

RIDGMONT LOWER SCHOOL, RIDGMONT, BEDFORDSHIRE

PTA COMMITTEE MINUTES 27TH SEPTEMBER 2007

ATTENDEES

Mrs Clark, Mrs Carr, Mrs Champion, Mrs Stratford, Mrs Cheadle, Mrs Woolard, Mrs Worth, Ms Tuitt, Mrs Swift.

APOLOGIES

Mrs Mckinnon and Mrs Parrott

The minutes were read by Mrs Carr. All agreed.

ELECTION OF NEW OFFICERS

Mrs Champion nominated Mrs Woolard to stand as chair this was seconded by Mrs Carr and agreed by all those present. Mrs Carr to continue the position as secretary and Mrs Parrott to continue as treasurer.

FINANCES

The current balance of funds is £2163.20. Some discussion took place on what the funds could be used for. Mrs Clarke added that in the past the PTA have paid for things like theatre companies coming to the school, science workshop and presents at Christmas. Mrs Clarke to give Mrs Woolard a full list. From previous meeting it was suggested that the PTA paid for a school trip to the pantomime. Mrs Mackinnon kindly sent details to the meeting about prices. Mrs Clarke estimated for the whole school to go including a coach, would be around £900. After some discussion it was felt that it was a lot of money. No decision was made on whether this would go ahead and PTA pays for part of the cost.

EVENTS

HALLOWEEN

It was agreed to go ahead with the Trunk or Treat event on Wednesday 31st October from 5pm. This would involve parents dressing up the boot of their cars. The children would then go round and get their treats. The best dressed car would receive a prize at the end (adult prize). It was suggested that there would be activities and food inside the school for the children such as:

Yucky dip (Mrs Champion to organise small prizes) Letter to go out for donations of beans. Apple bobbing (Class one water table, Mrs Woolard to get apples). Guess the name of the witch (prize for winner) (Mrs Swift to organise). Pin the nose on the Witch (Mrs Carr to organise). Peg game (Mrs Cheadle to organise). Amanda Hitchins to be contacted about?

Disco if not to use schools CD player. Mrs Carr to speak to husband about getting decorations from local Tesco and voucher to help with the food.

It was decided by the group that there would be a charge of £1 per car, £1.50 per food either home made soup and roll or hot dog and apple pie. Mrs Champion to get food etc. Refreshment prices not discussed. Mrs Clark kindly to ask the teachers for help with the event on manning some of the activities. Details of all prices and activities to go out on letter/poster prior to event and a note for volunteers to help on the day. Mrs Carr to organise.

BAZAAR

It was confirmed to have the bazaar on the same day as the bypass celebrations (? 8th December). Mrs Swift to check details for next meeting. Also Mrs Swift suggested that the children could do a colouring competition which could be judged on the day. Mrs Carr to email Mrs Swift about school bazaar to put in the church news letter and flyer nearer the time. No further information on the bazaar at present. Mrs Collinge sent her offers of help via Mrs Clarke.

A.O.B

Mrs Woolard suggested that emails were distributed amongst the PTA members present. Thus draft version of the minutes could be looked at and modified prior to distribution. The final minutes then displayed on the PTA board, and also on the school website. Mrs Clarke to give Mrs Carr the address of web designer.

Mrs Carr to ask husband about donations for non perishables for the Harvest festival. Mrs Champion kindly to help Mrs Collard in the presentation of the gifts for the harvest.

Mrs Clarke gave information on a local disco for 8-14 year olds run by the local police in Woburn hall once a month. They look for volunteers to man the refreshments. What ever profit is made by the event comes back to the organisation. Mrs Champion eagerly volunteered!.

It was confirmed by those present that the children would not receive gifts from Santa this year but get a bigger gift per class.

DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

Thursday 11th October 2007

14.30 In hall.

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