

ST JOHN'S SCHOOL ASSOCIATION PTA MONTHLY MEETING

WEDNESDAY 6 FEBRUARY 2019
7pm – 8:30PM AT THE SCHOOL HALL

Minutes

Attendees –

George Morgan
Catherine MacMillan,
Tasha Mitella,
Eileen Medlin
Aimee Bevan,
Jen Rees
Jenny Rogers
Helen Haigh
Sonya Lawyton
Mr Hilliam

1. Welcome and Apologies The chair opened the meeting and the following apologies were received:

Lianne Lugg
Karina Little
Hope Brett
Zoe Watson
Hamish Grierson

- Meeting minutes from 17 January 2019 were agreed
- Minutes are now on the school website although need to be moved from the parent council section to the PTA section. *Action: Tasha Mitella to email school to arrange this*

2. Spend update and school requests – review

- Aimee Bevan gave an update on the PTA's finances, and advised that the current balance is £3675 once all agreed spend is paid out – main items agreed to are:
 - Living eggs for reception - £255
 - Boxall - £200 (An assessment tool to support children with social and emotional needs).
 - Talk boost - £500 (speech and language programme for YR & KS1)
 - Ipads - £5,184
 - Panto - £450
 - Bully campaign - £400
- Members discussed 'My Maths' as Louisa Aldridge investigated the cost after the last meeting. It is £339+VAT per year. Mrs Crutchfield along with other secondary teachers speak highly of the programme as the way maths is being taught is changing.

Voted unanimously in favour

- Jenny Rogers discussed the priority of spending with Mrs Crutchfield, as agreed in the last meeting. She gave us an update on her conversation, and key points are:
 - Following agreement of the above items, there are no particular priorities to the remaining items on the school's project list and PTA is free to choose what we spend the funds on

- It's a 5 year plan to be implemented in collaboration with PTA/Governors/Grants as they are expensive
- Children, teachers and staff have all provided input into these items
- It was noted that the play equipment is being fixed and paid for by the school
- Members discussed the list of projects and decided to ask all parents to vote on which project we should focus our fundraising on next - the following four projects will be voted on:

School library – Mrs Crutchfield invited PTA members to visit Saltford School's library as an example. The project would require shelving for the hall corner, carpet area. *Estimated cost is £5,500 for shelves*

Picnic benches – KS2 playground first, minimum 2. Then sited near Y2 on the grass, to be available for packed lunches in fine weather and as an outdoor classroom. *Estimated cost is £400 per bench*

Classroom furniture - Children complain about their chairs and tables being old and broken. Teachers would like oblong tables for two and better chairs. *Estimated cost is £752 per classroom*

More ipads – PTA has covered for Y6, school requires more for Y5 next

Action: Catherine M to draft a letter and voting slip to go home to parents

3. Update on film night

- Members discussed film night and Mr Hilliam checked the DVD and equipment
- Catherine, Jen and Tasha to go to Costco on Monday to purchase snacks and put snack packs together
- Currently around 110 children attending
- Available volunteers are: Catherine M, Jen R, Tasha, George, Aimee, Jenny R, Carolyn, Kristi, Karina
- Volunteers mainly needed to check in and hand out snacks, monitor children during the film, man the toilets *Action: Tasha Mitella to circulate list of tasks for film night*

4. Additional fundraising

- Pancake Day – Mrs Crutchfield suggested PTA sell pancakes on Tues 5 March and all members agreed this is a good idea. *Action: Catherine to liaise with Mrs Crutchfield and lead on this*
Please let me know if you can volunteer/help with serving pancakes on 5 March from 1:30pm
- School disco – discussed holding one more school disco this school year. Suggested date is Thurs 23 May as Fri 24 is an inset day.
Update: Mrs Crutchfield has agreed to this date. Catherine to take the lead, please let me know if you would like to help organise the disco

5. Christmas Fair feedback

- Members reviewed the feedback and key points were:
 - It was noted that less families took part in 'guess the santas/sweets etc' and 'guess the name of the teddy' – consider a different option other than sweets in future (lego was suggested)
 - Agreed that we should try a ticket system for the Grotto next Christmas to reduce long waiting times
 - Non-gendered gifts for lucky dip
 - Change gift for mum to gift for someone special

6. Date of next meeting

- Thurs 14 March at school, 7:00pm