

DAVENANT FOUNDATION SCHOOL  
PARENTS ASSOCIATION

Meeting held on 8<sup>th</sup> December 2008  
(Queen Victoria, Theydon Bois)

Attendees: Pam Bollen, Liz Payne, Jackie Stephens, Sue Baxter, Lynn Fayolle,  
Richard Ford, Ellen Buck, Sian, Lois Kilden, Suzanne Bayliss

Apologies: Dave Parker & Lucy

1. **Christmas Fair** – held Saturday 29/11/08 12 – 3pm  
This meeting was held to get feedback on the Christmas Fair and to note points which may help to make next year's fair run more smoothly.

- May be better to shop earlier for least perishable items re: catering
- There were some leftover refreshments i.e. jacket potatoes

Action Points

Pam – in next year's newsletter perhaps put guidance for things to donate. Also, request that the baskets from the hampers be returned and recycled for the next fair.

2. **Feedback**
  - Pamela Campbell who has a daughter in 7D asked if we would prefer her to donate £50 rather than a case of wine. It was suggested others may prefer to do the same?
  - Evelyn Aheto who has a daughter in 7N suggested running a curry stall. It was mentioned that it would perhaps be better to do at another event first and then maybe at the Christmas Fair.
  - Someone mentioned that the cake stall had a poor show of cakes. This was not considered to be the case by the PA who would like to say a special thank you to the two girls who ran the cake stall and baked a lot of the cakes themselves.
  - Some concern was expressed over the cleaning of the music room where the students had their stalls. All areas were cleaned up satisfactorily.
  - It was considered that the hall decorations were poor. Unfortunately there was not much help from the students with the use of the scaffolding.
  - Popcorn machine – would be better when the only food available at other events. Please note that this machine is available for hire.

3. **Treasurer's Report**  
Total amount in bank accounts = £12,665.00

4. **Any Other Business**

In the New Year, at an official meeting, Pam would like to minute Lynn Fayolle's position as secretary.

The PA continues to voice its concern regarding the toilets in the PE block. The PA would like to see some money go towards their refurbishment.

There was an article in the "TES" (education supplement) dated 5/12/08 titled "Don't let your bog standards slip." The article read:-

"Think toilets. Bad toilets can affect pupils' wellbeing, ability to focus and their physical health. It is not hard to improve them and children's quality of life – especially for any who are frightened, embarrassed or have a problem. This is a key area for Building Schools for the Future and the Primary Capital Programme. The National College for School Leadership's "Future" website has an excellent article on the subject, "Raising Bog Standards" by Hugh John, with good examples and practical ideas. <http://future.ncsl.org.uk>"

The PA would like to bring these comments to the attention of the School Governors.

Action Point – Pam – ask Sally Fairweather to come to a PA meeting for a discussion on the toilets.

5. **Date of Next Meeting**

Monday 5<sup>th</sup> January 2009 7.30pm in the school library as per school calendar.