

PTA minutes

Present – Emily, Gayle, Susie, Fiona, Claire C, Faye, Neil, Jess & Clare D

Apologies – Lisa Vose, Lynn Hall, Nicola Aslam, Natalie Lloyd, Mike Tetlow

1. Community funding

We have been accepted at John Lewis.

Belinda and Jess have devised a strategy to make applying for community funding easier moving forward. They have created a spreadsheet with all the community grants available with the level of grant, timescales, when we need to apply etc.

As anyone finds out about new grants they can be added to the spreadsheet.

Discussed the Co-op – the application process opens in April, application takes 3-6months.

Jess advised about possible grants available for specific things that she is looking into:

Music for all (Jules Holland) for instruments

Ernest Cook trust – up to £12k for outdoor learning

Ford Britain trust £250 - £3k

National Lottery up to £10k

John Muir trust for outdoor learning

(Clare D explained that becoming a forest school is quite complicated and expensive – it requires a full time fully trained & qualified forest teacher. This is not something that we are looking at doing).

It was discussed that we need a new project after the play equipment.

Clare D said the next project is the resurfacing of the outside classrooms for class 1 & 2 then the resurfacing of the playground.

2. Bag2School

Bag2school this time raised £128 – bringing bags in a day early was a success – will stick to this format.

3. Cinema Night

£303 ticket sales – expenses £43 – total raised £260

Bagged popcorn and no drinks worked well, much better for the environment not having plastic bottles and minimised clear up.

The film seemed to hold the children's attention.

Discussed doing 2 cinema nights – one for infants, one for juniors – it was decided to leave it as it is.

4. Non Uniform Day & Cake Sale

Non Uniform day raised £107.81 (collecting on the gate still proving to be successful)

Cake Sale raised £78.90

5. Christmas Fair

Tombola's

Bottles – started (not many collected need to see if we can collect some more), weekly collections – this week chocolate, then teddies the week after.

Teddy Tombola – class 1

Bottle tombola – class 2

Chocolate Tombola – class 3

Crazy Sand & Scratch art & Nails – Class 4

Craft table – Christmas salt dough decorations – Susie will man this.

Games room – Class 5

Card stall & Edible gifts – Vicky Wilson (and any extra volunteers)

Lucky Bucket – Ross D

Grotto – NL decorating, Mrs Dale & Mrs Bradley elves, Simon is S

Presents – juniors – selection packs, infants Mr. Men books

Nicola A manning the bar

Neil advised we may be able to get donations from local pubs/free houses

Prosecco – Jess D will look into this, in return we will take their Christmas menus/flyers etc.

Food – Lynn & Andy co-ordinating

Turkey rolls (turkey and stuffing cooked in advance)

Festive falafel

Need to promote there will be food available

Clare D happy to do entrance again and to sell bags

Raffle – Lisa Vose and Fiona Toms co-ordinating this. So far we have about 40 prizes and the list is likely to increase. Wendy happy to man the raffle stand at the fair.

Emily to set up google doc for class reps to update stand rota

Wrapping night 22nd November

Edible gifts - ?marshmallow snowmen?

- Hot choc cones (reindeers)
- Sweet cones (Santa's)

Advertise on school facebook page

Need volunteers to help set up and clear away.

Alcohol cannot be collected by children from bottle tombola – if child wins needs to be labelled and collected by an adult.

6. Other Christmas events

Non uniform day – no cake sale

PTA to serve mince pies and tea at carol concert

Cauliflower cards – brought in £476.50 - £100.50 to PTA

(discussed promoting online ordering on facebook page but decided against it as may reduce uptake)

7. Play Equipment

Play structure and the impact matting surface need doing at the same time which is not what was originally anticipated. We discussed where the money is coming from and whether or not we will have the funds available. If we do have the funds available will this leave us short for next academic years wish list.

Gayle will speak with Nicola re amount in bank and how much we like to have available at the end of the academic year.

Jess will apply to Morrisons

Possible sponsorship from local businesses in return for PR and possible name on the equipment.

Proposed start date is mid January – this may need to be moved.

Costs: The PTA have paid £5400 for the resurfacing project this year and have agreed £2000 to the play equipment (with the school playing £8000). The extra requested was for the resurfacing under the play equipment. This is a cost of £7500 of which the school can find £1500. The request being that the PTA contribute £6000. On later discussion it was decided to wait until later in the year to instruct this installation until these funds could be raised.

8. 100km Walk

Rich, Jess, Susie & Andy got together and decided the route will be from Wrexham – Wilmslow, the route has been planned and will need to be tested (broken down into sections and different people can walk different bits, will also be able to see what eating establishments are available along the way).

There will be the option to do 100, 75, 50, 25, 10, 5km ending back near school. Discussed maybe asking the Farmers if we could finish there is they would be willing lay some food on if we are all buying drinks?

Date – 27th/28th April

9. Defib

£190 was raised with the help of Julie Potts (£88.81 was kindly donated by country home furnishings, other donors – Stationery Solutions, Chelsea Flowers, Karen Ashely (mindpower hypnotherapy) local resident Dave Burdell, Wilmslow Wasps & Julie herself). There was an anonymous donor of £150 so this totals £340 which covers the immediate costs and Liz has money aside for next time

10. 100 Club

£1305 – 87 subs (cheques need to be paid out for last month and need to pay the license)

11. Treasurer Role

Gayle was put forward as the new treasurer, it was put to the PTA to approve this and making Gayle a signatory on the PTA account - this was agreed by all present

12. AOB

Fiona discussed updating the football kit.

CD can get replacements where needed.

FT wondering if we can replace the whole kit – the cost would be £180. Ft to investigate if we can get a company to sponsor this.

Next PTA date– 14th January 8pm at The Farmers Arms