

Midsomer Norton Primary School – Parent Support Group

Minutes of the Meeting – Friday 15th February 2019 3.15pm

General meeting scheduled for Friday 1st February at 3.15pm was cancelled due to school closure for adverse weather conditions.

Present: Alun Randell, Jodie Plummer, Sam Selway and Jo Guy

Apologies: Carolyn Meade.

No parents, carers or staff present to discuss the proposed change to a Parent Teacher Association.

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A general meeting was arranged for Friday 1st February, but was cancelled due to School closure for adverse weather condition. The meeting was rescheduled for Friday 15th February at 3.15pm and was advertised on the PSG Facebook page.

No feedback, either written or verbal, has been received by the School office, via Facebook or any of the committee members, and no other parents, carers or staff attended today's meeting. As there were no objections to discuss, a vote took place to change the name of the Midsomer Norton Primary School Parent Support Group to Midsomer Norton Primary School Parent Teacher Association. The four committee members present all voted in favour of the name change. It was agreed that after half term the official name change would take place on the PSG Facebook page with photo updates on the page. Jodie and Jo have already made enquires as to the process of changing the name which is fairly straightforward both with the Charities Commission and the bank.

Alun is in the process of updating the proposed Finance Policy, Constitution and Expenses Form. All four committee members present voted to approve the new documentation, but agreed the documents would be a work in progress incase necessary changes were needed. All letters should be forwarded to Emma Awcock so a link can be made in the School website and Facebook page.

Spring Disco

The spring disco will take place on Friday 22nd March 2019 and the DJ has been booked for the event. It was decided to try a ticket system for entry and food, whilst still preparing a list for the door for lost tickets and fire safety. Further details to be discussed at the next meeting.

Jumping Jo's

It was agreed to hold another Jumping Jo's event due to the extreme popularity of the event back in September 2018. 2019 date confirmed as Friday 26th April. Sam confirmed there is no cost for cancellation should the weather not be appropriate. Further discussions needed to confirm if wrist

bands should be made available before the day to help reduce queues. Sam to email Jumping Jo's to make the arrangements.

Jumping Jo's have availability for both the Leavers Event and the Summer Fayre.

Summer Fayre

The Summer Fayre date has been confirmed as Friday 28th June 2019. Friday after school was preferred over a Saturday. Exact times to be agreed as setting up on the field and playgrounds ground could be difficult during the school day. Alun to advise St John School that after school club may not be available that day.

No bands have yet been booked for the event. Jodie, Jo and Sam looking into the options of paying for a band, or sourcing a GCSE/A Level Music student or band who would like the opportunity to perform at no cost. Further discussions needed.

Leavers Event

Date to be confirmed. Party bus is provisionally booked his Curtis's, but all present agreed to look into other options as no deposit has been paid. The limousines are a very expensive option for 3 simultaneous cars, and having only one car is a very confusing and a drawn out process.

Ali Durbin and Dee Sullivan have agreed to help with the leavers event, along with Jo Guy who has a child in year 6. Alun is keen to let the leavers event be led by the year 6 parents and not the school. There are currently 41 children in year 6. It was agreed we should hold a leavers planning meeting, date to be agreed.

Jodie has been looking into the leavers hoodies with a local company called Wellingtons. They can supply the items with a few weeks notice in a range of sizes and colours. Teal colour has been agreed in principle. A template has been emailed to Jodie which looks great. A thorough check of names will need to be made for spelling mistakes.

Fund spending

The 10 iPads have been ordered and are in the process of being set up. School have initially paid for them but agreed that the PTA funds will cover all costs.

New footballs are needed for the playground, both leather and non-leather and also the bottom playground blackboard needs a coat of blackboard paint. Also, the friendship bench needs painting with outdoor paint and sealing properly, In nice bold and bright colours.

Hayley Bullock has made a request for funds for buy leotards for schools sporting events, total cost of £60. All present agreed to the request.

Top playground sports equipment shed is in need of attention. Funding a new shed is an option, but not immediately. Agreed we will ask Nick Guy the Caretaker to see if he can make the shed water tight for the time being.

IKEA order is the process of being placed and a £900 quote has been received for the painting of the KS1 area during half term week. The quote includes paint and the cost of the scaffolding to reach the high ceilings.

Fundraising

Jodie and Alun are looking into Tesco Bag Funding. Funds can be up to £4000 but must be for a specific project which must be completed within 12 months of the funds being given and must be of benefit to the community. There is currently a 6 month waiting list to be approved for the scheme.

Mother's Day coasters have been hugely popular with orders around £825 with 25% (approx £206) coming back to the PTA. Jo and Jodie have checked the funds and they are to be banked next week. Jo is sending off the templates to Class Fundraising during half term week, leaving plenty of time for them to arrive and be given out.

Proposed mufti day on the last day of every term could prove complicated around Christmas with jumper day and/or House Mornings. Agreed in principle that a mufti day could be agreed 3 times a year with the purpose of PTA fundraising, on the last day of Term 1, 3 and 5. Only discussed not fully agreed. Mufti day agreed for Friday 5th April 2019. Jodie to look further into the option of claiming gift aid for mufti day donations. Discussed the possibility of re-branding the Housing Mornings as it can be very confusing for the children and parents.

Mardons Social Club have very kindly agreed to offer us the opportunity to hold a quiz night or bingo night every 3 to 4 months, as the event proved very popular for them. Agreed to book a bingo night on Friday May 17th 2019, and provisionally booked Friday 27th September 2019 for a quiz night. Parent Izzy Rossiter to help organise with Mardons Social Club. Sam felt the raffle had the potential to raise more money, as tickets could have been sold table to table.

Projects

Alun has expressed great interest in overhauling the Early Years area to include huge sand pits, a climbing frame and both indoor and outdoor furniture. The indoor furniture in particular is currently too big and the children cannot access it independently. We discussed the possibility of moving the furniture to the Reception classes and re-vamping preschool. There is a possibility Tesco Bag Funding could help us with this.

The top playground 'trim trail' is currently coned off as the bridge is broken and the chippings, or lack of, and the subsequent mud is causing a huge problem. Alun is keen to source bark chippings or sponge chippings for the area but cost will need to be investigated.

Next meeting; 8th March. 3.15pm. Please let the office know if you require use of the after schools club.