**PTA MEETING MINUTES - 07th MARCH 2023**

Location Speckled Hen

Present:- Clare Seldon, Amy Wright, Sam Bonfield, Laura Fyfe, Gemma Pendleton, Rachael Partis, Wendy Sharpe, Hannah Hogarth

Apologies:- Julie Newton, Natalie Carsey, Jenna, Raj, Laura Harrison

ACTIONS FROM PREVIOUS MEETING NOT COMPLETED

Add a comment in the April newsletter thanking Zoe from Harper and Strand for donating all funds raised during the hair tinsel event in December.

VOTE ON SPENDS

1. The Opal Primary Programme (Mrs Thompson) **Total cost £4999 plus VAT and travel**

Mentoring and training programme for school staff to improve playtimes. Lunchtime play will be more creative, collaborative, imaginative and social. Programme support lasts for 18 months

Discussion – Concerns that with high staff turn over the training would not have long lasting effects as staff move on. Concerns about if Oakwood have enough staff to implement and deliver the actions during the playtime.

It is a lot of money and the current spends would not cover it. Hannah Hogarth explained more about the programme, how it is set up.

Unanimous decision – it was a good idea to focus on. It needs further exploration. **HH to liaise further with Mrs Thompson.** Funding to potentially either come out of Pot 3 or split over 18 months. To be agreed once more is known.

1. UKS2 Resilience workshop (Erin Marshall) **Total cost £580**

A carousel workshop for UKS2. Three sessions an hour in each classroom with the facilitator delivering the same session to each class. There is reduced resilience in this age group. This will help with their growth mindset. To run alongside PSHE resilience and general class focus.

Discussion – this was felt that it was very much needed.

**Conclusion – Funds approved**. Decided that the PTA’s Pot 3, that has rolled over from last Summer, will be used to cover the cost of this workshop.

PTA to discuss if the workshop could be implemented at the start of year 6 for future years – possibly to be part of their annual contributions.

1. The Happy News (Miss Bird plus English leads) £3.99/quarter or **£15.96 annual subscription**

Annual subscription for “The Happy News” newspaper for LKS2

**Discussion – Approved x two subscriptions**, and PTA agreed the option of getting an additional subscription.

1. KS1 playtime resources (Miss Stubbs KS1 lead) **Total £400 spend**

Resources to engage and support playtimes e.g. chalks, clipboards, flexitubs for storage.

Discussion - SB is going to speak with Miss Brown about pushing the Amazon wishlist. This request would be ideal for this.

**Conclusion – Funds approved**

1. STEM Merry Go Round project (Mrs Hooper – UKS2 request) **Total £470**

Equipment and instructions for children to create a Merry Go round, make a model theme park. Electronic motors, lights, cutting skills etc. Initial workshop and 3 week follow up.

Practical application of skills acquired in design and technology, science and maths. Aiming for summer term.

Discussion – Everyone felt this was a great opportunity for the kids. Concerns that this would only be a one time use request. Is this an event that the school could ask parents to contribute for?

**Conclusion – Funds approved**

1. Books for Protective Behaviours Sessions (Miss Shillum) **Total cost £74.61**

Books to support protective behaviour, to enable discussions around common feelings and how to manage them.

Discussion – It was raised should the school not be providing this as this is part of safeguarding?.

**Conclusion – Funds approved**

1. Books (Ms Brown, Miss Bird and Mr Jenkins) **Total £720**

Request for books. To update books for lower key stage 2 for library and home reader books. Books to include a range of themes including diverse and inclusive books. Purchase books which feature characters that are traditionally under represented in children’s books. Include books with cultural diversity.

Discussion – Currently LKS2 don’t have current and relevant topic books.

**Conclusion – Funds approved**

1. Wall art for KS1/2 libraries (Mrs Taylor – Office) **£2200+£1640+£1066**

Bespoke wall art to open up the junior library to make it inviting, engaging, comfortable, safe, cosy, motivating, inspirational and imaginative. Whole school to benefit.

KS2 library – Full back wall £2200, Top half back wall £1640, KS1 library board area £1066

Discussion – RP shared other options that are around and costings of other options. RP believes it could be achieved for less money. RP is happy to design the poster. Consideration given to using pictures, famous quotes from the internet.

Idea to give the kids options to choose from

This is something that is not needed but all agreed that it would make the library more inviting.

GP – discussed what options she used at Verulum and a possible company to use. GP will share the details.

Concerns that the area would lose the wow factor after a while

Conclusion – RP to discuss other options with Mrs Taylor that might be more financially viable.

Review of previous spends across Key stages and curriculum. However, discounting OPAL for now, and the wall art, plus covering the resilience workshop from last summers Pot 3 reallocation meant we had £13 left over – hence the additional subscription for Happy News.

**Review of previous events**

* World Book Day costume sale:-

Lots of positive comments. TA’s bought several items.

Donated some of the surplus costumes to Acorns.

Total raised £110

* Hair Braiding:-

Total raised £262.

Only 1 ticket wasn’t sold. Quite a lot of parents from lower down the school came.

Possibly wait a couple years before doing the event again.

**Upcoming events**

* Quiz night (10th March)
  + Ticket sales have picked up. Quiz master confirmed. Total people attending 38.
  + Clare and Carina to set up event.
* Cinema night (17th march)
  + Total ticket sales 159.
  + Mrs Thompson is going to come in at the start to assist with organising the pupils.
* Lend a Hand Day (12th March)

To focus on the outdoor garden.

Request from the school to attend to the area in front of Mrs Buckley’s office.

LH has asked Nick Drew to assist on the day.

Discussion about funding for Gardening club and possibly asking parents to donate plants/seeds/strawberries etc. HH to compile a list and ask parents to sign up for a plant/seed.

* Easter Egg Hunt (25th March)

SB has designed 3 treasure hunts and then rotates them on a 3 yearly basis.

Ticket sales are slow at the moment.

More communications to be sent out in the coming weeks.

SB to review eggs for those with allergies.

**AOB/next meeting**

* Karaoke, this is now booked for 16th June. Emma Hossack has started planning for this.
* Oakfest is booked for 2-9pm 08th July. Andrew Harvey has already started planning for the event.
* Kids school disco booked for 09th June. The DJ has been booked and SB is organising.

Next PTA meeting – Tuesday 16th May