

Thriplow Primary School PTA

Combined minutes from PTA Meetings, Thursday 10th January & Friday 11th January 2019

Attendees:

Paul Joghee, Karen Riederer, Lisa Karpuk, Claire Walker, Becky Haigh, Karen Brogan, Lelia O'Connell, Becky Wilkins, Deborah Van Wyk, Olga Carozzo, Hannah Spaul, Kelly Austin

Apologies:

Mrs Penty, Anna Morris, Charlotte Ramsden, , Pauline Walker, Lizzie Duckworth, Gemma Theedam, Sarah Clarkson, Sarah Deacon, Vicky Baker, Tamsin Brown, Lisa Maltpress, Sasha Kernigan, Chloe Jenkins, Qing qing Guo, Georgina Sims, Kerstin Rivett, Florence Walston, Sophie Nunes-Carvalho, Vicki Reynolds, Jo Markham, Terri Feary, Jude Beard, Carly Richman, Emily Pugh, Jo Asquith, Sarah Deacon, Clare Joghee, Laura Hunt

Finance Update

- Approximately £31,000 in the bank. This includes ball income and money earmarked for the Cornerstone project.

School requests

- The PTA agreed to fund a new rug for the Ants classroom, approx. £250
- The PTA will buy a gift for Mrs Horsford to be given at her retirement party on 25th January. **Kelly Austin** kindly volunteered to make cakes for the party, with the help of **Hannah Spraul**.
- Head teacher's question time on January 8th was well received and will be repeated in the evening later this half term for those who couldn't attend. This will be linked with the PTA's AGM. Date tbc
- In the current difficult financial climate, there is a box in the school foyer in which to make donations of items such as pritt sticks, crayons etc. It was suggested at the meeting that it might also be possible to set up an Amazon wishlist for such items, in the same way that the school has one set up for books.
- The PTA have agreed to allocate an additional £100 to each class budget
- More help is needed to complete grant applications for funding for the Cornerstone Project. It was suggested a sub-committee is set up within the PTA to assist with this. **Becky Wilkins** kindly agreed to take this on.

Previous events

• Thriplow School Ball

- A very successful evening which raised £9,700 for the Cornerstone Classroom project

• Decoration Day

- An enjoyable day with donations of £64 raised from refreshments

Upcoming events

Spring term

• Daffodil weekend

- to be held on 23rd/24th March
- PTA to have a craft tent again with similar activities to last year.
- Tea rota to be coordinated by **Sarah Clarkson** and **Hannah Spaul**
- The possibility of having some kind of visual representation of the planned extension was discussed (drawn or built in 3D), which could be displayed in the school hall.

Summer term

● Heath Fest

- Kelly Austin to be PTA contact
- PTA to have a craft tent with similar activities to those at Daffodil weekend
- being held on 29th June 2019

Fundraising ideas

● Hot chocolate and hot dogs event after school

- A **parent volunteer** needed, with catering experience/qualifications, to make the hot chocolate and cook the sausages in the school kitchen.
- Date to be confirmed

● Easter children's party

- **Lisa Karpuk** has volunteered to organise this
- Date to be confirmed

● Quiz night

- The possibility of organising a quiz night was discussed.
- **Claire Walker** to talk to Ladybird to see if they have plans for one and if so, whether a joint event might be considered.

● Social event for parents

- The idea of a social event for parents was discussed, perhaps a 'Back to the 80s' party or similar
- To be held in September with the idea of also welcoming new parents to the school

● Charity Token schemes

- **Clare Joghee** to look into charity token schemes such as those run by Waitrose, Tesco, Asda and Sainsburys, with a view to nominating the PTA.

● Beetle drive

- This was discussed as another possibility for a fundraising evening

● Frequency and format of future meetings

- It was agreed to hold meetings once every half term

Any other business

- PTA to be listed as a charity on Amazon Smile, **Laura Hunt** to look into this
- **Karen Riederer** to speak to Linda re advertising Give as you Live on the Newsletter again
- **Karen Brogan** has organised the second hand uniform and will post details on PTA facebook page

Date of next meeting

The next meeting will be the AGM. Date to be confirmed.