

Minutes of PTA Meeting

Wednesday 19th January 2022, 7:30pm

Held at Bedford Arms and virtually

Committee: Kate Raab, Tejesh Ghag, Hollie Docwra

Apologies: Katy Williams, Catherine Crouch, Clare Rozwadowski, Kabir Raab

Present: Mel Jemmett, Suzanne Powell, Bal Sahotay, Ruth Sowden, Kirsty Hewitt, Jane Moore, Janine Lunt, Scott Coleman

Welcome

Hollie and Tejesh welcomed everyone, thanked them for their support and encouraged ideas and assistance at events from any parents that can help.

Minutes from the last meeting

These can be found on the school website or on Classlist under the "PTA meeting" event page.

Matters Arising

An update on Classlist and its features was given. Currently using it for events and announcements but also plans to use the marketplace feature in future for uniform etc. Also talked through how you can edit notification and privacy settings. There are now 50 parents now on Classlist with the Class Reps following up with any who haven't yet joined. Mel Jemmett provided some positive feedback on the network so far from the year 5s.

Event costs may go up a small amount as a consequence of using Classlist but it is thought that our events are still very well-priced and the amount of time it saves the office having to collect money and paper forms warrants this.

It was explained that we fundraise and the school chooses what we spend the money on. We do not buy things for the school that we think they want, nor do we collect donations of items to pass to the school (unless it's cash). When we agree on an item for the school, they present us with a quote and we need 3 comparable quotes before agreeing the amount.

The school like us to assist in funding a combination of both larger and smaller projects. Lately most have been smaller: Library software licence, Christmas craft, the pantomime workshop.

Mrs Powell presented her wish list which includes:

- Tuff tray stands - £135
- Mayan and Anglo Saxon workshops - £1000
- Outdoor football table - £700

- Piano tuning - £100
- Ipad cases for 15 ipads
- Basketball hoop with backboard - £100
- Book stands for displaying books - £100
- Platinum Jubilee – present for the children, afternoon tea part and theatre performance
- Nature blocks - £199
- National Gallery print picture - £40
- Longer term – more ipads

Mrs Sahotay confirmed that we can get all the uniform stock out for sale when the summer Reception inductions take place as there are a lot of smaller sizes available.

Finance Update

Scott gave us a run down on figures:

£13,584 – healthy bank account total

£1,309 – vouchers account

£268 online payments

- Parentkind subscription has been renewed
- Film licence has been renewed
- Lottery licence is due for renewal

Voucher Scheme Update

Kate explained that the voucher scheme has been incredibly slow this year. Usually we would have a couple of new joiners in Reception but we haven't had a single one this year. This is a disappointment and also a consequence of Covid in us not being able to promote in person to new parents how the scheme works. Kate suggested we advertise the scheme via a flyer on Classlist and offer an incentive for people to join (box of chocolates or similar).

Schools of Chesham Carnival update

A date for the Carnival has been decided - Saturday 11th with the event theme "Love your planet". Proposed Chenies float theme is "Chalk Streams" as children are covering this at school and it's local to us. If you're keen to get involved, there will be a form going out soon – so please fill this in and we can gauge who is interested to participate. Laura Silverstone will take the lead on this event and we will need as much help as possible in the run up to the event.

Update of Planned events – Spring Term

21st Jan – tuck shop. It was thought that if we make between £70 and £100 a week from the tuck shop then it would be a really great total come the end of term. Extra hands would be helpful for this to run most weeks... if you have some spare time at pick up one Friday, why not help out serving customers at the tuck shop or if you have a child who is keen, we're happy for them to help out!

28th Jan – Film club – Hercules. £5.50 per child to include snack. Mrs Powell to check DVD player is working.

4th Feb – Quiz night. Clare is pulling the quiz together. £12 Ticket price to include 1 drink and pizza and an honesty bar will be run on the evening. Booking open and instructions uploaded to Classlist by the end of this week.

11th Feb – Valentine's Disco

18th Feb – Break the rules day. 50p donation for every rule broken up to a maximum of £5. There will be guidance around what rule breaking is appropriate.

Feb half term – Smarties tubes – enjoy eating them and please re-fill the tube with as many 20ps as possible. There will be a prize for the person who returns the most 20ps.

Proposal of events for second half of this term. Any other event suggestions, keen to hear.

Friday 4th March – tuck shop

Friday 11th March – film club

Friday 18th March – cake sale

Friday 25th March – Mother's Day gifts

Friday 1st April – Easter Disco

Thursday 7th April – Own clothes day in return for bring a bottle or chocolate to the Easter fundraiser

Friday 8th April – 13:30 – Easter fundraiser (as long as we can secure enough helpers)

Summer term

Duckfest

Sponsored bounce or sponsored sports fun

Burger bingo

Mel Jemmett will send across any electronic documents that the new committee might find useful.

Ruth Sowden suggested bringing back the Camping in Sarratt so we will look into logistics surrounding this and gauge interest.



AOB

To do: update constitution

Date for the next PTA meeting. Thursday 10th March

The meeting was closed.