

P T A Meeting

Zoom meeting

1/2/23

Attendance:

Angela Mayne (minutes)

Jackie Fox

Joanna Byrne

Megan Blackwood

Rebecca Lawson

Charlene Causon

Jacqueline Wright

Lorna Brown

Lisa Docherty

Apologies: Maxine Chivers, Angela Perrie, Carol Wilson, Caryn Peden, Stephanie Greenlees, Jennifer Crumpton, Laura Dunlop

Joanna welcomed everyone to the meeting in person, the first of 2023.

1. Accounts

£4908.28 in the bank.

Jackie said that all funds raised this year have been spent throughout the term. She said that over all year on year, there is a slight increase of £177 in fund raised overall.

The meeting recapped on all the good events and activities for the school.

L Brown commented that the Panto was excellent this year and pupils and staff all thoroughly enjoyed it. The Race night was a huge success and raised the most funds last year.

Other spends went on year books for P7's, Easter Eggs, ice cream for sports day, and lots of Christmas activities.

It was agreed that the Sponsor walk was a huge success and was well received by all the school, but especially within the local community with Facebook posts congratulating the children and commenting on the walk.

2. School Business

Update to be received

Mrs Boyle has been successful in promotion to the authority, therefore will be leaving next week. Staff are arranging a gift.

*PTA gift to be arranged

Head teacher post is being recruited and interviews are hoped to be held in late February. Attendance has increased this year, school had hoped for a 10% increase and they have achieved slightly higher than this to date.

School was successful in donation of £1500 from Cash for Kids before xmas. This went to families in the form of Aldi vouchers. There has been a further £800 donation which is being distributed for fuel credits.

Train Station parking, this is an area of concern, parents should observe the guidance when using the station for drop off and pick up.

There were 19 new P1 visitors joining the school in August.

Friday is an own clothes day arranged by pupil council for Cancer Research.

Fund Raising

It was agreed that no valentine disco can be held this year due to time constraints and the dates for the mid term holiday.

The meeting agreed that the Shorts & Shades disco should be reintroduced and an invite to new parents for August should be sent out. R Lawson suggested inviting new parents and promotion of PTA at the disco. It was agreed that a tea/coffee stand for parents will be set up for a socialising area.

Angela told the meeting that there is an opportunity for a race night on 12th May 2023. All agreed that this was a good idea and given the time frame will be more achievable this year.

Angela suggested an own clothes donation day before the Easter Break. R Lawson to arrange.

Volunteers for duties will be put on the Facebook page soon.

Joanna suggested an Adult gift stall for children to purchase gifts for adults at xmas. All agreed this went well when ran before. Arrange in the new session.

All agreed that a Christmas Fayre would be good to run also.

Sponsor walk was a great success and should be organised for around September in the new session.

Joanna said that the flight path is opening applications soon and this is something we should look into. R Lawson agreed and suggested a specific topic for the application. Joanna said it would be useful to know what it has been granted for in the past.

- J Byrne to check past successful applications for ideas and feedback.

M Blackwood suggested outdoor activities would be good for the children. Lisa agreed and suggested purchase of waterproofs for children. Only issue would be storage of these.

L Brown commented that the airport used to run a very interesting tour for schools and this might be something to explore.

- C Causon to check with airport for tours.

Easter Egg hunt was suggested and agreed to run.

- Volunteers needed to purchase Eggs for children (159 pupils, plus staff)
- Volunteers to organise hunt and set up before the easter break.
- School to confirm suitable date.

Book Fayre had a good uptake at Parents evening. Lisa suggested a book swap also for a donation. All agreed this was a good idea.

- Post to be sent out for book donations for adult and children books.

R Lawson said that the P7 Trip to Dalguise is coming up. She asked if PTA were acceptable to donation this year.

All agreed that £20 would be acceptable per pupil- 25.

- J wright to send cheque to school.

School requested some hi visibility vests for the children. 20.

Angela to explore discounts and report back.

3. AOB

PTA Interest – parents night 23/3/23 volunteers to capture parents attending and gain interest would be a good opportunity.

- **volunteers needed.**

All agreed that we should trial new times and days of the week for meetings.

Next meeting to be rescheduled due to strike action. Meeting will be held on Zoom 2/3/23 at a later time.