



Marsh Gibbon CE Primary School PTA Minutes of the Meeting held on 8th March, 2017

In attendance:

Fiona Tayler	Liz Bruce-Kelly	Claire Scott
Katie Blazdell	Philip Blazdell	Verity Davis
Jayne Sinclair		

Apologies:

Karen Maciejewski	Claudia Copithorne	Andrea Healy
Katy Kelly	Karen Barber	Fiona Adams
Sheila Kronfeld	Lucy Stratton	Louise Mew
Marion Ryley	Sarah Reveler	

Matters arising from previous minutes

None

Chairperson's Report

Had a meeting with people pitching for LearnPads. The company want to provide our IT package, not just the LearnPads so we are going to research another provider.

Headteacher Report

As you will have seen in the newsletter we now have a defibrillator (Automated External Defibrillator or AED) installed here at school for the use of the village. This is especially remarkable because this is the second AED that Rosie Maskell has fundraised for and provided. Thank you so much to Rosie and Sheri for all their hard work and to anyone else who helped them along the way. Particular thanks to the electrician, David Pritchard, who fitted it for free. What an amazing gift to those locally.

Julie has met with Loren from Marsh Gibbon Pre-School and they are keen to join us for fundraising activities. They would love to be involved in the Pig Roast if that is possible. As a small village, it would be wonderful if we could include the pre-school in order to help them financially.

It has been pointed out that the felt on the roof on the PTA has been damaged in the recent bad weather; the roof of the shed by the swimming pool has also suffered. If anyone has any connection to a company that could provide some roofing felt to help us to mend these then that would be greatly appreciated.

Finally, a plea from Miss Fitzpatrick; you very kindly provided PE/games kits for school sporting activities, such as inter-school sports competitions. The children look smart in these but it appears there is not enough kit to go around. I have a breakdown of what we have. Some kit has not been

returned or is still in use when there is another competition. Miss Fitzpatrick is happy to put some PE funding towards kit but needs your support please. We know that the previous kits were sponsored and wondered if anyone has a connection that might help us in this area. The school has put together a B football team which will play regularly next season, we currently have ½ a pair of goalie gloves! There are also hockey tournaments (and other sports) which include whole classes of children so we need to think about this also. Do we want to have a school hoodie that all parents can purchase?

Miss Fitzpatrick is also keen for donations of used PE kit which your own children have outgrown. We often have children in school who have little or no kit. Jogger bottoms are particularly helpful if anyone has any please.

Action: a PE kit amnesty to be announced in the newsletter as well as a request for kit donations. PB to approach the lady who was on the Apprentice.

Thank you for your time.

V Davis

Assistant Head Teacher

Treasurer's Report

We have £9337.77 in our account.

We are now being charged £5 a month for our bank account with CAF. How does everyone feel about this? I haven't got the time at present to search for a different account to see if we can obtain one without any charges. The previous chairman set up this bank account.

Action: Contact the bank and ask what we are being charged for.

Easyfundraising- we received our biggest cheque yet £169 so looks like people were using it more over Christmas time. Shall we ask Preeti to mention it again on the newsletter and to remind everyone to use it when booking summer hols as a lot of tour operators are on board

Action: Sarah Reveler to progress this.

Also I saw something in the Aylesbury Vale Tines magazine asking schools to sign up to the Vale lottery. They are holding a meeting for school and PTA members in April if anyone fancies going along to find out more.

We need to register our interest at valelottery@aylesburyvaledc.gov.uk

Might be one Andrea Healy looks in to.

Sarah Reveler
Treasurer

PTA UPDATE:

Target: We are aiming to raise £10,000 from fundraising this year. Please send potential fundraising ideas to Andrea Healy.

Programme of events:

- **Easter egg tombola:** Date 30th March. Eggs to be brought to school the day before.
- **Back to Skool Disco:** (for the grown-ups) 5th May
- **Pig Roast:** 7th July 2017

- **Sports Day:** 13th July 2017
- **NOTE:** No events for weekend of 19th May.

Fundraising suggestions

- **Disco and film nights-** TBD. Katie Kelly would like to hand these over. Claire Scott volunteered to shadow Katie with a view to taking the events on in the next school year.
- **Kids on the Catwalk** – a long-term fundraising opportunity to research.
- **Quiz Night** – a suggestion to hold this in The Plough. FT to contact the pub.
- **School camp** – Due to health and safety concerns, this event is considered no longer viable.
- **Art exhibition:** KP is still keen to organise this with someone else to help her

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- Spelling tests. Verity will discuss this with the parent who raised the question.
- PB – Science Week. Some super exciting (and loud) experiments will be happening.
- JS – Suggested that the school join in with Taylan's Project Wear a Hat day on 31st March. FT to contact Preeti with information for newsletter.
- CS – Raised a concern about playtime activities. Verity responded that the lunchtime staff has recently undertaken training to provide fun and positive activities in the playground. They are awaiting the resources, and the activities will start soon.

Meeting closed: 8.50pm.

THE NEXT PTA MEETING IS 9th May, 2017
7.45 FOR 8.00PM AT THE SCHOOL
EVERYONE IS INVITED SO PLEASE COME ALONG!