

BENHALL ST MARY'S PTA

Minutes from meeting – 16TH February 2019

ATTENDEES: Chair – Jenny Eaves (JE)

Nanette Teague (NT), Bridget Revell (BR), Hayden Morris (HM) Angela Pearce (AP), Katrina Mann (KM) Katy Jenkins (KJ) Sarah Scrivener (SS) Clare Vorstius-Ling (CVL) Sophia Le Sauvage (SLS)

Apologies: Lynette Cartwright (LC)

Previous minutes confirmed OK.

Finances:

Balance: £3714.63

Cheques written since last meeting: £588.00 for class budgets and £174.48 for Tuck Shop stock.

£42.85 cash banked (tuckshop takings) and £29.35 to be banked (tuckshop takings).

Upcoming expenditure – Leavers mugs approx. £150

NT has received a letter from BT Donate to say that they will be closing. They have suggested Virgin Money Giving as an alternative. HM has received same letter for Scouts and is looking at other options available. We have until April to decide so will discuss further at next meeting.

Questionnaires

We received 33 responses out of 77 families in the school.

In class learning equipment or apps similar to TTR (Times table rock stars) and Playground Equipment/Structures tied parents preferred option. (The school are looking into a spelling app similar to TTR so it was decided this would not be a suggestion.)

It was discussed how to take action on these results. Do we send out a further survey to get ideas of what sort of things parents would like. Do we approach parents in the playground? KJ suggested Google Survey and that Dawn may be able to help us with this.

JE and SS to get together to narrow down options and work out further questions to be asked.

Parents evening W/C 11th March so this could be a possible time for questionnaires to be given out or for us to ask parents.

Possibility of a whole school trip was discussed. 1xBus costs £250, we would need at least two and insurance is 25p per person (children and adults)

Fundraising

Bake Sale: Nanette to set up. Suggested charge 50p. JE and KM to help. KJ to send out further text reminder.

Book Day Cake Sale: Flyer/request to go out after half term

Play Raffle: WE have prizes for this already

The Jumble Sale was discussed and the possibility of this being outside as the hall can get quite congested. Bags for schools will be organised for after this.

Other Fundraising

St Elizabeth's Hospice – Mrs Johnstone is organising this so we will speak to her if she would like any PTA input.

Red Nose Day – School will organise something

Easter egg Hunt – Busy week at school last week of term. Possibility discussed of doing the hunt before Church.

There are 100 children in the school. PTA will fund the eggs. KM to look at prices and liaise with BR regarding children with intolerances etc.

School Sleepover – We decided against this.

Letters to Parish Councils – JE suggested we write to each parish council within the school catchment requesting donations. This was thought to be a good idea and JE will draft a letter and bring to next meeting to discuss.

AOB

Netball Hoops – Possibility of children being able to have access at lunchtime discussed. KJ explained that this was not really an option due to problems that balls etc. in playground causes. Hula Hoops and skipping ropes have been purchased and they are also awaiting delivery of other games.

MUGA – HM advised that the MUGA project is being shelved.

- The FA has requested their money back as it had not been used in the allocated amount of time.
- Lack of interest from village and local councils.
- Other funding not available for smaller areas

The PTA had put aside £1000 towards this so we can allocate this back to funds available.

Croquet Pitch – KJ has been in contact with Fields in Trust who had not been overly helpful. HM gave some suggestions so she will go back to them

Possibility of some of us joining The Benhall Club Committee was discussed so that we could work with them to enable us to use this during the school day.

Date of Next Meeting

Fri 8th March 9:00am