

Selside School Association

Minutes of Meeting held on 24th January at Selside School

Lauren Dixon, Sharona Leeming, June Lowther, Emma Whitehead, Paulene Elwood, Charlotte Knowles and Alice Berresford were in attendance.

1. Apologies

Apologies were received from Amy Cooper, Claire Todd, Kerry Stevens, Caroline Dixon, Nancy Williams and Laura Corbett.

2. From the Head

June thanked the SSA for provision of teas, coffees and cakes at the two nativity showings before Christmas.

General consensus was that the Christmas Fair went well and was well attended by families of the school. Thanks everyone for supporting.

The focal topic this term is 'Space'. All agreed that the big inflatable planetarium that visited school last week went down very well with the children.

The recent Reading Workshop was well attended. A follow up letter has been sent home with information for those who were unable to attend.

KIRFs (Key Instant Recall Facts) have been introduced this term across the whole school to help the children establish key number recall and understanding. Look out for information coming home in book bags.

June let us know that dates are starting to filter into the diary for the residentials, sports day etc. All school dates for diaries can found in the calendar on the Selside School Website Homepage. Date for Year 6 London Trip TBC.

June advised that she will be meeting with Nic Williams this week to prioritise works to the School field area which will be funded by the SSA.

3. Finance Update

Emma confirmed that the Christmas Fair raised £346.61, thanks everybody for your support.

Nativity fund raising (raffle tickets, drinks/cakes) TBC.

The SSA is now set up with a with a new bank account.

4. Current Fundraisers

The Family film Night is set to go ahead on Friday 27th Jan as planned. All children to be accompanied by a parent or carer.

It was agreed that the suggested donation would be £3 per child which will include a drink and a hotdog. Popcorn will be available to buy at an additional cost. Hot drinks will be available for a donation and a chargeable bar service will be provided for the adults.

If anyone would like to help with drinks/food etc on the night it'd be much appreciated, we're looking for 4 or 5 volunteers please. Message to go out asking for parent volunteers.

Lauren offered to get the food together ready for the event.

We discussed the time of the event. We decided that we would take feedback from parents as to whether 5pm worked and consider straight after School as a possibility for future, dependant upon feedback.

5. Fundraising Suggestions 2023

Potter the Fell - Jen & Julie have kindly offered to help organise the event for this summer. Dates to be confirmed before next meeting. Sundays in June were discussed.

Sponsored Wainwrights were discussed again. It was agreed that organising this on top of Potter The Fell was probably not achievable this year. To reconsider and discuss further. More detail required as to how it would work.

Swimathon – Paulene has had the date for the annual Swimathon. It will be on Saturday 4th March at Kendal Leisure Centre. Details to follow in an email from School. If parents could please confirm back to the School office if their children would like to take part.

Paulene has kindly offered to make the arrangements.

This is a sponsored swim for children of all ages - Nursery to Year 6, all abilities welcome. Floats, swim aids etc can be used. Four parent volunteers will be required on the day. Supporters very welcome.

Spring Bingo – We discussed options for a quiz night or Bingo. Bingo was agreed by all due to previous popularity. The Spring Bingo will take place on Friday 21st April at the Selside Memorial Hall. Lauren to book hall. Alice to have a poster ready and request donations before Easter holidays. Choc, toys etc. Poster to go in Feb and March Parish Newsletter.

Football Cards – last meeting we decided Football Cards might be a good way to raise some extra funds. The football Cards will be available at each SSA event this year. They will also be going home in book bags before half term. It was suggested children get a small incentive for completing the card. Price per square £2.

Sharona suggested workshops as a fundraising idea. Potentially a flower workshop with Lauren. To be discussed at next meeting with a view to planning over summer when flowers are prolific.

We discussed a possible Wine Tasting Evening although we felt we'd need to be careful not to duplicate any events the Selside community already hold. To discuss further.

Paulene suggested quiz night at the hall – maybe to consider for next year.

Sharona mentioned that the School Discos are always very popular with the children and we agreed they are a good social as fairly straight forward to organise. To consider for later in the year, although not for Christmas as it's such a busy time already.

We discussed the children's annual Easter Egg Hunt. It was agreed that this will take place on the last day of term - Friday 31st March.

Decorative Easter Egg competition also to be judged on 31st March. Prizes to be won. Paulene and Charlotte kindly offered to organise and arrange prizes. Alice to send out poster before the event.

6. Other Business for Discussion

June explained that the plan for redevelopment of the School Field area has been started with some of the School Governors. The plan will utilise funds raised by the SSA and will see phases of development, starting with the outdoor DT facility.

Emma suggested that an 'all hands on deck' day could be arranged so that parents and the local community have the opportunity to offer support.

Plan to go out in newsletter in due course.

7. AOB

Paulene advised that Christmas cards did not make a profit last year and as such will not be financially viable with current printer this year. SSA to explore online printing later in the year.

Paulene requested traditional leavers song be sung this year on last day of term.

It was suggested that the traditional 'Gift back to School' from this year's leavers could be a Tombola for future use by the School and SSA. Wish list to be provided by School.

A Zoom dial in was discussed but as School do not currently have a Zoom license we'll be unable to offer a dial in at the moment.

We discussed whether a life skills session for the children including age appropriate money management skills might be a possibility in the future. June explained that it's increasingly more difficult to find time and resources to cover sessions that don't form part of the curriculum.

8. The Meeting closed at 21:00

Next Meeting – Tuesday 18th April 2023 - 7pm

Selside School Association are parents and friends of the school who offer support by organising fundraising events to fund essential items to enhance the children's learning. i.e. School Trips, Books, School Maintenance etc.