

Open PTA Meeting on Tuesday 3rd February 2015 at 6pm held at Branton Community First School

(before the Consultation Meeting in School at 7pm.)

Present: The Head, Chairman, Treasurer, Secretary.

Apologies were received from Diane Laws and she kindly said that she would be keen to get involved in organising any future events.

The Head said that she was sorry that the meeting had started late due to the overrunning of the Governors Consultation meeting and was also sorry to see that unfortunately no other parents had turned up for the 'open' meeting. It was agreed to carry on the meeting, although we were short of time before the Parents Consultation meeting began.

Matters Arising: The Secretary said that she had become the third signature for the PTA Bank Account. The Treasurer seconded the minutes.

Sarah Nelson - joined the meeting

Future Events: The Chairperson discussed the plans for a possible school fete in the summer and said that she was pleased to announce that the PTA Insurance would cover a bouncy castle if we wanted to have one at the event. Sarah Nelson put forward William Nelson to help man the Bouncy Castle on the day.

Alice Landale and Claire Wood joined the meeting.

The Chairperson asked Alice if she had had time to ask her Dad if we might be able to use 'Railtons' as a base for the school charity shop. Alice said she had asked him but that it would not work as the shop is always too full of furniture and there would not be space. Alice explained that her Dad would be happy to have tables and chairs outside the premises and have a sort of Table Top/Car Boot sale type shop. Claire thought that this was a good idea and a table could be £5, car boot £5 and a van £8. The dates discussed for doing this were the end of May or a Saturday in June when there were more caravan visitors in Wooler.

The Chairperson mentioned that the PTA had wondered about doing Bag Packing at a supermarket to raise funds. Claire mentioned that this would be more successful at Tesco's in Gosforth.

The PTA put forward the idea of the pupils making Christmas Cards to sell. The Head mentioned that this needs to be done in September and there is a company called Cauliflower who do them. It was agreed that this would be a popular idea but that they do not make a huge amount of money.

The Chairperson put forward the idea of a Pub Quiz Night. It was agreed that it would be nice to try and do this at The Queens Head in Glanton to support Lisa Chisholm. The Chairperson agreed to speak to Lisa regarding this. Claire said that she would be very happy to put together a Quiz Sheet but we would need to find a Quiz Master to run it on the night! Sarah said that Barbara Huddard does the Glendale Pub Quiz and would be worth discussing it with.

The Head said that it was the Schools 90th Birthday this year and that she would like to have a Tea Dance for the children and adults to attend. The Head thought that it would be a nice idea for the children and some adults to learn some of the traditional dances. It was discussed that this could be done in Ingram village Hall or Eglingham Village Hall but perhaps better in Eglingham as they already do dance lessons there now.

Meeting ended early as Consultation Meeting was to start.