

Minutes from SASA Meeting Thursday 23rd March

Apologies: Julie Blythe, Katie Small, Georgina Montgomery, Alice Lardner, Liz Hurran, Vanessa Clipstone,

Attending: Eleanor Cameron, Lucy Murchison, Helen Reid, Richard Cohen, Mary Wright
On Zoom: Anita Matadeen, Anna Chamberlain

1. Events - Looking back

Comedy night (Thursday 23 Feb)

Shame it didn't work out – not enough numbers in advance, Comedians didn't think there were enough.

Not enough volunteer support.

We can expect 'last minute', some might have come on the night.

Try again? Not yet, need parent support/enthusiasm for 'parent only' evening events. Currently parents interested in child-focused events.

Book swap (Thursday 2 March)

Great. Mostly run by school. SASA helped clear up.

Did it work for Rainbows?

Parent to parent sale (Sunday 12 March)

Great to have a new event. Easy SASA input. Not enough buyers...

For future: we now have confidence it will work! Advertise more widely – in nurseries (Quarry, ABC). December a good time?/pre-Christmas. Could tie in with Santa's grotto, cafe again... Have choir singing? Gets people to come.

Sundays the right day? Some discussion...generally yes!

Huge thanks to Georgina.

2. Events - Looking forward

Treasure Map Trails <https://treasuremaptrails.com/>

Sounds good: we have an account. If people use our link to buy a trail, we get 30%. Kristen to produce a QR code.

How advertise: posters, Dojo, school email, Class Whats App groups.

MW to liaise with **LM** over school email and Dojo

Fun run – Liz

14th May or 21st May?

HR to check if there is a Quarry Rovers clash and who it would involve. Then decide asap on a date. Agreed there is no perfect time. Generally thought not Sunday morning.

PT to set up a volunteer page.

Summer Term events?

Summer fair: high teacher input. **MW** to check with teachers if happy. If so, set date asap.

Summer concert? Louse Graham organises, SASA often run a cafe. **HR** to liaise with Louise r.e a date.

Cabaret? Generally thought this was a 'parent focused' event and so not really what people seem to want at the moment.

Something to tie in with a STEM week? (Remembering success of a History week event in 2020).
Wellness week – Emma Tucker? **HR** to speak to **PT** to speak to Emma!

3. Misc. funding requests

Coffee machine – no need as we have discovered filter machine we already own.

4. School facilities

Shed to store sports equipment

Quite costly – making floor flat. Would want it big enough for children to access equipment themselves and so have some control over their playtime. Agreed this would be good.
Fun Run money to fundraise for it.

Outdoor board games box

MW oversaw what was popular and has ordered new games in line with that. Quality – in the hope that it lasts.

Outdoor lighting

This is not something that has been raised before.

5. Committee

It was generally agreed that we need more people to help out in roles – they're not scary, big commitments, more just supporting each other.

How to recruit to this?

Use fun run type opportunities?

SASA info sheet available and goes out in new parents pack to new Rainbow parents. To everyone at beginning of term? Summary of things that SASA have funded.

6. Acting on suggestions from Nov social meeting

Survey

HR to contact RF and VC to liaise about this. Questions of what parents want. What days and/or evenings work best.

Corporate sponsorship/advertising of local businesses

Talked and the pros and cons on this. General consensus to lean towards caution.

– for discussion. Encouraged everyone to have a look at a website laying out some of the options and give it some thought for future feedback and discussion.

<https://www.theheadteacher.com/school-procurement/revenue-generation/how-to-attract-sponsors-and-partners-for-your-school>

It would be great to have someone who could take the lead on making the most of charitable giving opportunities... any offers? Approach someone?

7. Date of next meeting. Online, hybrid or in-person?

Hybrid worked well this evening, should be even better in the future. A really good option.

8. AOB

AM raised concerns about road safety. General observation is that Windmill School Streets scheme has increased traffic on St. Leonards road and Wharton road, with more cars and cars driving fast.

MW advised this is an issue for the Governors.

HR to speak to parent governor David Hodgkinson and AM to Liz Hurren.

MW informed that a barrier at the end of the passageway has been refused by the council.

AM raised concerns about safety at After School Club – the gate allowing access onto the site.

MW to raise with Jo Holmes.

AM to raise with Chris Daniels.

Action Points

- MW to liaise with LM over school email and Dojo advertising for Treasure Trails.
- HR to check if there is a Quarry Rovers clash on 21st May pm.
- PT to set up a volunteer page for Fun Run helpers.
- MW to check with teachers r.e. Summer fair
- HR to liaise with Louise Graham r.e a date for Summer concert.
- HR to contact RF and VC to liaise about survey.
- HR to speak to parent governor David Hodgkinson and AM to Liz Hurren.
- MW to raise ASC safety with Jo Holmes and AM to raise with Chris Daniels.