

CPSA AGM
29TH January 2014

Location:

Caversham Primary School

Attendees:

Guy Hutchings, Ruth Perry, Tracy Poundall, Angie Anfield, Serena Burgin, Debbie Evans, Emily Dawkins, Clare Jones, Sue Newman, Anna Waite, Lisa Cock, Charlotte Wilshire, Helen Perry, Julie Guppy, Debbie Davis, David Cleare, Adele Barnett-Ward, Nozomi Parsons-Katsuta, Lucilla Kearsley, Lucie Laurence, Kristen Biles, Kate Stokes, Gareth Eighteen

Apologies:

Jo Morris, Paul Davis, Melvyn Hayden

Minutes of 2013 AGM

No comments

Chair's report (Guy Hutchings)

- How the CPSA can improve its profit

Over the years we have looked at our expenses and have tried to keep costs to a minimum. We aim to continue doing this. But will also look at more local companies sponsoring our events. Our relationship with Masons has worked very well and they have donated considerably towards CPSA costs. Speak to parents and see if their companies would donate/ sponsor our events.

Vodafone (Leona Booker) is a good example of companies which support local charities when the parent volunteers to help with the main events.

- Working more closely with the school, class reps and parents

Better communication with the above is extremely important and has to be improved upon. I have suggested more regular meetings with Ruth Perry and key staff members in creating these events. Working closer with the class reps who are keen to be more involved in supporting the CPSA. Regular meetings will be organised with the class reps with regards up and coming events which will in turn be passed on to the parents

- CPSA working better together

It seems that there are negative feelings going around the playground with regards the CPSA and how we run the events. It is important that we quash these rumours, All parents are members of the CPSA, the committee is just a working party that organises the events.

The CPSA Committee members are extremely grateful with all the support and donations we get from the parents, we know that none of what we do would be possible without them.

The CPSA as a team needs to work better together and workload needs to be more evenly distributed, this may well improve if the Class Reps come on board and support us as a team.

Communication with the parents needs to be improved with positive messages with regards the events. But also look at how we can get more parents involved with the CPSA either as committee members, happy to helpers or just on an ad hoc basis.

Inviting more parents to CPSA meetings and CPSA members attending more Class Rep meetings would help. We will also consider doing a CPSA night giving parents the opportunity, socially, to meet Committee members and discuss any issues they may have, with the hope that it will draw in more members

Head Teacher's report (Ruth Perry)

On behalf of all the pupils, staff, governors and parents of Caversham Primary School, I would like to thank Guy Hutchings and the CPSA team for another incredible year.

Originally established in 1973 for the little luxuries, this fundraising is paying for so many projects that the school budget cannot provide. I hope you are proud of what you have achieved and have found the events rewarding too. It never ceases to amaze me how tasks that seem so awesome get sorted seemingly effortlessly- I know this is far from how it appears on the surface.

Since the last AGM there have been the hugely successful BBQ, Quiz, pre-Christmas shopping night, Viking and Greek Days, Bags2school events and Christmas Funday plus all the on-going the class parties, photos, sports events, discos and quiz night.

I particularly enjoy working with Guy as Chair. He has bags of enthusiasm, ideas and energy and really makes things happen. I recognise that this year the CPSA will need to replace some key players as some excellent members of the CPSA have stood down from their positions- thank you to them for all their hard work over the years and we look to recruiting and welcoming new members.

The school has provided a Wish List for the CPSA for items that would further enhance the learning experiences of the pupils at Caversham Primary School.

I recognise how very lucky we are to have you all and I would like to thank each and every one of you for all your time, commitment and effort and look forward to the next exciting year.

CPSA Committee roles

Guy (Chair), Lisa (Treasurer) and Charlotte (Secretary) are all standing down from their roles so new people will be needed to take over these roles. Three new trustees will also be needed to take the place of the departing committee members

Election of committee members

Guy Hutchings and Tracy Poundall were re-elected as Chair and Vice Chair respectively although Guy will be standing down as soon as a replacement is found to fill his role (Nominated by Angie Anfield and seconded by Charlotte Wilshire)

Objectives for 2014

- To improve communication between the CPSA and the rest of the school community
- Encourage groups of parents to run individual events e.g. Boden evening
- Consider starting a CPSA Facebook page (will need to be monitored)

Planned events for 2014

- Auction of promises
- Bingo
- Quiz night
- Summer BBQ
- Christmas fun day

School fundraising wish list ideas (parents to vote)

- Leasing fee for the minibus (essential and top priority)
- Astroturf (£60k)
- Hall lighting (£4k)
- Year 6 bench
- Year 1 sandpit (£200)
- Mobile cooking trolley x 2 (£700 each)
- Forest school learning hut (£3k)
- Scooter pod (£300)
- Visualisers for classrooms (£1k each)
- Fund coach travel to Christmas panto

Date of next AGM

January 2015