



St Joseph's PTA
17th September 2020 via Zoom

Attending

Ruth Davies
Nadia Gazeley
Anne Coonan
Coreen Barker
Kaye Lee
Jenny Congdon

Apologies

Helen Woods

Minutes of the last meeting- the minutes were approved and signed by Ruth.

1 Committee issues

a. AGM (must be held by January 2021, 21 days' notice required)

It was decided that we would hold the AGM before half term and notice will be issued.

b. New committee members/succession

Ruth welcomed Jenny Congdon to the PTA.

Discussed the need to look at recruiting new members in the New Year and a new PTA chair. Anne Coonan has a document to help break down the chair PTA roles to help with recruitment.

2 Fundraising ideas

a. Online fundraising for laptops/ipads

Discussed how hard it will be to raise funds in the current circumstances and also taking into consideration the current economic climate and financial circumstances of parents. Fundraising should be sensitive to these issues; AC suggested a survey to see what type of fundraising parents would be open to, to assess sentiment - a short simple survey.

Discussed online fundraising social events such as online auction linked to a cocktail or gin night possibly with Number 6. Specifically, to raise money for laptops for the school.

Possibly 'Buy a key" pledges buy a mouse / split the laptop into parts.

Christmas Raffle.

Cash Matching

b. Sponsored event: Outdoors/readathon/sponsored spell

- Possibly a sponsored event done by parents and a school Santa dash to raise money through cash matching,
- Children to do a sponsored event. Ideas suggested include a 'funky feet' or reading challenge. Discussed making it fun for the children and maybe splitting the event and having a different event for KS1 than KS2. Need to make sure that any challenge is inclusive for all children of all abilities.
- Discussed having a sponsored dress up day for teachers and dress down day for children.

c. Christmas: calendar, cards, online raffle/auction

- Christmas Cards were discussed but thought it would be too difficult.
- An idea for a Calendar was discussed and seemed popular, however, it would need more thought regarding how we would include all the children on them.
- Discussed welcoming new parents to school by having a rainbow drawn up with their names on it as a welcome.

d. Online Quiz

- Family Quiz Night - questions organized by Parentkind - NG to investigate a ticket payment method and we need to ask parents to see if anyone is willing to host the event.

e. Easy fundraising/amazon smile etc.

- Need to do push for easy fundraising and Amazon smile. Check date of application for Co-op scheme.

f. Spring Dance date?

- Spring dance date was discussed and decided to leave it on the list for now and review again at a later date.

3 Supporting parents

a. Uniform sales

RD to send out a Parentmail re AGM, school uniform sales and to mention the new PTA website. Trial the survey and start to tell parents about upcoming planned events.

b. Business adverts

Business adverts - parents contacting Ruth about their business which they want to promote within the school - AC discussed using the website and parents donating to advertise on the PTA website. Issue was that the website wasn't kept up to date. RD discussed tweeting about parent business on Twitter.

c. Community support

RD to send out a Parentmail regarding support to families who need to go into lockdown/isolate and may need help with shopping or support with food etc.

4 Communication

a. Welcome message to new parents - gift?

Parentmail to new parents and possible video of the school done by Year 6 children as a guided tour of the school.

Class reps were discussed for new parents.

b. Parentmail to all parents - welcome back, AGM, new website, uniform, calendar/competition entries

c. Survey

d. Communication: new notice board/video messages

New notice board has arrived it was meant to be outside the school gates but worried about parents congregating so putting it on hold until for the time being.

e. Social media

AOB

PTA still have all the gift for Mrs Taylor waiting a time when we can celebrate. Agreed to arrange to send thank you flowers to the office staff.