

PIPS Meeting – Zoom

Thursday 16th March 2023

Present: Caroline Everett, Mel Small, Phil Everett, Chris Smart, Jenny Bradshaw, Katherine Salmon, Liz Bridglock, Lyndsey Hayes, Sarah Ogilvie, Michelle Carter

Apologies: Louise Copeland, Jane Vicary, Katy Armstrong

Minutes:

- Treasurer update – CE confirmed the current balance is £6,857.64. PIPS has purchased a water heater for hot drinks at events, at a cost of approx £80. Due to the amount of money in the bank, PIPS has suggested to school that we look to spend £2,000 - £3,000. The only suggestion that came back was Mrs Boots for a permanent firepit for forest school. PIPS have agreed to consider this and await quotes from the school.
- Portaloos have been ordered for the Coronation Picnic and Summer fair.
- Easter disco update – KA will get squash and biscuits. School will provide allergy snacks. KA and possibly CE not able to help out, therefore we need a few people with experience to sort juices, etc. School has confirmed it is OK to use kitchen cups and jugs. The important jobs are to ensure children don't escape, are directed to staff to help with toilet, not to make physical contact with kids as well as keeping an eye out for children getting upset. Parents are welcome to send in names ear defenders for any children who may find it loud.
- Coronation Picnic – this will be pretty much the same as the Jubilee picnic, with hotdogs, fizz, tea & coffee, free juice for kids, music from Phil Everett. KA to purchase all items and the new water urn will help with the slow cookers for hotdogs. This time we will need more volunteers for cutting buns, sauces, etc. to keep the queues to a minimum. It was also suggested that cakes at the Jubilee picnic were too expensive and that donations would be a better idea. The only fixed price items being anything purchased by PIPS. KA to organise the licenses for the picnic and the summer fair. Another suggestion was to hire the inflatable assault course for the picnic as well as the summer fair, but it was decided that this would be an extra cost for parents that we wish to avoid. A wet weather contingency hasn't been decided yet. Last year the possibility of moving it to the playground was considered, but ultimately Mr Dixon decided that if it rained in the days immediately before, or on the day, the picnic would just be cancelled, with the cakes being sold in the playground. This is likely to be the same this year.
- Summer Fair – we already have a number of stalls books and paid for including Wirral Little Movers who are new to us and will do free taster sessions and activities. 2 x jewellery, Spencer's friends and wooden gifts. PE is unable to DJ the event this year

as he is away, so we need someone to take his place. The possibility of paying a professional to do it was discussed and that Freckles charges £170 for two hours, but would it cost more with the summer fair being a much bigger event than a birthday party? CE advised that she is reluctant to invite food/refreshment vendors, as this will likely impact profits made on PIPS run stalls. It was queried whether it would be a good idea to have a candy floss machine and running it ourselves? Due to the length of time it takes to make, queues could be avoided by having a number of pre-made bags available. CE asked if we should book the assault course again for this year, the answer was a resounding yes! Mike Hickey has offered to do the barbecue this year. CE advised that he has a good set up - his van is set up very well, with working sink and fridge. The amount of food was also discussed, as we didn't have enough last year. It was suggested that we buy double the amount that was purchased for last years fair. CE advised that we need more cooking ability, as food was required by visitors as soon as the fair opened, right up until the end. CE requested ideas for any other PIPS run stall ideas. Suggestions included a hairspray stall, clip in hair extension stall, hair braiding stall and perhaps having a specific pamper/spa area, with all stalls together.

CE wanted to make it clear that anyone wanting to get in touch with PIPS regarding volunteering, please be assured that you aren't offering your life away! Any time that someone is able to give is gratefully appreciated and you won't be asked to give more than you're able to. Having said that, CE herself is now at full capacity and would ask that anyone who has any ideas for events, stalls, etc. we are more than happy for these to be organised by themselves.

The uniform stall was also mentioned. Its understood there was quite a lot of uniform left over. Other items, such as fancy dress, football stuff, dance stuff, went really quickly.

CE pleased to confirm that more people have joined the WhatsApp group, as this allows more people to decide what money is to be spent on.

Next meeting will be held after Easter in order to finalise plans for the picnic and to further discuss the summer fair.