

Thriplow School PTA minutes

Meeting: 8pm on 10/05/22 on Zoom

Attendees:

Paul Joghee (Chair), Meghan Bonner (Deputy Chair), Dave Aston (Treasurer), Helen Joyce (Secretary), Stephanie Dods, Jayne Pashley, Rebecca Wilkins.

Apologies: Mrs Penty, Mrs How, Michela Morleo, Kelly Austin.

Finance update

DA provided an update on recent funds raised and available funds for the school to spend. The tea room at the Daffodil weekend was a great success, so thank you to all involved. The final profit is yet to be calculated, but it's approximately an amazing £4,450. The movie night raised £353 and the Easter Hampers £348. All requests at the last meeting for financial help from the PTA have been met.

1. PJ to submit expenses for tea room
2. SD to put forward a request to the Daffodil weekend committee that the PTA run the team room again next year using the same model.

Requests for PTA funds

The PTA are expecting to fund the kit-out of the STEM classroom which is planned as part of the Cornerstone project. The Tipi party is intended to be a fundraiser for this, with the list of equipment currently expected to cost £5,000. MB and RW updated on other possible requests by the school.

3. MB to investigate the request for new laptops/technical equipment with the school.
4. PJ to ask if the class budgets could be increased to improve craft supplies which parents of the PTA mentioned may be in short supply.

Fundraising events

HJ updated on the Fun Run which is planned for 26th June. There is more momentum required to improve ticket sales and get volunteers in place. A separate team have worked on arrangements for the event, but improved ticket sales and volunteers are urgently needed.

For the Tipi party, MB updated that ticket sales are going live soon. Lots of work has gone into organising what is promised to be a fantastic event.

5. MB/HJ/RW to help promote the fun run and increase ticket sales through the school and social media community groups.
6. MB to ask for class reps to help organise ice cream sales on Fridays after school
7. MB to ask if the school would like PTA to provide refreshments at the Year 6 production in July.

Cornerstone update

Unfortunately there have been delays due to the planning application process. Recommendations involving support from local councilors were put forward by the PTA, to be discussed in the next Governors meeting.

PTA support

The committee agreed to offer parent support for clear up days in the Autumn term.

Clubs/workshops

RW has been helping to organise clubs and expects the KS1 football club to start up again after Summer. She is also hoping to organise a Tennis club if one can be arranged for after school.

AGM preparations

8. PJ and DA to be ready for the AGM on 16th June at 8pm (Zoom) where accounts and a chairs report is expected.

PTA attendance

The committee discussed how to welcome more parents and teachers to be involved in the PTA. More opinions on how money could be spent to enrich life for the children of Thriplow school would be appreciated.

9. HJ to draft dates for PTA meetings for the 2022/2023 school year to include more meetings at the school (request from teachers for Friday afternoons before celebration assembly)
10. PJ to write to parents.

AOB

11. MB to offer financial support from the PTA for Year 6 leavers celebrations

Next meetings

The PTA has updated the dates of the next meetings.

- Thurs 16th June 8pm (Zoom) – AGM