

Minutes of Meeting

Schools Working Group – 11am Friday 26th September – Park Infants School

Present: John Jaynes, Rachel Edwards, Jane Jones, Anna Buckland, Richard, Gasser, Andrew Rome and Hannah Price.

Apologies: Pam Wilson, Mark Organ, Anna Creed and Paul Stephens

Review Arts Explosion Fest 2014.

The festival was regarded as a success overall with a few teething problems which will be addressed on an individual basis. Science Fair, Art Exhibition, Sculptures and Heritage Exhibitions all very inclusive and well received by the public. The Fashion Show well attended but issues of setting up and changing facilities to be addressed.

Formation of groups for Art & Science

Jane Jones proposed that a practitioner group from the schools be formed to coordinate the schools involvement with the Arts Explosion Festival 2015.

Agreed that one group would be formed for Art with one person co-opted on to represent the science aspect of the Festival. Jane Jones to organise, the chair to be agreed from members of the new group. Anna Buckland will be a non-chair member of the group

Local Neighbourhood Plan

John Jaynes explained that a Local Neighbourhood Plan was being produced to Shape, Protect and Enhance Stonehouse to 2031 and that there was a need to consult with all the young people of the area. All agreed this was important.

Rachel Edwards agreed to do some basic questions with the Infants around what they would like to see and do in Stonehouse. Richard Gasser and Andrew Rome both agreed to discuss how to achieve this further with Alastair Shankland. John Jaynes to pass details to Alastair Shankland.

Goodwill Fest 2014 – 2pm to 6pm Saturday 29th November.

Richard Gasser said his choir will be involved and will see if the Ukulele Band is available again this year. Andrew Rome to arrange for Maidenhill Choir and Drama Group to perform.

Shades of Green Festival – March 2015

All schools agreed that it was not a convenient time of year for them to be involved and that this Festival would not have any direct input.

Arts Explosion Festival 2015

Agreed that it should take place at a similar time next year. Richard Gasser agreed to host the finale again at Park Junior. Andrew Rome to gain permission for Maidenhill to host again the Art of Science Fair and Fashion Show. Andrew Rome to arrange for Maidenhill to participate in providing a sculpture(s).

Rachel Edwards proposed that part of the Festival should involve classical music, as a lot of the children have no experience of this in their lives. All agreed. John Jeynes and Anna Buckland to find a way to deliver this in the programme.

Values Based Education

Rachel Edwards highlighted this method, which she has introduced and offered to share links for others to view. John Jeynes thought it was an ideal way forward and would positively promote the family of schools ethos the group is seeking to achieve in Stonehouse. For consideration by the other schools and report back to the group. Links are:

<http://www.valuesbasededucation.com/> and
<http://www.washingboroughacademy.org/about/values-education>

Any Other Business

Jane Jones kindly volunteered the Apperley Centre to host the next meeting at 11am Friday 21st November 2014.

Meeting closed 12.05pm.