

**MINUTES OF APPI MEETING
THURSDAY 6 OCTOBER 2016**

Those present:

Rachel Hall, Claire Bradley, Kate Lochrie, Mark Turgyan, Katie Turner, Helen Grainger, Mrs Scott, Beverley Wood, Ellen Walker, Debby Allen, Anna Robinson, Lisa Young, Lynne Horrigan, Jen Whitehead, Esther Weir, Kathryn Yates, Rachel Ellison, Miss Yule, Miss Firman, Mrs Sinclair

Reasons for Existence

- To support the school, and help give our children the best education and school support system
- Pupil Premium rates are lower for “affluent” areas such as Nunthorpe
- Raise money for Library (circa £10,000) 2017 project
- Feedback between Head and parents.

Fund raising target

A need for a library/quiet working area has been identified. There is a room within the school that is suitable but it will need to be completely overhauled. In order to raise money to do this it is proposed that for one year all money that is raised within the school will be put towards this project. The feeling at the meeting was that people would be on board, with the decision that for one year the school was putting itself first, if they knew the reason.

It was felt that the children should not miss out on anything so they would still be able to come dressed up for special days for example Children in Need.

It was proposed that APPI become a registered charity in order to raise as much money as possible.

There were offers of professional help from a plasterer, and a painter and decorator.

Fund raising Suggestions

Christmas market – Saturday 10 December 2016

Stalls already booked: Nail bar, Crochet table, Cake stalls, Knitwear table, Christmas decorations.

Extras: Santa, Face painting, Drinks/light refreshments, Band/Choir

TO DO: Mrs Sinclair to approach Colleges and Nunthorpe School (re the Band)
Presents for Santa to be organised

Disco – 21 October 2016

Volunteers needed to pack sweets and man the tuck shop. Liaison between Miss Yule and Kathryn Yates.

Other Fund raising Ideas

Summer Fair – to be organised for the weekend, rather than after school.

Fashion Show.

Teddy Bear's Picnic.

Car boot sale.

Camping weekend.

Other ideas will be welcomed!!

Nativity

Help needed: Nursery/Reception need more costumes.

8 soldiers plus swords (H&S issues to be considered), 6 silver stars and 1 gold star. Sized for Year 1.

Money is being raised from parents by donation.

Possible involvement by sewing club (TO DO – Rachel Hall).

Homework

Discussion regarding amount of homework – some parents enjoyed project homework but others found it somewhat overwhelming. Miss Yule said that project homework will be reduced to two items per half term, but families could choose to do more. Reading was mandatory.

Communication

Volunteering.

There is a volunteer section on the school website. Anybody wishing to volunteer within school needs to pick up a volunteer pack from the school office. E.g. parents/carers wishing to help with reading.

APPI

APPI now has its own section on the school website.

Electronic communication

Text/email alerts and emails are to be arranged to keep parents and carers up to date. The school is looking into the right package to provide text alerts. Packages are expensive so care is being taken to get the right one. Information will be sent to parents before half term.

FUTURE MEETINGS

It was decided that future meetings would take place straight after school because this was the most convenient time.