Collis School Association

Minutes of CSA Social Meeting

11th May 2015

Present: Tanja Kent (TK), Nicola Johnson (NJ), Elaine Lee (EL), Lucia Prentice (LP), Amanda Eliades (AE), Russell Hoadley (RH), Fiona Maling (FM), Bel Ellis (BE), Helen Samuel (HS), Jane Bates (JB), Justine Chapman (JC), Sophie Edginton (SE), Cecile Arbus (CA), Paula Dumonde (PD).

Item		Actions
1	**Welcome.** TK explained that there used to be a meeting once a month but it has now been agreed with the school to have a full CSA meeting only once a term lasting one hour. In addition there will be a social meeting once a term as well as an afternoon CSA meeting running 2.30-3.10/3.15ish. The evening meeting's will be alternated so they are not always held on Mondays. Voting will only happen at the once a term evening meetings when the Headteacher and other members of the senior leadership team attend. Next full CSA meeting date has yet to be confirmed. We are awaiting input from the school.	**TK to confirm date of next mtg**
2	**Summer Event.** This year there will be a scavenger hunt, organised by FW, culminating with an event at the school on July 4th which will include a bar and live music. It was suggested that some of the high earning, easy to operate stalls from previous years should also have a presence ie. pint pot tombola and bottle tombola. FM and BE said they would be happy to help organise. FW has subsequently confirmed that there will be some stalls but just not as many as normal. The plan so far is to have a toy tombola, pint pot tombola, 2nd hand toys plus bouncy castles and a play/story bus.	**FW/FM/ BE**
3	**Dad's Football.** Organised by RH this year, this takes place on Sat 16th May. RH would like a couple of volunteers to help serve refreshments between 10-1pm. Also a few more BBQ volunteers would be greatly appreciated. TK to send out an email via class reps.	**TK**
4	**New Events.** All ideas were welcomed! The one that seemed to have the most support has been provisionally given the name of Collis October Fest (to be held first week in Oct). A chance for new families to mingle and hopefully the new Headteacher will be able to attend. Beer; Wine; Cocktails; Cheese and Chocolate tasting stations. Maybe organise 'find the matching playing card' game (with prizes) to get people to circulate around the room. JB/JC & JH may be persuaded to organise.	
5	**Financial Report** Account balances as per statement dated 30th April 2015. Reserve Account £ 7,966 Current Account £22,044 Total £30,010 Cheques not cleared £ 6,209- Deposits made £ 2,242 Total Funds £26,044 Reserve £5,000- Allocated Funds £1,425- Available to spend £ 19,619	**BE/FW**
6.0	**A.O.B.**	
6.1	Circus or Panto. The overwhelming consensus is that we would like the Circus again if a date can be agreed with the school.	**TK**

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6.2	The school is celebrating 150 years this year. Would the school like any help/involvement from the CSA?	**School**
6.3	Swimming pool use during summer holiday. Is the pool free at all this summer or have summer holiday clubs got sole use? In past years the CSA has organised for the pool to be manned by 2 lifeguards in the afternoon for 2-3 weeks of the school holiday. It does require though some parent effort to open up, take the money etc and is reliant on good weather or it will end up losing money as it has in the past.	**School**
6.4	It was suggested we should invite governors to the next meeting and class reps. Ideally each class should have two reps and one of these should regularly attend the CSA meetings.	**TK**
6.5	Quiet Zone (aka The Meadow). Although it was noted that the school has had to put the Quiet Zone on hold due to funding issues, the attendees felt quite passionate that with the fence now in place, the fund raising for the plants and structures should continue. Would it be possible for instance for each class to sponsor a tree/structure? In this way, would the school allow the fundraising to continue? TK to discuss with Lindsey Brodin (LB).	**TK**
6.6	It was discussed that other schools have a Trust Fund, operated by the governors, which annually asks families for monetary donations to help with their development plans. Maybe this is something Collis governors could consider. TK to discuss idea with LB.	**TK**
6.6	Third party partnerships. Small businesses like Happy Potter seem interested in offering us an opportunity to raise money with little work associated. If we can find families willing to go to their pottery painting studio on one day in the school holidays, they will give us a £3 discount per person which we can do with what we want. SE to work on this idea with TK.	**SE/TK**
6.7	To increase the CSA's presence around the school, it was suggested that members attend the Infant Birthday Assemblies each month. TK to discuss with LB.	**TK**
	Next full CSA evening meeting: Date and venue TBC shortly	