

# PTA Minutes

**Monday 10th January, 2022**

**Present:** Anna, Nicky, Kate, Caroline, Mrs Barber, Mr Hudson, Natalie, Vicky, Kerry, Auriane, Vanessa

**Apologies:** Anya

## 1. Review of last Term

-A big thank you to everyone who helped out last term. We appreciate that once again, the teachers have had to step up and do a lot of the things we usually do. Special thanks goes to Miss Allen for sorting the cauliflower cards!

-The PTA ran cauliflower cards last term and this raised £199 in commission.

-We ran a Facebook poll amongst our members who voted to provide each child with gifts from Santa budgeting £1/child.

-The PTA organised the new Christmas Rainbow Raffle. Parents were asked to donate a gift in a specific colour depending on the year level. This proved to be slightly disappointing as far as donations go, £20 of PTA funds were used to buy some top up items. However, as Auriane and Kate pointed out, we are still not operating 'normally'. People are still feeling the COVID pinch and as an organisation we don't have the same 'visibility' on the playground, etc. Anna also raised the importance of possibly setting an earlier date for donations so its not all coming at once at the end of term. The middle school managed to sell tickets for their raffle via ParentMail - Anna will ask Mrs Burnip to please investigate this as it would be very handy and money saving for us. We will make a decision whether to give the Rainbow Raffle another try at our AGM.

-One set of the promised KS2 books haven't been ordered yet as the topic may not be taught next year. Mrs Barber to double check - thank you.

-DT resources previously requested by Miss Moorhead – need further details. Mrs Barber to chase.

## 2. Treasurer's Report

As of January 2022 we have £4242 in the bank.

Spending in the last term:

-Spotify Subscriptions - £49.95

-ParentKind Annual Subscription - £116.00

-Christmas Gifts - £173.97

-Christmas Parties - £100.76

-Twinkl Resources (annual payment) - £474.50

-The PTA raised a total of £129.80 on non uniform day and the daytime Halloween Disco. The Christmas raffle raised £511.72 and we are awaiting £199 earned from Cauliflower cards.

### **3. Upcoming Events and Actions**

#### *a) Newsletter*

A big thank you to Auriane for her work towards our next newsletter which she is about to start work on.

#### *b) Break the Rules Day - 28th January*

Last year the students came up with their own rules - Mrs Barber to please ask teachers to speak to their classes for new ideas if needed. Coordinate with Anna for the letter/poster. Thank you.

#### *c) Pancake Flip - Tuesday 1st March*

Last year we raised £618 from this event so the PTA feel it is definitely worth doing again. Obviously we will have to continue to rely on teachers to run this activity. Last year, staff were given silicon pancakes to avoid mess and wastage which worked well. A big thank you to Kate Lloyd for again offering to help organise this event. Could letters and forms please go out before half term? Thank you!

#### *d) Disco*

Would a disco (run by staff) be better placed to occur just before Easter rather than the traditional Valentine's Day date so we spread our events over the term? Mr Hudson to please speak to staff and get their input. 2 dates suggested towards the end of the term – Mrs Barber to confirm. Thank you

#### *e) Sponsored read/non-uniform day*

-A proposed early May date has been pencilled in for this event. As Mr Hudson stressed, anything to encourage reading is greatly supported by the school. We didn't raise quite as much money as we'd hoped last year with this event so we are planning a higher profile campaign with a longer lead up. As a few members pointed out, sometimes a coloured piece of paper for sponsorship forms works better than a ParentMail message which runs the risk of getting swallowed in a sea of information!

## **5. School Requests and Potential Requirements to be Funded**

### *a) Easter parade prizes, Easter end of term treats*

The PTA is happy to continue to provide prizes (Easter eggs) and treats (cream eggs) to the students.

Last year, we gave students wooden egg cups and ran a free decoration competition for fun – it had a limited take up and was just for fun, not a fund raiser. This year, a 'photo challenge' scavenger hunt was proposed - this needs a bit more thought and possibly a meeting after half term for those interested in helping.

### *b) Pencil Sharpeners*

5 pencil sharpeners were requested. The PTA will happily fund £63.48 for these.

### *c) Salt bins*

The PTA agreed to fund the (£110) purchase of salt bins - this will make Mr Hogg's life in the winter much easier and help to make the playgrounds safer.

### *d) Playground paint*

The PTA is happy to fund more playground paint for games such as naughts and crosses for the children. The existing playground paint has proved very popular!

### *e) Playground climbing equipment (climbing walls)*

The PTA agreed that this would be a good use of funds. Mr Hudson to please obtain some quotes and design ideas - thank you.

### *f) General playground equipment*

As well as requesting climbing wall frames, the children also asked for other general playground equipment such as a football goal with shooting target. New basketball hoops were also suggested. The PTA agreed to fund these ideas which promote fitness and fun. Caroline pointed to an example at nearby Broomley School, which combines a football net with a basketball hoop in one structure. She has agreed to find out more and whether it is suitable for indoor/outdoor use. Thank you.

Kate also pointed to a basketball hoop which comprises of four hoops.

'Pogo Balance Ball Boards' (also called 'Lolo balls' in the 1980's or 'space hoppers' by others) were also requested for the playground, however, the PTA questioned the durability and safety of these particular toys. Alternatives suggested will be passed to Mrs Barber for consideration. Thank you

## **6. Ideas for additional possible activities**

### *a) Second hand uniform sale*

Anna still has 18 bags of OFS uniform at her house which needs sorting urgently! Some of this may have to

go to a 'rag man' type charity - particularly the poorer quality items and clothes from the 5-6 years age group (of which we have many!).

Mr Hudson has agreed to the PTA having a table top sale in the near future. He also suggested advertising items on the school's webpage. He pointed towards new, imminent legislation which no longer compels parents to purchase 'official' school uniform where generic items may suffice. It also encourages the advertising of second hand items.

*b) Class experience days*

As previously agreed te PTA will fund £250 per class towards these. Must remember this spending when looking at how much we have to go towards playground equipment.

## **7. AOB**

None.

## **8. Next Meeting**

Will be decided by Doodle poll. Trying to have 1 full meeting a term, but keep it flexible if another meeting is felt to be of use.