

# Thriplow School PTA minutes

Meeting: 8pm on 08/07/2021 on Zoom

## Attendees:

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

## Welcome

PJ opened the meeting by agreeing with the committee that the previous minutes are approved.

## Finance Update

DA is now the registered contact with HMRC for gift aid claims. He has a claim in progress, with more claims pending if this works out!

PJ confirmed that the Thriplow PTA now has a card machine.

1. DA to figure out how the card machine works, linking it to the PTA account.

## Grant applications

The school has benefited from grant applications recently (as listed in the previous meeting minutes). RW updated the PTA on current grant applications activities. PJ also noted Tesco's 'bags for life' is also currently being pursued.

2. RW to continue with an eco-grant to cover costs of water fountains.
3. RW to consider grant applications for playground equipment when plans are confirmed.

## PTA contributions to the school

By approval of the PTA committee, £500 of PTA funds have been donated in June to pay for outdoor equipment.

PJ has drafted a form to improve the process for the school to request financial support from the PTA. This could lead to funds being approved immediately or give the fundraising events a target to aim for. The PTA discussed fundraising ideas.

4. PJ to amend the form with details of all-school items, fundraising ideas and where the completed form should be submitted - by 15<sup>th</sup> July.
5. DA to include the rolling figure for available funds to the school in the financial update at the start of each meeting.

## Clean up days and the playground project.

Many families have supported the playground project with practical help. The cost to the PTA is £417 to pay for paint and supplies. The PTA agreed this is great value for such an impactful project. MB confirmed there are 2 planned future jobs which families have volunteered for. The PTA will support the school with plans for the area behind the gazebo, once this is decided.

6. MB to set a date 9 for a group Clean Up day, to run as a social event (with refreshments).
7. MB and PJ to encourage the school to take up the offer from a parent to paint an outside mural.

## Fundraisers and PTA events

HJ updated the current total for the Gardening competition is £110 (with £26 extra in gift aid). The Bag2school.com is on pause so the parents can support the Dragonflies class 'Recycle with Michael' event.

8. HJ to promote the gardening competition in September and organise prizes.
9. PJ to follow up on a social event in October 2021, potentially at BrewBoard.

### **Thriplow Ball – ball committee**

The PTA agreed that we'll try to convene the committee in September. There are some volunteers coming forward, more very welcome!

10. PJ to convene the ball committee in September

### **Cornerstone**

MB updated that the committee are looking at what they can do with current funds, no decision is made.

### **Questions for the governors from Parent body**

11. PJ and SD to ask the school to reassure parents with impacts relating to split classes.

### **AOB**

#### **Dates for meetings**

The PTA discussed when and where to hold PTA meetings and agreed that they would be held on Friday mornings in school and on Thursday evenings on zoom, alternating each half term. They will run the second week of each half term.

12. HJ to provide a list of PTA meetings for the 2021/2022 term for the school newsletter.

**Date of next meeting:** Friday 10<sup>th</sup> September 2021 at 9.15am in school hall

Dates of PTA meetings

<b>Date</b>	<b>Venue</b>
Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> September 9.15am	School Hall
Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> October 8.00pm (AGM)	Zoom
Thursday 11 <sup>th</sup> November 8.00pm	Zoom
Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> January 9.15am	School Hall
Thursday 3 <sup>rd</sup> March 8.00pm	Zoom
Friday 29 <sup>th</sup> April 9.15am	School Hall
Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup> June 8.00pm	Zoom