

Meadow Bridge Primary School

PTA Minutes

Thursday 6th June 2019

Attendees:

David Huggan	Demi Scott	Sharon Leeburn
Leanne Law	Ali Currie	Jennifer Walker
Esther Mullan	Mark Connor	Heather Black
Laura Brown	Joan Shields	Jennifer Herdman
Catherine McKee	Jonny Pickering	Ruth Silversides
Paul Good	Emma McCartney	

Apologies:

Louise Garrett	Claire Mayne	Alison Harrison-Mitchell
Sarah Lyons	Gillian Currie	Ruth Lappin

P7 Water Fun Night	Action Points
The next event for the PTA is the P7 water fun night on Monday 24 th June which runs from 4.30pm – 6.00pm. PTA provide the chips for the evening. Food is needed for 5.30pm. There are cans of diet coke etc in the store left over from the May Fair which can be used for this night.	<p>Jennifer Herdman to make sure Rocket Chip can provide the chips and when they need the order</p> <p>Jonny Pickering to approach Mr McCaw, McFarland and McCollum about setting up and taking part in the water fight</p>

First Aid Night	
Ali Currie said that she thought the First Aid Night run by Claire Mayne last year was a great idea and that we should run it again. It has been proposed to run this event again possibly in October although no firm date has been agreed yet.	

Tractor Run	Action Points
The Tractor Run is being held on Friday 13 th September, this is mainly being organised by a secondary committee of Mrs Compton, Mrs Lappin, Demi Scott, Jennifer Walker, Lisa Tate and Sarah Lyness is to be asked to join.	<p>Jennifer Walker to ask Sarah Lyness to join the tractor run committee</p> <p>Mrs Lappin to speak to Mrs Compton about how to do this.</p>
The route for the Tractor Run needs to be submitted to the parades committee	

<p>The biggest need for this event is marshals, the teachers are normally very good at helping with this but we need about 20 marshals in total.</p> <p>Demi Scott and Jennifer Walker requested posters to help with the advertising of the Tractor Run</p> <p>Leann Law proposed the idea of having a scarecrow competition which the kids could pay to enter, the scarecrow should be no bigger than a wooden spoon and can be based on a wooden spoon if the kids wish.</p> <p>It was agreed that Classic Cars should be included in the Tractor Run again this year.</p> <p>It was also agreed to run a raffle again</p> <p>Sharon Leeburn suggested approaching The Grassmen to see if they would be interested in attending the Tractor Run and see if they would be willing to pay us a % of the money they make.</p> <p>A Dog agility event at the tractor run was discussed again and it was agreed that it would be a good idea to try and incorporate this.</p> <p>It was also decided to explore the possibility of having trophies for different categories within the Tractor Run</p>	<p>A request needs to be put out for marshals closer to the time.</p> <p>Jonny Pickering to organise graphics which should include the scarecrow competition</p> <p>Sharon Leeburn to contact the Grassmen</p> <p>Emma McCartney to speak to the Kilpatricks about this.</p> <p>Sub-Committee need to speak to Lisa Tate about how many and what categories</p> <p>Jonny Pickering to speak to Mrs Lappin to make sure she is happy to get the ball rolling.</p>
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<p>Event Suggestions for next year</p> <p>Ninja Warrior course Jonny has proposed running an event using a 160ft inflatable Ninja Warrior course which teams of adults and children can enter, we could have timed runs through the course. Also possibly have a BBQ at this event. Exact details are yet to be worked out.</p> <p>Belfast Giants Night Joan Shields suggested running another social night to the Belfast Giants, it was agreed to discuss this further after the Tractor run but that this might be a good event for the end of January / February time.</p> <p>Pub Quiz It was felt that the Pub Quiz this year was a success and that we should hold another one around the same time (March) next year.</p> <p>Internet Safety Talk It was agreed that this is an important area to continually cover with parents, it was discussed that Eric who delivered the Internet Safety Talk to the P7s and parents this year was very good and perhaps he could come back and expand his talk for parents of all age groups.</p> <p>Air Ambulance Fund Raiser There was supposed to be a whole school fund raiser in aid of the Air Ambulance this year but it didn't get fitted in, Mr Good said he</p>	<p>Jonny Pickering to find out exact costs involved in hiring the Ninja Course</p> <p>Mrs Shields to talk to Mr McQuitty about getting Eric to do another talk.</p>
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would be in favour of having a sponsored event within in school next year for this.

Accelerated Reading Programme

Catherine McKee asked if school had ever considered introducing the accelerated reading programme. Heather Black informed the meeting that herself and another member of staff had just recently attended a meeting about this. There are set up costs involved with this scheme of £1600 which gives 45 kids access to the scheme then it is £4.45 per child after this then ongoing yearly licence fees. There are currently 3500 books which are part of the scheme. School will be looking further into the feasibility of this scheme.

Next Meeting Thursday 22nd August 2pm