

Minutes of the Parent Teachers Association Meeting held on Thursday 19th November 2015

Attending

Jeremy Payne (Head Teacher)
Sarah Richards (Chair)
Tash Motton (Treasurer)
Andy Malloch (Secretary)
Simona Boboc
Jo Rogers
Claire Constable
Melanie Derham
Lynda Knott
Emma Louise Morden
Lisa Law Min

Apologies

Angela Turner

Minutes of previous meeting

Checked for accuracy and agreed by those present.
No matters arising.

Agenda Items

1. School Library - Financial Support

Jeremy outlined his vision and rationale behind the proposed expansion of the library by increasing the numbers of books it holds by approximately 700 titles. The cost of this project is £3,500 and Jeremy asked if the PTA would consider providing financial support to this cost. The sum of £1,000 was proposed and received the full support of all those present with no reservations or objections given.

The sum of £1,000 will be given to the School for use directly on the library expansion project.

2. After School Club - Sandmartins

A number of concerned parents had contacted members of the PTA prior to the meeting with a view to discuss the plight of Sandmartins Activity Club and the potential impact to families if this pre and after school club is forced to close.

A discussion as to whether it is the place of the school PTA to become actively involved in a campaign to save Sandmartins or raise funds directly for Sandmartins took place.

It was the majority view that the role of the PTA is to raise funds directly for the school alone.

Direct or financial support for the on going plight of Sandmartins was not within the remit of the PTA.

The value and benefits of Sandmartins was unanimously acknowledged but as a PTA, it was agreed that we are there for a specific reason - to support our school and provide funds for our school.

It was agreed that any larger community events such as the a Summer Fete or Car boot/table top sales would be opened to Sandmartins having a stall there, as this had historically always been the case.

3. Christmas Tree

A discussion over whether there was a case to purchase a “living, rooted” tree to become part of the school grounds had value. This would save several hundred pounds each year as the tree grew with the school.

Further enquiries are needed to establish what size rooted trees can be obtained and where this would be located on the school grounds taking into account H&S would need to take place.

Several members felt that part of the “magic” of Christmas was the tree suddenly appearing and that the funds raised from the tree donations etc made the continued purchase of a large tree a viable and worthwhile option.

Given the timescale left this year to get the tree in place, the decision was made to purchase a tree.

Andy was tasked to arrange the tree via Trinity Trees with a view to deliver on Friday 27th November and to be put in place by Monday 30th November.

4. Carols Around the Tree

Taking place on 9th December and the PTA will provide a Hot Chocolate, Tea, Coffee and mince pies stall.

Tash to enquire If Ann is willing to stay on to allow access to the kitchen to make tea, coffee, hot chocolate.

Sarah volunteered to make non alcoholic mulled wine if kitchen is available.

5. Christmas Gifts for Children

Candy Canes and Chocolate to be given by the PTA to each child (one per child).

6. Christmas Crackers for School Dinner

Jo investigating the purchase of a Christmas Cracker for each child.

7. Tea Towel sales

Reminder to be placed on School Website for ordering.

A profit of £200 had already been achieved.

8. Film Nights

11th December 2015 - Nativity

29th January 2016 - Minions

11th March - Film to be decided

9. Used School Uniform Shop

This has been done successfully in the past however at present there is nowhere to store any items between sales. First task is to source a shed or secure store and costings for this to put before the school governors for an area to store it. Once this is done, the item will be revisited.

10. Addition of Authorised Signatories

Simona Boboc and Melanie Derham have been added to the approved signatories for the PTA financial matters.

11. Early planning of a Christmas Shopping Night for Nov 2016

All present agreed this was a good idea and to be progressed during the next year.

Any Other Business

None

Date of Next Meeting

Thursday 21st January @ 7:30 pm