

PTA Minutes Thursday 18th January 2022

Present: Ruth Relfe, Jo Mazza, Rachel Hargrave, Suzie Day, Catherine Parker, Katie Laurie, Emily Holland, Toby Davies, Sophie French, Ingrid Dutch, Sam McKenzie

Apologies: Becky Vidler-Green, Zoe Scotton

The agenda was re-arranged and items covered in a different order as a couple of attendees had limited time to attend due to other commitments.

Christmas Presents to Parents Review (Sam)

Sam reported that initially there was uncertainty if the event could run due to Covid etc and it was necessary to be cautious. This therefore made it all a bit of a rush and as a new event to herself it was slightly hectic! Sam thanked everyone who helped before – wrapping gifts etc and on the days on school. Ingrid Dutch said “amazing job, super event and the children loved walking to go shopping for the gifts and were excited.”

Actions:

Sam to organise again next year

Sophie will join sub-team

Dates to be sorted earlier next year

Highlight again that this is a parent/carer gifts event and therefore not suitable or enough gifts for siblings

Disco Dates

Mrs Holman requested that the disco planned for 4th February be postponed and the PTA agreed this was a sensible decision. Initially it was decided that the date be moved to 18th March but as the meeting continued and many other events were planned for March it was decided this disco would not be possible.

Actions:

Suzie to contact disco man and cancel 4th Feb and confirm May availability.

Sophie to talk to Pete Griffiths Y5 parent who had shown interest in being DJ for discos

Loose Gets Lively

Ruth shared an email received from school - Miss Mackessack had contacted the PTA to request help in selling tickets and providing refreshments at this event on 23rd/24th March. Toby volunteered to help.

Action:

Ingrid to find out more information – how many tickets, where do funds go, can we take pop corn machine etc\

New ideas/ events

PTA presentation

Ruth shared an idea of making a short video clip of what and who the PTA are to include what has been funded, events and figures/STATS of different things to catch people's attention. Toby shared that it needed to be max. 90 secs clip which people would watch. It would show the mix of people involved – parents, carers, grandparents, staff, children etc.

Toby said it needed a uniformed look / green screen and had to be short, punchy and funny. Sophie volunteered to help Toby too.

Actions:

Toby to sketch out a story board

Backing music suggestions to be considered by all

Outdoor Cinema Evening

Toby shared the idea of a family cinema evening possibly to be held in May due to day light hours needed to be successful. It was discussed that the idea was to set up screen, sound etc and people buy a ticket to attend the event bringing their own picnic blankets, chairs etc. The possibility of a BBQ was discussed but it was decided this was a lot of work to run alongside the event. Food vendors maybe a solution and could be contacted and used. Hot choc/sweets/popcorn etc could be sold and a bar could be organised.

Actions:

Toby to test out idea

Toby to research licencing rules for showing a film

Summer Fun Day

This year due to on-going Covid restrictions the annual event was moved and renamed and had a different focus. Everyone agreed that the event had been a great success and it had really been enjoyed -the atmosphere was great, it was relaxed (for those attending!) and had a festival feel to it, which all enjoyed. It was unanimously decided that this event would run again in place of previously annual summer fun day as that event completed with numerous other summer fairs and was a busy time of year for events locally.

The focus would again be a late Summer festival – many of this year's contents would be repeated and added to with a variety of food, ales, face painting etc

Actions

Ingrid to confirm Saturday 17th September 2022 date

February meeting to decide roles/jobs as needs to be organised well in advance

New Idea/Event

Tesco Community Scheme

Katie shared the idea of completing application to Tesco's for community funds (max.£2000). The funding would go towards the sensory garden project and log cabin.

Action:

Katie to send information to Ingrid

Easter

It was discussed and decided that a Spring Raffle would be organised to raise funds for the Sensory garden and log cabin project school are proposing. It was felt people like to know what the money is going towards. Previously Jo has shopped in Entertainer whilst 75% offer on for children's prizes. The raffle will be drawn on 18th March 2022.

Actions:

Katie to use existing spreadsheet she has compiled and contact hem re donations of prizes

Katie to circulate spreadsheet so other PTA members can approach different contacts

Rachel to put request in school newsletter asking for parent donations from their businesses etc

Rachel to arrange with school for raffle to be drawn on 18th March

Christmas Bingo Review (Jo)

Jo reported that this was a good, fun event but had not been as popular as last time. This was probably due to no longer being in lockdown and was a repeat event. Those that attended enjoyed the evening with great prizes etc. Suzie reported there was a £80 profit. It was decided we would use in the future after a couple or years or if we had another lockdown.

Christmas Cards Review (Suzie/Rachel)

Suzie reported that this event made £870 profit. It was felt the art work was better done in school and more people placed orders than last year when it was created at home. There had been some disappointment and complaints on some of the colours on the mugs.

Actions:

Ruth to continue research on contact made with a company (parent at school) by next meeting (often offers advertised this time of year if we sign up early)

Lucky Lotto Winner December (Rachel/Suzie)

Zoe Scotton won – she has been informed, payment made and reported in newsletter.

Uniform to Africa Update (Rachel)

Rachel reported that 50+ summer dresses were donated to African charity where a local contact had contacted school. Rachel delivered the dresses to Catherine Pearce in December 2021. The other surplus uniform – grey trousers, skirts, dresses and white shirts were donated to The Vine resource centre on Shepway to give to families in need. Wellington boots were given to EYFS to use.

Loose PTA Community Running Club Update (Ruth)

Ruth reported that this has been promoted through newsletter and social media and money and takes place at 8am and 9am depending on people's preference. Jo has the money. Suzie reported that she has only recently had money from running club into the PTA account.

Action:

Jo to give money to Suzie to include in accounts

Donuts

This was discussed and decided that a 'Donuts for Dads event would be organised around Father's day, 19th June 2022.

Action:

Volunteer to organise to be arranged at February meeting

Valentines

Through discussion it was decided that the PTA have enough events in the diary already and so no need to run another event for this occasion.

Mother's Day Gifts

A discussion of the previous success of the primrose pots as we went into lockdown and how Jo sold the remaining pots from her garden due to restrictions at the time took place! It was decided the event would be called 'Mothers and Others' to include every child in school.

Actions:

Jo to contact garden centres by next meeting to see if it's feasible again
Jo and Sophie to organise event if plants available

AOB

Opening of Uniform Shop

School happy for this to start up again but max of three people in room and masks to be worn. A table could also be set up outside by site staff if required. The shop would be open 8.40am -9.00am and people would need to leave by main gate as Lancet Lane would be locked by then. Catherine volunteered to run this on Wednesday mornings.

Actions:

Rachel to ask school to send out text telling people this info.
Zoe to put on FB and tweet info
Ruth to show Catherine where to get money pot, where shop is and contents.

Metro Bank

Action:

Sophie to take completed forms into Metro bank and get her name added to the account

Bookers Card

Suzie has the card

Action:

Suzie to look into the details of the card

Facebook Account

It was discussed that we needed to get people to join FB page as potential of account not being used. Also, other social media platforms were discussed and potential usage. A competition could be run, 50p entry to design a new profile picture to go on the account to boost attention.

Actions:

Zoe to continue to send out info via the business page with Hands up image
Zoe to link in school to social media posts for them to retweet etc

Headteacher for a Day Idea

Idea discussed -agreed a great idea but will use later in year

Action:

Revisit idea in a couple of terms time

Meeting finished at 10pm

Date of Next Meeting: Tuesday 8th February 2022 8pm at Chequers pub, Loose