

SASA Annual General Meeting**Thursday 5th October 2023 – Minutes**

Present: Julie Blyth, Mary Wright, Annie Arnold, Richard Cohen, Paul Tucker, Paul Neale, Eleanor Cameron, Lucy Murchison, Kristin Van Zwieten, Celia Lam, Katie Campbell, Anita Matadeen, Charmaine Harris, Tetyana Bogdan

Apologies: Carla Cohen, Katie Small, Anna Chamberlain

1) Election of positions - Chair, Vice-Chairs, Communications, Secretary, Reps

JB explained welcomed new reps to the meeting and thanked those standing down.

Year 5 still has no reps.

- Possibly another member of SASA could join the whatsapp group to post messages and ensure no one misses out?
- Can parents be caught at parents evening to make sure all Year 5 parents know there is a need for a rep?

New children have joined in several year groups. Would it be possible for teachers to pass on information from SASA reps about a whatsapp group etc? Yes, or possibly the school office – **Action:** Give school contact details for all SASA reps, so information could be passed on.

- There was a call for people to take on committee roles. There was a general reluctance to commit, and a discussion around which roles were necessary.
 - Paul Neale elected vice-chair.
 - Mary Wright elected secretary.

2) International Evening

Lovely turn out, good weather, great food. A very nice event. Didn't earn much money – but it isn't supposed to, it's a community event.

Set up was tricky – mainly moving tables. Next year ask Year 6s to take tables outside before the end of the day.

3) Events – looking forward

- Quarry coffee morning
AA shared plans in place. Volunteers have been sourced.

Hope

Trust

Friendship

Forgiveness

Justice

- Diwali disco, Friday 24 November. Paul T is leading with assistance from Anita and Mansi.
- Consider catering proposal (samosa and pakora)
 - Discussion around where to provide this and whether it would work. Discussion around the type of food, the need for food. Conclusion was that its best to keep things as simple as possible. Discussed fizzy drinks – better to keep so fruit juice cartons (which may have as much sugar, but are usually smaller quantities).
- Consider live drumming proposal
 - Anita suggested we enhance the Diwali theme by hiring a professional drummer. Agreement that this sounded like a lovely opportunity. Questions around whether we would maximise use of the DJs time. Suggested that this might be a good opportunity for another event – possibly one with an adult focus?
- Discussion about ticket pricing - £2 last year, should it be increased?

- Christmas events and Winter Festival proposal
 - Questions raised about the suggested day – does it have to be on a Friday? Discussed that this time Friday is the best option – the hall is rented out at different points in the week, so wouldn't be free. The other Christmas plays will not be on a Friday. Consider different days for future event.
 - Agreed that an event, taking place on Friday 1st December should be planned.
Action: Winter Festival to be planned at the next SASA meeting.

- 4) Funding requests
 - £450 for 3 cameras, to be used across the school for documenting children's experiences for Class Dojo, or the yearbook. **Agreed.** **Action:** MW to order cameras.
 - Extra money for the library. **Agreed** that the amount SASA give per long term for Library/Full Circle/Quiet Area would be increased to £300. **Action:** JB to increase payment from next term.
 - Long term fundraising target – playground equipment. We have a quote for around £38,000. Other quotes will be sought. Suggested that we liase with Quarry nursery, who successfully fundraised for playground equipment several years ago. Carla Cohen was chair of the Quarry PTA and may be a useful source of advice.
- 5) Secondhand school uniform sales

No time to discuss this. **Action:** Move to next meeting's agenda.

6) AOB

AA is offering a fundraising opportunity. She has tea sets which could be rented out. Would offer some of the proceeds to SASA. **Action:** AA to confirm rental cost before info is shared with whatsapp groups.

7) Date of next meeting

TBC