



PTA Minutes Friday 23rd March 2021

Attendees via Teams - Chris Batchelor, Amanda Charles, Rachel Foster, Sarah McAllister, Emma Sheppard, Mrs Foad

Apologies – Stephanie Murphy, Charly Stelfox

Update from Chair

Balloon Race went well. Nice exercise and good involvement. We've had a couple of meetings to decide what we could do and present to Mrs Foad. A massive thank you to Mandy sorting out the banking.

Financial Update

Easyfundraising – we received our Q4 payment and for 2020 we have received £102.63.

PayPal - £108.58 was transferred to the bank account.

Penny Wars - £550.17 was paid into the account in person.

Stripe – we have received just over £40.00 in the bank account.

We currently have £6,348.30 in the bank account as of 23rd April 2021.

Escape Room

We will email the escape room activities to Mrs Foad.

Movie Morning

This will take place towards the end of the school year. Films will be provided on USB to the school. Popcorn/skittles/crisps can be pre-ordered. We could charge a £1 voluntary payment to parents.

Penny Wars/Silver Smarties

We will save Silver Smarties for the new school year. This will tie in with the Smarties event that is held at school in the Autumn term. Prior to this we will find out if parents would be keen on the PTA running Penny Wars again. It would run for six weeks and we would do the banking every 2 weeks and keep a record of what each class collects.

Book for All Pupils

The school ran a Summer Holiday Read last year and it cost just over £1,000. The teachers pick three books suitable for their class and the children pick one, either at home with their parents or by themselves at school. The PTA have offered to cover the cost of this.

Secondhand Uniform

Half-price sale started on 16th April and so far, raised £56.50 in its first week. CB was concerned that we would be receiving a lot of zoodies as they are not part of uniform, but Mrs Foad has said that children can wear them on their class PE days as part of their PE kit. They may still be in use if the current Covid guidelines continue.

Summer Auction

This will run 14th – 28th June on PTA Events. CB has updated the letter which has been emailed to Mrs Foad (who will contact Daybreak, The Elms and Watford FC). We have created an Auction Overview spreadsheet based on businesses/individuals who donated back in 2019. It has also been suggested that we send out the donation letter to parents, so they can donate if they run their own business.

PTA Summer Raffle

Run by Parentkind, the PTAs governing body if they are granted a licence. PTA's can register for this in May, but there was also a chance to pre-register for early bird communications (we have). The event will run over 6 days in July (2 draw per day) with a cash prize of up to £5,000 per draw. Tickets cost £3.00 and enters each supporter into 12 draws during this time period. Winners will be notified after each draw. When the event has finished, funds raised will be paid to our bank account by BACS transfer. Promotional material will be supplied to us in due course. This is under discussion following our Summer Auction.

Krispy Kreme Donut Sale

To be held Friday 28th May. We have a contact who may be able to get the donuts for us from them cheaper. We can take orders and payment on PTA Events, which will be set up by Sarah. We will pick up the donuts from Krispy Kreme, label them and group orders together by class for delivery to school. We have no children who are gluten intolerant. School staff may purchase too, or we donate to them as a thank you gesture.

Rainbow Wristbands

MC has these and Charly has offered to create the cards with message to go with them. We would need to buy cellophane pockets to put them in and would need a current class list from the office. These will be an end of year gift. UPDATE: Mrs Foad has asked if these could be repurposed for 2022s Feeling Good Week, as they always have something with rainbow colours for that.

Headteacher/Teacher Segment

The three outdoor clocks have arrived.

New classroom chairs have been ordered but it is on a 6-8 week delay, and the school are waiting to hear what discount will be given.

Items ordered can be mentioned in the next newsletter.

Forest School items are on hold as the school will be doing something a little bigger than originally planned for.

AOB

Outdoor Summer Event for Families – proposing something like a BBQ on the school field but will take our lead from the school as to what we can do, dependant on government guidelines.

New newsletter to be written by Chris.

Shepherd Flat Teddies – MC created one to show and Mrs Foad has suggested these for the new Reception class in September. Mrs Foad will provide how many children will be in the class (currently 30) and how many in each house. For now, 4 of each house will be created.

With the committee stepping down in September, several parents will no longer be involved with the school. Committee positions will need to be filled, so we want to start bringing this to parents' attention now, to gain interest. We can include this on our weekly Parentmail and have something on our FB page. We can also set up a Teams call for parents who are interested, so we can explain what we do.

Our next Informal meeting will be Thursday 6th May 2021 via Teams.

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