

Thriplow School PTA AGM minutes

Meeting: 8pm on 16/06/22 on Zoom

Attendees:

Paul Joghee (Chair), Meghan Bonner (Deputy Chair), Dave Aston (Treasurer), Helen Joyce (Secretary), Clare Joghee, Rebecca Wilkins, Paul Wilkins, Helen Aston.

Apologies: Mrs Penty, Stephanie Dods, Michela Morleo

Welcome and Chairs report

PJ presented the chairs report, congratulating the committee on many events and fundraising activities which has benefited the children of the school and helped bring together the school community. The committee approved the annual report.

1. PJ to circulate the report

Core committee Election

The committee nominated and voted on the core roles within the PTA. The outcome of the vote was that Paul Joghee will remain as Chair of the PTA, with Meghan Bonner as Deputy Chair, David Aston as Treasurer and Helen Joyce as Secretary.

With all core committee members in post for a number of years now, succession is needed and more parent representations at meetings would be beneficial. The committee agreed that additional roles for events and fundraising should be created to complement the PTA committee core roles. In addition, Parent class reps could improve social interaction and coordination with the PTA activities. The intention would be to improve communication and coordination between the parent body.

2. PJ to provide feedback to VP and a letter to parents about the PTA committee.
3. PJ to write new profiles for PTA roles.
4. PJ (and other committee members) to attend the new parents evening on 23rd June

Treasurer's report

DA presented the treasurers report. The draft financial accounts have been circulated and we are checking the accounts in treatment of the large donation.

5. DA to complete the accounts, circulate and submit as required.

Financial update

The PTA have recently funded several activities and equipment including coach trips, Platinum Jubilee weekend and Science week. The committee remain concerned the PTA funds (whilst provide a great deal of benefit and value) are not being put into use quickly enough. There is currently £6,000 in the available funds.

6. PJ to discuss the use of funds with VP, including class budgets.
7. PJ to handle the completion of a grant from Daffodil weekend in coordination with VP.

Cornerstone update

MB gave an update, following on from the last PTA meeting, when it was reported the Cornerstone plans had been rejected. Good news is the pre-application has been submitted and these new plans are being costed. An update is expected in about 2 months.

Request for PTA funds

MB gave an overview of the requests for PTA funds, which totals £925 approximately. The committee approved the use of the funds, which include paying for:

- Book storage
 - Young voices application
 - Sensory garden
 - Year 6 leavers
 - Musical instruments
8. MB to send out communication to parents of what the PTA has recently funded.
 9. DA to organise the payment of PTA funds to the school (or reimburse when receipts submitted) for requested items.
 10. MB/RW to review a potential grant application for musical instruments

Clubs and Workshops

RW is looking at football clubs for KS1 and possibly for KS2 too. Tennis can be organised if a time can be coordinated with the school.

- RW to complete the organisation of the clubs with the school.

Fundraising

The committee are keen to review the events which serve as good community or social events, and also good fundraisers. HJ gave an update about the Fun Run which will be held on 26th June. CJ gave an update on the Tipi party.

The Tipi party are working hard to ensure that the inaugural event is both fun and raises funds for the school. The team are still trying to get something from the caterer in lieu of the £1000 deposit. The team also still need a star prize (ideally a holiday home or exclusive experience). The team will need volunteers on the night to help out and will organise this in September.

Ice cream sales teams in place and will continue until early July when Ladybird will take over.

MB and PJ to find teams for Spots Day and KS2 production to serve tea and coffee and pimmis/lemonade for the evening performance.

Second-hand Uniform Swaps

The PTA would like to support uniform to be donated and given to families without money changing hands. It is hugely appreciated and environmentally beneficial that uniform is swapped.

11. HJ to coordinate with the Pashleys on 2nd hand uniform swap opportunities, including at future PTA meetings and at the new parent evening on 23rd June.

Dates for PTA meetings

The committee agreed to hold more PTA meetings in person at times which are intended to encourage more participation so that teachers and parents are represented better.

Date	Venue
Friday 9 th September – 2pm (2nd hand uniform swap)	School Hall (ahead of Celebration assembly)
Friday 11 th November – 9am (2nd hand uniform swap)	School Hall (after drop-off)
Tuesday 10 th January – 8pm	Zoom
Friday 3 rd March – 2pm (2nd hand uniform swap)	School Hall (ahead of Celebration assembly)
Friday 28 th April – 9am (AGM)	School Hall (after drop-off)
Friday 16 th June – 2pm (2nd hand uniform swap)	School Hall (ahead of Celebration assembly)