

ALSA Minutes

Meeting Monday 10 July 2023 Staff Room

Attendees:

Emma Betteridge, Serena Pattison, Amy Lander, Kira Behvindi, Gini Cumming, Grace Sciacca, Mark Stobbart, Raquel York, Claire Jones, Miriam Keaveney, Kirstin Landau, Keith Smithard, Rabiah, Rudi, Isis.

Ball debrief

Went well. Over £2000 on the live auction plus the other games, ticket sales and online lots. Including the cruise and 2 x sky studio lots we should be around £5k.

Venue was good, a few niggles re wine service, have had v positive feedback generally. Future balls- perhaps survey to see if there is sufficient interest - 4/10 tables were current y6 and over 50% of the live auction money came from Y6 parents. Not necessarily a general y6 phenomenon - in the auction at last year's ball, more than 50% was from the same year group when they were y5 parents. Suggestion people would be prepared to spend more on a ticket for a central location. Discussion about central locations.

Braiding evening tomorrow

- Sarah has emailed all attendees.

Summer Festival

- Discussed food options. Mairead is looking into Giggly pig. There was a discussion that we should ask year groups if anyone has an unwanted gas BBQ which would make doing our own gas BBQ much easier.

Risk assessment

- Discussed how important risk assessments are especially after what happened at the M festival when a food van exploded. Must make sure that any external providers have their own risk assessment and liability insurance.

Which events should we do next year:

Bake sales

- Yes. Every class did a bake sale this year despite discussion about having sales of different items to cut down on sugar.

Break the rules

- Yes.

Halloween disco

- Yes. Discussion about doing a film instead of a disco. Could do with teacher support to keep children under control! Would be good if message came from Mr S to get more support from teachers for events in general. Need to speak to Lee about dates.

Xmas jumpers

- Most people supported doing this again. Also talked about doing Christmas woolly hats. Large box in cupboard that need a wash. Ask Y6 to donate old jumpers before they leave.

Xmas cards

- Yes

Xmas fair

- Yes. Would be good to set the date asap so people can have as much notice as possible. Last weekend in November possible date.

Wreath making

- Yes. Claire is happy to run to events if they can be on the same day. Possibly a weekend day. Increase price to around £45. Kirstin to look at dates.

Quiz night

- Yes - this was a popular event. Miriam said her husband might be willing to be quizmaster again!

Mother and Fathers Day gifts

- Yes - this is a popular event. Mothers day raises more money and better quality gifts than Fathers day. Suggest sending out reminder about both just after Christmas so people can keep unwanted gifts.

Egg hunt

- Yes. Also discussion about having a film instead of Disco.

Tea towels

- Yes these are always popular and quite easy.

May summer fair

- Most people felt that the timing of this worked well, keeping end of term less busy. Need to get dates in with school asap.

Ball

- Yes - Most people felt this was a good event and raises a lot of money. Need to get more support especially from younger years as nearly half of this years ball attendees were Y6 parents.

Online auction

- Yes - this is popular and raises a lot of money. Ending on a Thursday didn't work very well - ending at a weekend better to give people more time to bid. Ending some lots at the ball worked well.

Summer festival

- Yes - this is also popular. Discussion around adding more to it such as talent show, fashion show, live music etc.

Other ideas

- Outdoor films
- Individual class stalls at the fairs.
- Competition between classes to see how much they can raise.
- Totaliser in school reception to show how much has been raised.
- Sponsored events
- Decorate an egg competition
- Decorate a potato for world book day
- Talent show
- Race night/ALSA Ascot
- Christmas decoration amnesty/exchange
- International picnic
- Christmas/Halloween trail
- Costume exchange for World book day
- Golden tickets in chocolate bars
- Sponsor a chair

Spending for next year

White rose maths

Read write inc

Twinkl

Wet pour area

Furniture

Class experiences

School experiences

Panto

Pirate ship/Nursery play area

Trees

Committee positions

Chair and Secretary position available and must be filled if charity is to carry on. No-one shown any interest so far. Mr S to send out another urgent message before the end of term.

SEN update

Not discussed

Eco update

Not discussed

AOB?