



Minutes from RSPA meeting on 9th June 2011

Meeting called to order by Hugh Mahony

Present

H. Mahony, A. Harding, H. Gavi, M. Graham, S. Drew, D. Weiss, Mr Weeds, H. Barker and A. Noori.

Apologies

Gary Butler and Sultan Noori

ITEMS DISCUSSED

1. Mr. Weeds

Mr. Weeds informed us that a replacement for Beverley Thompson had been confirmed as a Ms. **Anne-Marie Fowler**. Her role is described as a stakeholder liaison officer and we look forward to welcoming her at future RSPA meetings.

The Governors of the school have given the go ahead for the firm Wilding Butler to carry out the construction of the Refractory. They are hoping to start in July 2011 to finish in December 2011.

2. The Petition

Mr Weeds updated us on the Petition and Ballot situation to keep Reading School a selective state school. He stressed the need for parents to have entered their names into the electoral list that the ERS have received to allow for a fair ballot should it come to that. Kendrick School and Reading School are working together and both principals have been invited to meet Mr. Michael Gove in Westminster soon.

3. The Observatory Garden

Mr. Weeds advised that the area where the observatory garden is to be located needs some basic clearing as a matter of urgency. This work will go ahead without waiting for the RSPA involvement. Once complete it will leave the area ready for the RPSA to get involved.

4. Harrison Catering

There is an evening being organised by Harrison Catering Company. They are getting the older boys to help prepare food for an evening with parents and their boys. It will be a ticketed event held in January 2012. More info to come.

5. Update on school trips

The tour operator Ski Europe are being investigated by Devon and Cornwall police but had continued to trade even after our school fiasco. Their activities were the subject of a Radio 4 Face the Facts programme which Mr. Weeds contributed to.



The German Tour had to be cancelled because of the new tighter guidelines brought out after the ski trip. The operator was not bound to any travel Organisation like ABTA and did not wish to be.

A discussion about the allocation of places for boys on the trips opened. There were several parents whose boys did not seem to get a chance to go on any trips because of a possibly first come first serve policy being operated. Mr. Weeds has offered to look into the matter

6. Shakespeare Night

Sales of tickets have started for the event being done by GB productions. Miriam updated us about the various sites flyers have been placed. She is planning to advertise in the local paper and write to new parents. Mr. Roca will be getting the boys to set up the refreshment stalls to raise funds for their sports trips.

7. School Uniform Shop

Anne Harding has kindly agreed to take over the running of the shop when Julia Lamming steps down. The opening hours were discussed. It is opened the first Friday and Saturday of each month. Friday 2.00- 3.00pm and Saturday 9.30- 11.00am respectively.

8. Leavers' Do

Fran Smith is acting as our contact at the school for the Leavers'Do. The date is set for 30th June 6.00-7.30 pm. Hugh discussed that the Thank You evening for parent supporters be incorporated in the evening so we could thank the parents and take pictures of them with their child and present it later as a memento. Everyone was in favour. Amnah Noori has suggested Sultan Noori to be the photographer for the family portraits.

9. Sports

Mel, Helen Barker and Amnah have agreed to meet Mr. Becky with regards to his request for help to improve the overall Sports involvement in Reading School. They are to meet on Wednesday 15th June.

10. RSPA

Hugh Mahony expressed there was a need to have more parent involvement in the future RSPA meetings. The AGM for next year was discussed and we will be having an RSPA meeting early in the new school year inviting ALL class reps to attend to see what it is about. Miriam has had a good response to new parents joining the RSPA next year and suggested Team Leaders for the various committees need to organise e-mails that she can send out to invite new members to join their teams.

11. Dates for the diary

- Leavers Do : 30th June 6.00-7.30pm
- Race night 1st July
- Shakespeare Night:4th-6th July



- First RSPA meeting for the year(to include class reps): 15th September 2011,7.30 LRC
- AGM : 27th Sept, 7.30pm Big School
- New Year 7 Parents Wine and Welcome: 1st October, 7.30 Big School
- 6thForm Wine and Welcome (to be confirmed) :8th October, 7.30 pm Big School (
- Next RSPA meeting: 10TH November 2011, 7.30pm LRC

Meeting closed by Hugh Mahony at 9.00pm

Minutes created by Amnah Noori