebook.

12. AGM

Arranged for September 2017 – focus on planning and recruiting new parents to PFA roles.

It is hoped at least one rep from each year group to represent at PFA Meetings/Events (coordination level)

Carly and another volunteer to speak at EYFS Meeting 27th June 2017

Parents very kindly come forward at events and with donations but require more input at organisation level. Please tell us what would make it easier for you to be involved?

13. Next Meeting

Tuesday 20th June 2017, Bulls Head, Gomersal, 7pm

Forward planning calendar events for 2017/2018