



PTA Meeting Minutes

Held on 12th November 2019

Present: Erika Augusti – Chair (EA), Hannah MacIndoe (HM), Elaine Stewart (ES), Priya Gupta (PG), Rahul More (RM), James Harvey (JH), Shweta Bist (SB), Amanda Bates (AB), Vicki Duffield (VD), Rubina Samdani (RS), Ruth Evans (RE), Emma Dunn (ED), Vanessa Nowell (VN), Aishah Makowsky (AM)

Item	Minutes	Action
1	Apologies Sarah Coleman, Emily Counihan, Anil Madineni, Michaela Thomas, David Spedding, Ravi Vakada	
2 / 3	<p>Matters arising from last Committee Meeting 4th July 2019</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Gift Aid: WhatsApp group set up for Treasurers and David Nader. DN has requested the finance info from the Treasurers to enable him to investigate further. - Benevity Funding: unsure of progress, but look to use for alternative projects in future. - Family Lounge: additional volunteers recruited – Anita L / Rachel F (Lower School and Alison P (Mid/Upper School). - Cash4Coins raised £160.21. Tiffany F to continue initiative. - Christmas Puddings replaced with Lego Keyrings this year! All in hand. Sabine B considering 'cheese' for next year. - Succession Planning: lots of volunteers at AGM, majority of positions now filled. New appointments for co-roles very successful. Just need to advertise for Second Hand Uniform as Cherry T has stepped down. - Wonderful.org: on-going fundraising platform, to use as required. SB suggested using this specifically for financial donations to purchase quality reading books. <p>Minutes agreed to be an accurate record of the meeting on the 4th July 2019.</p>	<p>RV / DS to ensure DN has all the information he requires.</p> <p>TF to return bucket to entrance area.</p> <p>MT to advertise 2nd hand uniform role in newsletter.</p> <p>SB to investigate wonderful.org idea further.</p>
4	<p>Treasurer's Report</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Report unavailable: no attendance from the treasurers. <p>Available funds for funding projects ~£19,000</p>	
5	<p>School Funding Partnership</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Read Write Inc resources: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Presentation from Vanessa Nowell and Emma Dunn, explaining the school's concerns re: phonics and reading. ▪ Key stage 1 Phonics results have gone down, from 89% in 2016 to 73% in 2019, and nationally 1 in 4 leave primary school unable to read well. ▪ Not enough school budget available for appropriate resources. ▪ Current reading books not fit for purpose - old fashioned / a mix of reading schemes. Kids are having to learn using a mix of different resources and different ways of doing phonics. Not setting the children up for success. ▪ Teachers are looking for a systematic synthetic approach to teaching phonics and a rigorous, sequential approach for the reading curriculum. Speaking to other schools about resources, felt RWInc needs to be established at our school. ▪ Cost will be around £9,000 - £10,000, but eligible for 25% discount when spending over £5,000. Money to be spent on resources. Training will be funded by the school. • PTA collectively agreed to spend £10,000 for this scheme. (19/1) 	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Cross County Tops: would be nice to have, consider for 2020 season. Provide parents with the option to buy out-right or borrow, which would be PTA funded. - High-Vis Jackets: should be returned to school this week, so no funding required. 	AB / ES to discuss with Julie Culham.
6	<p>Events this term</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Second-Hand Uniform (20th Sep) - Bake Sales (4th Oct £102.65, 18th Oct £98.20, 22nd Nov) – Foundation Stage sale considered to be too early in academic year by parents – still getting to grips with ‘Aldryngton life’. Ideally hold in Spring Term next year. - Disco and Family Lounge (24th Oct) - Bag2School Textile Collection (24th Oct) - PTA Welcome Coffee and Cake Morning (8th Nov) – limited attendance, but good discussions with those that did attend. - Non-School Uniform Day (6th Dec) – money raised will be used to fund items for the bottle tombola at the Christmas fayre. - Cash4Coins (£160.21) - Christmas Activities: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Xmas Cards - deadline was Monday 11th Nov ▪ Lego Keyrings – order forms have gone out ▪ Wrap a Present (25th/26th/27th Nov). Going as planned ▪ Xmas Grand Draw - Michaela is getting the tickets ▪ Xmas Tree - due to go up on 5/12. ▪ Xmas Fayre (7th Dec) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Santa - RE’s dad is very keen, but additional volunteer required. JH volunteered and will arrange DBS check with Julia Franks. Year 6 Stalls - £10 to each stall ○ Martin & Pole boards - to be put up w/b 18/11 	<p>EA to ask Bake Sale team if this is possible.</p> <p>ES to ask the office to issue comms to all to parents to help put up the Xmas tree.</p>
7	<p>Events Next Term</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Disco / Family Lounge (13th Feb 2020) - Bake Sales (10th Jan, 7th Feb, 6th Mar, 27th Mar) - Bingo Curry Night (Friday 6th March) - Film Night (TBC) - Research to be done on entertainment licence, seats to sit on (e.g. bean bags/sleeping bags/chairs), food etc., and look to discuss event with other schools that have run one. Decide on date (potentially in Autumn Term) when we know more - Bag2School Textile Collection (March) - Easter Egg Hunt - Second-Hand Uniform Cash4Coins 	<p>Ask RV to source the curry. EA to ask Philip B to lead bingo.</p> <p>SB and Film Night team to investigate and report back.</p> <p>HM to message Carolyn S re: date</p> <p>PTA to advertise 2nd hand uniform role</p>
8	<p>AOB</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Succession planning on-going - PTA Constitution update – HM reported that our current constitution does allow us to change the constitution and 2 points will need to be amended. 28 days notice to be given, prior to meeting to discuss amendments is required and 2/3rds at the meeting need to agree to the change. More logical to do it at AGM meeting. HM to put a reminder in calendar to ensure parents are notified in time. <p>Alternative days for PTA meetings (not just Tuesday) – agreed to alternate Tuesdays and Wednesdays.</p>	HM to notify parent body of potential change to constitution and date of AGM before the end of the summer term.
9	<p>Agreed Dates of next meetings</p> <p>Wednesday 22nd January</p>	

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