



PTA Minutes Friday 16th October 2020

Attendees via Zoom - Chris Batchelor, Amanda Charles, Sarah McAllister, Stephanie Murphy, Melda Ricketts, Emma Sheppard, Charly Stelfox, Krystal Vanstone, John Watson-Humphries, Nerisa Zeka

Apologies - Hayley Bailey, Mrs Foad, Kelly Murphy, Padmini Naicker, Sarah Newman, Michelle Rickson

Update from Chair

Not much to report. Restrictions limit what we can do while keeping everyone safe and able to join in with an event. It's about making sure we keep people together and can contact us at any time. The challenge for us is that things are not so straightforward and for some of our events we need teacher involvement and clearance from Mrs Foad that we have followed all relevant guidelines.

Finance Update

Money is coming in from secondhand uniform. We are keeping the money for the virtual balloon race in PayPal and will transfer once the event is finished.

Halloween Balloon Race

54 balloons sold so far. Some had problems when buying multiple balloons. Teachers have reminded their classes about this event.

Penny Wars

Charly and Steph will finish decorating the jars today, ready for them to be quarantined at school. This event will run from 2nd November. We will take photos of the jars and post on our Facebook page. We are doing this as a fun

event, not for profit. Mrs Foad has confirmed that teachers can also take part with their classes.

Amazonsmile/Easyfundraising

Poster explaining how to set up is included in the newsletter that will be going out next week.

Newsletter

This is now complete and will be sent out via ParentMail.

Secondhand Uniform/Halloween Costumes/Christmas Jumpers/Clothing Bin

Since migrating sales to PTA Events, secondhand uniform have had sales totalling £100 (this doesn't include sales before 23rd September). We haven't had any sales on Halloween costumes so AC will do a WhatsApp and Facebook page message, and a Parentmail next week. Christmas jumpers will go live next week. We will continue to ask for Halloween costumes and Christmas jumpers when these occasions have passed. Melda came up with a good suggestion of having a wheelie bin for uniform donations on site that could be emptied weekly. Some PTAs have had one from their council for free. Currently we're limited to the kind of presence we have for this at school, but we can look at the options available to us in the future. We continue to look into having a clothing bin on site for anything that is non-uniform, its free and can have the school logo on it (to provide info to CB).

Worry Dolls

Going to decide on what worry dolls to sell on PTA Events in January and tie in with Feeling Good Week. Charly will get a sample so we can see their condition and then decide on quantity.

Rainbow Mufti Day

Our original date clashed with the school's day, so Mrs Foad has said that we can hold it in November if the donations can be collected in the morning and taken away the same day. We've also had the idea to have a rainbow uniform day in Feeling Good Week and raffle a Feeling Good hamper with things like candles, bubble bath, chocolates etc.

Christmas Bingo

In school for classes to participate and teachers to run. Mrs Foad has said this can be done in the last week of term. Sarah will ask the idea originator Kelly Murphy if she is happy to organise this for us.

Christmas Apron/Tea Towels

Child draws a pic of themselves which along with classmates is then printed onto an apron or tea towel. Maybe have this for the end of the school year. Mrs Foad has said yes but we need to provide her with more details.

Design A Facemask

The idea was for children to create and colour at school. Mrs Foad has said no this idea because children are not allowed to wear facemasks in school. This is following government safety and guidelines currently in place in school. Sarah will feedback to Kelly.

Match Funding

Melda can do match funding. Her deadline for submitting is 30th November. The match funding limit has been reduced to £500.00

Bingo Vs Quiz Night

We surveyed to find out if parents we amenable to having a bingo night. We had a limited response rate, so we are going revisit this next year. We have decided to have a quiz night instead on a Saturday (14th November), taking advantage of the family quiz that Melda and her husband already have. Teachers can also participate. There will be prizes and a wooden spoon for the lowest score. £10 price has been suggested. CB to propose to Mrs Foad.

Colour in a Pumpkin or Poppy Picture at Home

We will use online ones if Vanessa cannot manage. Encourage parents to send up photos so we can post on our Facebook page.

AOB

Feedback – thanks to everyone who gives us feedback. More class contact engagement with parents in their class. We do get good feedback when we ask for it. CB to send a message for us to pass on our behalf.

Our next meeting will be an informal one on Thursday 12th November at 8pm via Teams.