

1. Present

Sabine Bickle, Nicola Werro , Jo Beales, Mrs Stewart, Miss Blackaby, Ruth Upton, Clair Harris, Sarah Coleman, Ruth Evans, Amanda Bates, Barney Styer

2. Apologies

Amanda Ellis

1. Minutes of last meeting and matters arising

CH confirmed there is £309 of unspent cake money from the previous academic year and that this will now go towards purchasing more Numicon resources.

There were no other matters arising and the Minutes were agreed to be an accurate record of the meeting on 23rd March 2017.

2. Treasurer's report (attached)

The treasurer's report was discussed and is available on the PTA pages of the website.

- **Miss Riglar's cake sale** was held on 2nd February and raised £128.62. **Mrs Woolston and Mrs Gregory's cake sale** was held on 2nd March and raised £120.15.
- The **textile collection (Bag 2 School)** on 3rd February raised £416.80.
- The **Spring Term Disco** held on 9th February made a profit of £574.35, and the **Parent Bar** held on the same evening made a profit of £176.80. As agreed in the PTA meeting held on 26th January, the combined profit of **£751.15 will be donated to the Thames Valley Air Ambulance.**
- The PTA have also been fortunate to receive **Match Funding** totalling £350.00 – thanks to Matt Simpson (Sky) for his work at the Christmas Fayre and Heather Strudley's (Microsoft) one-off donation that her employer made under a CSR programme, both to the PTA.
- 15/8 Numicon resource books – purchased
- 16/6 Musical instruments – purchased
- Agreed funding - Outstanding
 - 16/9 Smartboards
 - 17/6 Gazebos
 - 17/9 Autograph books for Year 6
 - 17/10 Year 6 Leavers Party

3. School funding partnership

The **PTA approved** the following requests;

- 17/11 £799 for the Christmas pantomime. The pantomime is called Scroogical and is based on Charles Dickens. The show will be performed by Westend in Schools. **CH** mentioned that two performances would cover the whole school. – All agreed and spending approved

- 17/12 Funding request from Mrs Dunn for Upper School books. 14 copies of 'Goodnight Mr Tom'. £250 approved in principle and spending approved
- 17/13 New class reader "the Goldfish Boy" £280 3 class sets. All agreed and spending approved
- 17/14 Miss Blackaby – presented a request from middle school asking for a large set of pens for each class – £250 (used for class work). All agreed and spending approved.
- 17/15 Miss Blackaby - lower school request for a replacement for one of the maypoles which is wobbly - £400 all agreed and spending approved
- 17/16 Miss Blackaby – The class CD player has broken and has requested a CD player per class plus headphones £120 – all agreed and spending approved
- 17/17 Mrs Stewart – Middle school request. New history topic "round the city". Part of the new curriculum. Request to purchase round the city books – reference books and timelines. £265 – all agreed and spending approved
- 17/18 Mrs Stewart – presented a request from Mrs Debney asking for £150 for more percussion instruments - all agreed and spending approved
- 17/19 Mrs Stewart – Raised a request to run a middle school tablet project and the school has suggested iPads. This will require 20 tablets, 20 cases, a laptop charger trolley at an estimated cost of £7000. If the trial is successful more tablets will be purchased for the rest of the school. **RE** asked whether the tablets had to be Apple as Android tablets are much cheaper. **ES** mentioned that this would be checked but the general view was that Android did not offer the same range of apps as Apple. **RE** stated that it was key to get the trial right and to look at the total cost to maintain the tablets. All agreed the purchase of tablets in principle and that the school will investigate different manufacturers and platforms (Apple, Android). **ES** team to investigate further and present options back to the PTA for consideration.
- 17/20 Mrs Stewart – raised a lower school request for tablets for videoing. The school would like more Sanyo waterproof cameras but unfortunately they are no longer made. GoPro has become the market leader but this option is not viewed as child friendly. The request from Lower school is to purchase 3 tablets to make videos. £930. All approved in principle, **ES** team to investigate further and provide options and quotes back to a committee meeting before purchasing.
- 17/21 **NW** asked **ES** about fixing the trim track. There was a general discussion about various options. **ES** estimated the cost for the replacement equipment would be around £7000 and another £7000 for a new base. **ES** proposed the PTA pays for equipment and the school pays for the base. **SB** asked if we could get a grant for a replacement but it was not clear how to proceed to confirm if any grants are available. **ES** suggested we should start replacing the trim track as soon as possible. All approved in principle and agreed that the replacement of the trim track would take priority over the tablet project which would become something to raise funds for. **ES** team to investigate and provide quotes back to a committee meeting before purchasing.
- **JB** asked whether there was still a need to create a bigger cycle rack. **CH** advised that this was not a PTA funded item.

4. Events this term:

Easter Egg Hunt - All under control

5. Future Events

Disco / parent bar

- 11th May – no update

Try-a-Tri

- Confirmed 10th June. **BS** and **NW** are happy to help organise a group of volunteers to manage the event. **BS** is happy to help but is unavailable on the 10th June. A general discussion was had on the best way to plan the Try-a-Tri. **NW** volunteered to organise a meeting to call for volunteers and to identify one or more people to lead the event. **NW** agreed to notify the PTA of the agreed team setup. **ES** asked **NW** to keep George in the loop.

Happy's Circus 23rd June

- **AE** to lead but will need additional volunteers to help. **ES** advised that there will be year 6 stalls at this event.

Pool Club

- **MT** and **SB** managing

6. Future Events

Happy's Circus 2019

AE has held off booking the circus in 2019 due to clashes with other school events. **AE** suggested that it may make more sense to book the circus every 3 years which would make the next booking in 2020. All agreed to rebook for 2020.

7. AOB (please notify the Secretary in advance of the meeting)

- My BTDonate – **SB** asked if we should proceed with playground markings. **CH** to review what has been said and to add to the next meeting's agenda.
SP stated that she plans to step down as the PTA Secretary at the end of the academic year. Please contact the PTA if you are interested in taking on the role.

8. Date of next meeting(s)

- 18th May 2017
- 6th July 2017

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9th May 2017