



Marsh Gibbon CE Primary School PTA Minutes of the Meeting held on 15th November, 2016

In attendance:

Fiona Tayler	Liz Bruce-Kelly	Verity Davies
Philip Blazdell	Katie Blazdell	Andrea Healy
Karen Maciejewski	Jayne Sinclair	Claire Scott
Katy Kelly	Tracey Benton	

Apologies:

Fiona Adams	Claudia Copithorne	Louise Mew
Sarah Reveler	Karen Barber	Sheila Kronfeld
Holly Frankiin		

Matters arising from previous minutes

None

Chairman's Report

No report. Thanks from Vice-Chair to Philip Blazdell for stepping in to the Chairperson role.

Headteacher Report

- **Learn Pads** – The school have decided to go ahead and looking at alternative funding to get twice as many as originally hoped (16). Philip Blazdell wants to understand cost of ownership and licensing terms over next 10 years and advises that the school proceeds with caution.
- **Library update** –Library books are going into the former Headteacher's office as temporary library. The pod will eventually become the library. The resource room has to be removed as we are only allowed one temporary building. Philip Blazdell to research how we can keep it. Jayne Sinclair enquired about the application for funding. The deadline has passed but Verity will find out when it can be sent again, and discuss with Jayne the information that still needs to be supplied. Ewelme has offered some money.

Treasurer's Report

No report following the AGM

Income from fundraising

- **Recycle with Michael:** £88.44.
- **Film night:** £192.82

PTA UPDATE:

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

Christmas tree: Andrea Healy to progress the tree for the hall. Liz Bruce-Kelly suggests we buy a tree and decorations box for each class. Philip Blazdell kindly offered to donate the boxes for the decorations.

2016 Programme of events:

- **Christmas Fair:** 2nd December.
 - The suggestion of jute bags will not be taken forward
- **Christmas-themed Film Night** - TBD
- **February disco** - TBD.
- **Back to school disco** (for the grown-ups!)– TBD.
- **Art exhibition:** Andrea Healy to liaise with Kath Pullen regarding current status. Katie Blazdell suggested that we hold children's workshops at the same time as the exhibition to increase the profit.

Fundraising update

- **Design-a-snowflake:** Each child will be given a snowflake to design to go on the school Christmas tree for £1.00.
- **Easy Fundraising:** We agreed that this should be promoted again with easy-to-follow instructions through Parentmail.
- **Recycle with Michal:** The scheme has been very successful and we will continue with it for the next academic year. Jayne Sinclair suggests promoting it in school and around the village before Christmas. She will liaise with Sarah Reveler about how the school receives the payment. Liz Bruce-Kelly will take her suitcase home.
- **Film night** –Very well attended (108 children).
 - Frequency: we aim to hold one film night each half term.
 - Helpers: Katy struggled to get enough helpers to comply with regulations. Judy Toes suggested (by proxy) that class reps are given the job of signing parents up.
 - Costs: the cost of the pizzas will go up next time, Philip Blazdell will try to negotiate, but it is likely that the cost per child will increase slightly. We are considering a pricing scheme for families with more than one child at the school
 - Behaviour: a handful of children misbehaved during the film and spoilt it for other children. We discussed how to handle that at future events.
 - Licensing: We are covered by the school license.

Fundraising suggestions

- **Jute bags:** We decided not to carry this forward.
- **Hot chocolate at break time** for a £1.00 donation. As much as this is a lovely idea, it doesn't fit with the school Healthy School policy.
- **Chinese New Year** – the school already celebrate Chinese New Year.

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- **PGL trip.** Karen Maciejewski (Y6 class rep) approached the PTA to request funding 50% of the cost of the transport which is considerably higher than first anticipated. The PTA unanimously agreed. The class hopes to fund the remaining transport cost through a combination of fundraising and donations from local charities and businesses.
- **First Aider qualifications:** Verity Davis to research courses. Pre-school are interested in training too.
- **School sign.** A sign maker is needed to make the new school sign. Phillip Blazdell will research. Liz Bruce-Kelly to chase the design.

Meeting closed: 9.15 pm.

THE NEXT PTA MEETING IS 24th January, 2017
7.45 FOR 8.00PM AT THE SCHOOL
EVERYONE IS INVITED SO PLEASE COME ALONG!

NOTE: Forthcoming meetings for the 2017 were provisionally booked for:

- Wednesday 8th March
- Tuesday 9th May