

Parrett & Axe PTFA AGM Minutes

21st October 2020

Held over Zoom

Present: Antoinette Howard-Gardner, Jo Fursman, Sophie Wiles, Sue Pakes, Simon Smith, Shelley Lancaster, Jayne Harris, Emma House, Karen Reeve, Liza Caddy & Lyndsay Bailey.

Apologies: Katie Lamb, Toni-Lea Childs & Kirstie Jones

Election of Officers:

Chair – Antoinette Howard-Gardner. Proposed by Lyndsay Bailey. Seconded by Shelley Lancaster.

Treasurer – Jo Fursman. Proposed by Lyndsay Bailey. Seconded by Shelley Lancaster.

Secretary – Sophie Wiles. Proposed by Lyndsay Bailey. Seconded by Shelley Lancaster.

Matters Arising: Sue Pakes – the chair of the governors attended to ask the PTFA if they would be able to fund for 16 additional iPads for the school to enable a whole class to be able to use them at one time. Due to Covid 19 the school are unable to have volunteers in to hear the children read, so they are struggling to be able to get all the children listened to.

With all classrooms having new interactive whiteboards, the iPads would be well used.

16 iPads at a cost of £4,573 are being requested. After a lot of to-ing and fro-ing it was decided that the PTFA will transfer across half of the funds to the school, with the school putting in the other half for now, just to get them ordered and in use. Then the fundraising that we will be doing in the near future will be to refund the schools contribution and replenish the PTFA funds.

Headteachers Report: Simon said what a strange year 2020 has been, one of the strangest he's had in his whole teaching career. They are missing the contact with parents, but the school carries on due to the hard work of the staff. The school staff are working flat out at the moment, and the feedback that he is getting from parents and family reflects that – 'Its working really well', 'children are calm'. This is all down to the massive hard work that the teachers are putting in and he would just like us to know how amazing the staff at the school are.

They have used some funding for a new shelter to be put on the far side of the field. It will be used as a supplement to forest school (it can hold 30 children), and will also be used as a relaxation area with yoga and mindfulness taking place. He will be finalising the order tomorrow and the aim is for it to be built by the end of the next half term.

Treasurer Report:

Fundraising this year has been restricted due to COVID and as a result there has been a deficit of £2,957 that has been funded from previously held funds.

The school lottery currently has 37 supporters and raises approximately £100 per month for the school however numbers are dropping off.

During lockdown we signed up to easyfundraising and amazon smile, take up has been disappointing with only 9 supporters to date however funds raised has been £25 over a couple of months so if we can increase numbers this could generate a good level of income.

Parrett and Axe PTFA	
Profit and Loss	
September 2019 - August 2020	
	£
Income	
Ball donation	100.00
Clothes bank donations	40.00
Disco	161.72
Easter eggs sold	64.00
Lottery income	1006.90
Movie Nights	270.48
Xmas Fayre income	1176.48
Total Income	2819.58
Expenses	
AGM expenses	30.00
Ball deposits	150.00
Disco expenses	8.77
Easter eggs	54.75
Insurance, licences, etc	201.20
Leavers gift	81.89
Movie night expenses	42.15
Xmas Fayre expenses	245.96
Donations to school	4961.64
	5776.36
Bank balance @ 1.9.19	7698.34
Cash @ 1.9.19	100.00
Income	2819.58
Expenses	-5776.36
	4841.56
Bank balance @ 31.10.19	4841.56
Cash @ 31.10.19	0.00
	4841.56

Bank balance as of today is £5,074.96.

Chair Report: Antoinette would just like to say a big thank you to everyone who has supported the PTFA and an even bigger thankyou to everyone who has continued to support the PTFA through the school lottery & easy fundraising as these are the only way of raising funds currently. Before we had to go in lockdown and cease fundraising we were getting some really positive feedback regarding events. Any ideas for Covid 19 safe fundraising will be greatly appreciated from anyone.

AOB: Jayne Harris gave us all an update on the sport situation. Jayne is really trying to get swimming back, but currently Crewkerne don't have a slot available. She will look at Bridport Leisure Centre and see if they can offer anything. If Jayne did manage to get swimming up and going again then they may need some funding for transport etc, but at the time of the meeting it was all very much still up in the air.

With the children coming in already dressed in their PE kits on PE days, Jayne says it saves so much time, that she would like to see that carried on when the restrictions get lifted.

There will be no competitive sporting events this side of Christmas at least.

Fundraising:

Some ideas that were mentioned were:

Xmas Hamper Raffle – We would ask parents to donate items, which would be put in a box and left for 72 hours before handling. Hamper categories would be changed to class themes as opposed to school teams to decrease handling. Hampers would be made up at school (outside) to limit contamination. Simon needs to check whether paper raffle tickets will be fine or whether we need to look at a different method.

Sponsored Walks – The children can get sponsored for walking in the school grounds/doing an obstacle course etc. To liven it up, they could be in fancy dress, crazy hair etc.

Easy Fundrasing – Needs to be advertised to a wider audience. Put in the parish magazine, shared on the village facebook page.

Carols – Yr 6 are already practising their carols so it was brought up about incorporating that into fundraising by a virtual concert or carols around the village. It would need to be spoken about a lot more and Simon will speak to Nick Harris regarding this. However it was felt that carols around the village would be better than a virtual concert as in this tough year, people in the community who are alone would possibly be uplifted by hearing carols outside.

Sponsorship – Looking into the idea of getting companies to sponsor for the purchase of the iPads.

Ball – Lyndsay will rearrange the ball for next October time as its not likely it will be able to go ahead in March. Also the possibility of asking the sponsors of the ball to sponsor the iPads this year and the ball next year.

Wishing Tree – People pay £1 to put a wish on a tree – one on the roundabout at school or one in the village.

End of Meeting.