

## Minutes from SASA Social - Wednesday 30 November 2022

### Welcome

Mary Wright (Deputy Head) and Julie Blyth (SASA Chair) welcomed everyone to the social, and explained the purpose of the meeting.

### Finances

Treasurer's Report

#### **Report from 1 Sept - 28 Nov 22**

<b>Total in bank @ 1.9.22</b>	10141.39
<b>Total in bank @ 28.11.22</b>	9951.67

<b>Initial balance</b>			<b>£10,141.39</b>
<b>Income</b>			
Charities Trust	19.76		
Parentpay donations	£8.87		
Disco	£639.00		
Summer Concert	£114.97		
Ice cream sales	£33.00		
Stikins	£51.65		
uniform sales	£40.21		
calendar sales			
party bag hire	£5.00		
<b>Main Payments Out</b>			
Classroom monies		320.00	
Library		200.00	
International Evening		43.64	
MPLC License		88.14	
Christmas Coaches		450.40	
<b>Final Balance</b>	<b>912.46</b>	<b>1102.18</b>	<b>£9,951.67</b>

Recently funded items include: 6 sets of waterproofs for Rainbows, Christmas gift books for KS1, Sports and outdoor play equipment, coaches for KS1 and yr 3-4 Christmas theatre visits, and a contribution to the yr 5-6 cinema outing

### Comms

Point for discussion: The SASA Facebook page and Twitter site are no longer kept up to date. Current methods of information dissemination from the school are Class Dojo and ParentPay emails. Parents also have the class WhatsApp groups, which often reshare these messages. SASA info is shared by the above three methods, and its felt best to focus on these rather than dilute the messaging and risk gaps in coverage.

There were no objections to closing down the FaceBook and Twitter sites. Action: Julie to liaise with Vikki.

General discussion followed, on how to make SASA more visible/our aim more understandable, especially for new families.

Suggestion of a SASA video for people to send round, or put on the school website. One idea: get the children in it.

Or perhaps a video of the children asking for what they need SASA to fund?

Going to Rainbows at the beginning of term: very time heavy ... some questioned whether it's appropriate to push SASA at Rainbows (whilst at Quarry, which has its own PTA)? They are torn between 2 sites. MW cautioned against overloading new parents with information and options.

Perhaps promote SASA at the meet the teacher each September? Or, as some families start part-way through the school year, at a specific 'new parent' tour?

It was suggested that the school be more upfront and explicit about gaps in funding, and how important the SASA fundraising is.

### **Looking back**

**Disco – Paul**

Thanks to Paul Tucker for running the event so smoothly

Good: Lots of volunteers came forward; music at 1st disco was quieter (better).

Improvements for next time: clearer direction on which entrance to use, as the bar area was very crowded. Better outdoor lighting.

Paul: next time there should be 3 discos. R&1, 2&3, 4-6???

Action: SASA to buy outside party lighting for events like the disco, to encourage parents to socialise outside.

### **Looking forward**

#### **Christmas events**

- 1/12 Hampers assembled for raffles – Philippa Y + yr 2-3 helpers
- 10/12 Tree sale (Liz H) Donating £50 to SASA
- 12/12 Yr 1-2 Nativity 6 pm. Mulled wine and mince pies from 5.30 – Rachael F + yr2 helpers
- 14/12 Yr 3-4 Play. Mulled wine and mince pies – Helen R, Heather M, James M
- 15/12 Yr 1-2 Santa visit 3 pm. Mulled wine and mince pies & Santa's grotto – set up from 2.30 Helen R, Julie B plus Yr 1 helpers
- 16/12 Yr 5-6 Carols 6 pm. Mulled wine and mince pies – Liz H, Rachael F

Charging at the above events will be by voluntary donation, therefore no alcohol licence needed

**Next year - Movie nights (13 and 20 Jan) & proposed Comedy night (Paul)**

There will be two Film nights – three films split between years – an age appropriate year 1 film is not appropriate for year 6. R-yr 1 film screened earlier in the evening. Catering – popcorn, hot dogs, possibly order in pizza (or heat and bring across from canteen). Early film will be alcohol-free.

Comedy Night (proposed for Thurs 23 Feb) £300 cost ... Will it make money? It's a bit of a risk. Discussed pricing, bar...

Parents should be encouraged to bring friends, book a table.

Let's do it.

### **Brainstorming - new suggestions**

How to do events that reach our school's demographic?

Non-alcohol events.

Post-its-notes (from ideas board) -

*Second hand uniform more visible/available*

*Food fundraising (as seen done in Australia) selling boxes of chocolate/panettone...*

*Clothes swap for children and adults*

*Something at weekends – week nights/after school can be difficult for working parents*

*Plant sale and/or swap*

*Parent events to tie in with deep learning weeks (like History week in 2020)*

*Summer fair was a lot of fun: ticks community and fundraising boxes*

*Decouple fund-raising from social events – there may be plenty of local businesses (or business with a parent connection) that have marketing budgets that can be spent if they could get some visibility.*

*Corporate sponsorship*

*Plus in discussion from this: provide a crèche/babysitting at events*

Rachael and Vanessa to put together a survey for the whole school about SASA: what it is, what people want.

Some discussion about the visibility of the SASA website, mechanism of keeping it up to date. Also the school website in general - comments received about the school calendar.

### **AOB**

Gift were presented to outgoing committee members.

**Next meeting – Planning meeting, Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> Jan**