



## PARENT FORUM MEETING MINUTES FRIDAY 8<sup>TH</sup> JUNE 2018

**Present:** Julie Puxley  
Sharon Bear  
Deb Pawson  
Peta Torrance  
Catherine Kelly  
Trevor Cleeve

Madi Wilkie  
Gemma Bauer  
Amy Kennedy  
Jenny Dear  
Kate Horrey

1.	<p><b><u>Apologies</u></b> Apologies were received from Mandy Weetch, Claire Haddock, Kayleigh Palmer and Pam Lochhead.</p>
2.	<p><b><u>Junior Squad Photos</u></b> Julie asked for feedback on how popular the Junior Squad Photos were that we have done at the same time as class photos. From a school perspective it takes up a lot of time on the day and is quite complex to organise. Everyone felt that parents do not buy all the squad photos their child is in and obviously lots of photos works out very expensive.</p> <p>It was suggested that we consider next year trying a 'Summer Squads Photo' and 'Winter Squads Photo' for sports and then the Orchestra and Choir photo.</p>
3.	<p><b><u>Bike Shelter</u></b> With the success of this year's fund raising for the Art Room (thank you to the Fund Raising Team for all their great work this year), Julie said we were considering raising money for a bike shelter next year and asked if reps felt this was a good idea.</p> <p>Everyone thought it would be good for school although consideration would need to be given as to the location so it didn't create any bottle necks when children/parents are coming in and out of school. Kate and Madi said they would also look into Tesco community funding for this.</p>
4.	<p><b><u>After School Clubs</u></b> Julie explained that with budgets for schools ever tighter we may have to look at charging for after school clubs at the Juniors. The reps felt that parents would be willing to pay for clubs for their child and we could also look at charging for the extra training for squads. Discussion took place as to whether it would be best to charge per club or (as happens at SWCHS) offer parents the option to buy a card for 'extra curricular clubs' that meant their child had access to any of the clubs on offer. The school will have a look into how this could work for next year.</p> <p>It was also suggested that we charge an administration fee for music lessons from September.</p>
5.	<p><b><u>Creative Arts Week</u></b> Julie asked for reps/parents to let her know if they had any ideas for our Creative Arts Week.</p>

6.	<p><b><u>Circus Event</u></b></p> <p>It was reported that the feedback from parents, children and staff had been very positive for the Circus event and it had been really great fun.</p>
7.	<p><b><u>Summer Fete</u></b></p> <p>The Fund Raising Team reported that yet again they were having problems recruiting volunteers to help at the Summer Fete. We over 500 parents in school they currently had only about 20 volunteers and this means that there would be stalls that we would not be able to have at the fete as there would not be enough volunteers to run them.</p> <p>It was agreed that the team would do a rota together for the minimum number of stalls and then parentmail asking for volunteers to sign up for the vacant slots.</p> <p>Julie said that as this continued to be a problem the school would have to consider whether the Summer Fete was actually something that parents wanted each year, or maybe we would get more volunteers if it was held after school, rather than at a weekend, so would look at that for next year.</p>
8.	<p><b><u>Any Other Business</u></b></p> <p>FATHERS AND MOTHERS DAY EVENTS: Julie explained that she was concerned about the anxiety these events caused for some children with only one parent, however as it was such a wonderful opportunity for parents to spend time with their child in school, did not want to stop running them. We will therefore look at advertising these as 'Family Celebration Days' to which the children can invite a close family member.</p> <p>NEWSLETTER: Julie asked for feedback on the format of the newsletter and everyone felt that the layout and content was really good. There had be a comment from a parent passed to the meeting that it would be useful to have ParentMails differentiated between the two schools. As ParentMail was a joint school application however there will be times when ParentMails are sent on behalf of both schools.</p> <p>BIG SPELL: Parents had asked if the children still got spelling certificates. Julie Puxley reported that these still happen every half term and other parents explained their children were getting regular certificates.</p> <p>Julie reminded parent reps that if they had any specific queries/comments from parents on day to day issues they should redirect them to their class teacher so that the matter is dealt with quickly, rather than waiting for termly Parent Forum meetings.</p>
	<p>Julie finished the meeting by thanking all the Parent Reps for their time this year, and hoped that they would be happy to continue next year.</p>