

The Maelor School, Penley, Wrexham. LL13 0LU

PTA Meeting – Tuesday 15th November 2011

Present:

Mr S Ellis – Headteacher
Deb Thomas – Co-Chair
Gill Johnson – Co-Chair
Ethna Moris – Vice Chair
Lisa Robinson – Treasurer
Nicola Parry – Secretary
Audrey Stewart
Sara Shoemark, Julie Holman, Clare Berry, Dianne Edwards, Julie Smith

Apologies:

Jo Price, Alison Cheetham, Roz Benney, Caroline Kynaston, Alison McBain.

Welcome:

Deb Thomas opened the meeting by welcoming everyone.

Headteacher's report/Matters Arising:

Non-Uniform Day for pupils will be held on last day of term – Friday 16th December. All proceeds will be shared between school fund and a young childrens cancer charity.

Easy Fundraising – Not been able to progress this as quickly as hoped. Ongoing, but won't be on website in time for Christmas.

Christmas Draw – All in hand and monies started to come into school. Several more books were handed to PTA members.

Lesotho Link – Mr Ellis reported that the visitors had enjoyed themselves and had had a wonderful time. Next fundraiser towards the Lesotho Link will be the Promise Auction on 24th November.

Music Quiz – A profit of £244 was made on the night. However, there had been some dispute over the number of food orders we were charged for. Following discussion, it was agreed that a more robust means of monitoring the entrance was needed for future events. All reports from the evening had been positive and the event was well attended – may hold future events in school hall. A big Thank-You to Audrey's husband for organising.

Treasurer's report:

Lisa reported that there was approximately £5,400 in hand, which included monies raised at the quiz night and the 100's club.

Fundraising:

Summer Funday/Dogshow 7th July 2012

- Application has been made to 'Scruffts' to run the dog-show. If successful this would bring many people in as there is no similar event locally. The dog show element needs to be well advertised to improve on the 72 entries from this year's event. Mr Ellis will contact the local

newspapers who advertise the school's open evening, hopefully to get a reduced rate to advertise summer event.

- Lisa had approached the owner of a mobile fun-fair who is willing to attend free of charge – need to check on insurance and also to establish what 'cut' the PTA would receive.
- Army 'climbing wall' to be booked.
- Suggestion that the school mini-bus be used to ferry people back and to from Wrexham – may encourage better attendance from older pupils who could attend independently. Mr Ellis and Audrey to discuss at next School Meeting.
- Any member who has contacts with organisations who may be willing to do a display (such as Fire Service/Ambulance/Air Ambulance) to pass details to Audrey.
- Ethna suggested a 5km run at the start of the event. Need to check with police in terms of road closures etc.
- Netball tournament?
- Decision made not to pursue holding an evening event that would follow on from daytime activities. May look at holding an evening marquee event separately.
- Any more ideas for summer fun day to be brought to next meeting

Lesotho

- Question was raised as to whether PTA could host its own auction of promises. Following discussion it was agreed that it may be beneficial to bring both 'fundraising teams' together. Mr Ellis advised that approx £20,000 is needed to continue with the Lesotho project. Ours is the only exchange program with Lesotho and the school is hoping for this link to continue. Mr Ellis to search for educational funding and possibly charitable funding.

Ladies Pamper and Fashion Evening – Friday 27th April

- Gill had recently attended a similar event and felt that this could be a good fundraiser. The company does all the organizing.
- 80 tickets need to be sold - £5 per ticket
- To be held in School Hall, and stalls set up in adjoining classrooms/dining room. Need a changing room as no returns/exchanges allowed.
- PTA receives 10% of all sales.
- Need to find out about alcohol licence – Mr Ellis/Audrey. If not possible for PTA to run its own bar, Buck Hotel will provide bar service.

School Disco (Not to be called Valentine's Disco!)

- Friday 10th February – last day before half-term
- Years 7,8,& 9
- 6.30 to 8.30pm
- Manned by PTA – sell sweets, crisps, drinks. Any other ideas for refreshments to be brought to next meeting.

Any Other Business:

- *School Council* – Mr Ellis had met with representatives and reported that the pupils had made a request for an outdoor shelter to be used at break/lunchtime. Need to look at several providers but it is expected that this would cost in the region of £20k. PTA could look to fund over the next 3 years, but also source other quotes, alternative designs etc.
- A request was also made to update the existing PA system, particularly in the hall.

- *Swimming Pool* – Question raised as to whether the pool was open straight after school on any day – pupils had previously been able to swim for free on Wednesdays. Audrey commented that the pool is widely used by a number of groups but that she would check and report back to a future meeting.
- *School Library* – Dianne thanked the PTA for their donation of £1000 to re-stock the new school library. Pupils and staff had contributed to a 'wish list' and it had been possible to purchase all of the books requested.
- *Community Carol Singalong* – Tuesday 13th December, 7.00pm outside the sports hall. School Choir and School band will be performing and all are welcome to join in. Hot refreshments will be provided by the Lesotho Group in the dining room. Flyers to be distributed to all Penley residents.
- *PTA Suggestion Box*. All ideas between now and the end of summer to be posted (or e-mailed to Audrey), which would then be discussed during a 'brainstorming' session. This would free up time in monthly PTA meetings.
- *PTA Christmas Night Out*. – Suggested by Ethna and well received by PTA members! Thursday 15th December, 7.00pm at Cross Foxes (Overton Bridge). Ethna to e-mail arrangements to all members.

Date of Next Meeting:

The next meeting of the PTA will be held on **Tuesday 10th January 2012, at 7.00pm.**