

Chad Vale Primary School

PPTA meeting

17 September 2019

Present: Hannah Peachey, Hannah Eno, Becky Swindells, Ali Robinson, Emma King, Steve Dubberley

1.0 Apologies: Sa Phull, Noreen Sarwar, Emma Cawsey, Louise Romans, Annie Easter, Charlie Morris

2.0 Elections:

One nomination received for **Chair** (Hannah Eno), seconded by Charlie.

Becky was willing to continue as **Vice Chair** in the absence of any nominations (thank you Becky!)

Annie Easter had volunteered to be **Treasurer** conditional on discussing the role with Emma K; to be confirmed. Thank you to Emma K for her sterling work as Treasurer for several years and thank you to Annie for considering the role.

Secretary was left vacant.

Ali Robinson kindly agreed to continue as **Publicity officer**.

Hannah E would continue to manage **Sponsorship** drafting in others if/when available. Thank you Stacey for her invaluable support last year.

3.0 Treasurer's report:

Spreadsheet distributed showing income (£13,530.94) and expenditure (£9,974.84) for last year – profit of £3,556.10. We carried over funds from 2017-18 and the current bank balance is £10,079.

Most profitable events are cake sales (no expenditure), discos (around 80% profit), Santa and hampers (86% profit) and the fete (over 200% profit). These are also amongst the most labour intensive events – making this amount of profit is very much dependent on having sufficient able volunteers as well as 'customers' – thank you to everyone who gives their time so generously.

4.0 Events:

4.1 Fete feedback – summarised as follows:

- Not enough seating
- Pizza too slow
- Questioned whether having external stalls is useful – whether the rent of the stall is worthwhile versus us running our own stalls which make money for us
- Glitter tattoos – time consuming/not ecological – agreed not to do next year

- Curry – a bit problematic; could we do something ourselves or maybe only offer samosas which were very popular and a lot easier to manage?
Reconsider how we do this nearer the time!

4.2 Hallowe'en disco: propose date of 23 or 24 October – to be checked with school (HE). This year we will offer prizes for best costumes which was missed last year.
NOTE – date now confirmed as 24 October.

4.3 Christmas events – Santa and hampers – propose Santa 16/17 December but to be checked with school (SD). Hampers – announce 2 Dec, collect 9-18 Dec and draw on 20 Dec. All to be checked with school.

HP suggested different format for Santa to reduce the workload on Mr Cham senior (if he agrees to do it again) which is to use the whole library (decorated but no grotto) and bring class groups in for a story to be read by Santa. Will work well with younger year groups but we may need to think of something else for years 5/6. Thinking hats on everyone!!

4.4 Paper distributed on proposed dates for all events over the next year – all to be cleared with school. Potential new fundraising ideas:

- 50/50 – parents or children give £1 a month to a fund, 50% goes to PPTA, 50% goes towards a monthly prize draw (for those who have given!)
- Murder Mystery night instead of Quiz? Some discussion about how this could work (Ms Crombie had sent information on a package that can be bought for schools) and whether we could persuade staff to act?! To explore further! (HE)
- Fireworks – had been put forward by Mr Bowen – discussion and conclusion that there are quite a few issues but a major one is the proximity to the Hallowe'en disco, which many children love. It was felt putting on two resource heavy events within a week was too much!
- Year 6 camping night after fete – very successful last year. Would like to do again in the same format. HE to find out from Mr Sansom whether there was any reason not to repeat the event.

5.0 Funding requests:

5.1 Debbie Shiner - £500 requested for reinstallation of the slide in Reception/Y1 playground – to be used by whole school. Agreed.

5.2 Neesa Khan - £650 requested for author for World Book Day (March 2020). Agreed.

5.3 Rhys Bowen – unspecified sum as yet for a canopy in the corner of the playing field to allow children who need a quiet space somewhere to sit during noisy/busy times. Agreed in principle subject to cost.

5.4 Steve Dubberly – the much used BUGS licence across all years expired some time ago, and costs around £600. Funds requested from PPTA and agreed.

6.0 Any other business

6.1 Requested an update on the sensory garden – HE would chase with Ms Crombie. We had previously agreed to fund subject to cost and had also agreed that the money raised from the Birmingham 10K (£2641) would be given to this project. (HE)

6.2 Field access was discussed especially during the fete when the combination of entry slope and gates for vehicles was quite difficult. Also issues with running enough electricity. Agreed to explore how much costs would be entailed in putting in permanent electrical points, widening gate and doing something to the slope to make it more accessible. Recognised that this is likely to be very costly – on the other hand, we are always going to have a fete and these aspects have an impact on getting inflatables on to the field, as well as any supplier vans etc. However it might also be that if we reduce external stalls there will be less need for vehicular access Watch this space!

7.0 Date of next meeting

Dates to be suggested via WhatsApp group, likely to be just after the Hallowe'en disco.