

Minutes of the Parent Teacher Association (PTA) Meeting – 1st September 2020

Attendees: Mrs Jones, Miss Morrison, Pamela Morrison, Mrs Bruce, Jill Brennan, Francis Reid, Alec Thompson-Miller, Gillian Bain, Shona Richards, Julie Purdie, Michelle Bruce, Leigh Bjorkvoll, Karen Sinza, Mary Kenya, Sekai Chidawanyika, Karen Taylor, Laura Mulgrew, Abubaker Abushagor

Minutes: Jill Brennan

1. Roundtable

Introduction and welcome to new members and attendees.

2. Book Fair

Discussion was had on the offering available from Scholastics. This involves parents calling the card number to place the order, emailing the PTA with their details and the school taking receipt of all orders. It was agreed we would postpone the October book fair and connect with Scholastics later in the year once they have more experience in the digital offering they have available.

3. School Recovery Plan

Feedback requested from Mrs Jones about the return to school.

Travel plans are being worked on by the school. Feedback given by parents on various points re traffic/access to school.

Parents felt that there had been clear and helpful communication from the school.

Circle time has been very beneficial for the children.

4. Funding

Pursuing an avenue for families who have difficulty with accessing technology.

Small amount of about £200 to fund a subscription of online reading resources may be requested in the future.

5. School Grounds

The school still has funding that was accessed for development of the garden in memory of Alice. Help will be requested further down the line. Benches and tables are being replaced. Planters will be used to grow things by the children. Donation of materials for the playground include tractor tyres, swing etc. Any help with the grounds/donations would be much appreciated this year.

6. Treasurer Handover

Karen pursuing the signatory handovers this week.

7. Uniform

A big thank you to the volunteers who were able to facilitate the uniform sales in the new environment.

Message to be sent via class reps that if you haven't received your uniform order, it is on its way.

Action: Update school website with new online shop link and remove reference to paper order form.

8. Class Reps

Only one class still requires a rep P1P.

Consider using Google classroom as a message system to collate information of parents to create the group as we cannot use the old system of providing your details on slips of paper.

9. Donations

The school is currently unable to accept any donations but will happily communicate when they are able to.

10. Future Meetings

It was agreed to continue with a Google Meet log in option if meetings are able to go back to face to face. Rotation of meeting days will also continue to ensure inclusion.

11. My Art Project

They are offering the option of children designing their own masks in the same way as they design their Christmas cards. £8.50 per mask with £1 going to the school as commission.

Action: It was agreed to go forward with this - Shona to follow up with the company.

12. Future Fundraising

Ideas for virtual fundraising are welcome, Pamela will look in to ideas. To revisit at the next meeting.

Question – are teachers allowed to be engaged in private tutoring? It would be an individual arrangement between parent and teacher and a private matter.