

Eyam School PTFA Extraordinary General Meeting – 5th April 2017 7.30pm at The Mechanics Institute

Attendees

Jo Tinker, Nicky Wright, Pam Cocker, Claire Walsh , Louise Heath, Lucy Taylor, Laura Haywood, Oona Gilbertson, Becky Edwards, Louise Heath, Zoe Darley, Louise Botswain, Jayne Pritzlaff, Eleanor Ross, Mel Rawson, Hannah Bennett.

Apologies

Sophie Bell, Julia Pritchard, Vikki Binns

Minutes from last meeting

Unanimously agreed

1. Financial Position

The full financial report is available. Currently the PTA balance is almost £5,581.03 with an additional £5,143.03 that is provisionally agreed spending.

2. Information from O.G.

O.G thanked the PTFA for all their efforts and fund raising. O.G explained how the funding from the PTFA goes to further the education of all the children in a variety of ways. These include equipment, additional events and experiences and the environment of the school.

All spending is in keeping with the goals and vision of the school – TEAM (Together Everyone Achieves More).

O.G explained the school would also value support with activities with in the school, for example putting up displays, admin, photocopying, reading with children, PE support, art or cook, grow eat club.

The school would welcome the involvement of the whole village community, and in fact already benefits from a number of volunteers.

O.G. explained the school development plan and some of the activities the children are involved in e.g. change for life, eco school, pupil parliament, school buddies.

O.G explained how much is involved in curriculum planning. For example Trips - aspects of a trip may be planned around engaging children who struggle with writing. Also cross-curricular Maths teaching involving realistic use of Maths and the development of higher order thinking skills such as self assessment skills.

Sports funding was discussed, the role of sport and music as opportunities to promote group work, friendship, social skills, confidence and independence.

O.G explained the school are planning to build within the empty courtyard, this would provide a space for music tuition, Speech and Language support, small group work, private meeting with children and parents.

O.G thanked the PTFA for their help supporting the new outdoor area which has been used for a wide range of activities including gymnastics, mini leaders and gardening. An official opening is planned to thank the community.

3. Planned building work

N.W spoke about her voluntary work supporting children in school. The current space available to provide children with extra support for speech and language difficulties, reading or any other extra support is not appropriate. Often it is shared with a music lesson, and is subject to other interruptions. It is not suitable in terms of privacy or quietness to help the children concentrate.

This is in keeping with the current building ideas, the meeting was supportive of this.

4. Survey Results and Constitution

J.P thanked everyone for completing the PTFA survey. The comments of each parent were discussed. These comments can be seen on the Agenda.

It was agreed to include the whole community in the PTFA and to try and expand the committee to include other members of the community. Information about the PTFA will be put in the parish news that the PTFA meeting is open to all. It was suggested that the school garden could be involved in open gardens next year and we will ask Mrs Jackson if she can add a prompt to buy bonfire tickets in the Eym calendar.

A suggestion was made that the PTFA recruit parents to be a year rep for each year. If that rep cannot attend they could nominate another parents from that year group so that representation for all year groups is made.

A bigger social media presence was felt to be needed. C.W had agreed to manage this.

It was agreed 6 members for the PTFA need to be present at meetings for it to be Quarat

The PTFA will meet more regularly, on the last Wednesday of any given half term and publish the agenda in advance to allow those that cannot attend to forward comments/pass these to the class rep.

Legally the PTFA needs a record of all spending and it was agreed that the school will make requests in writing in future. A form for this was agreed.

The new constitution was adopted by an unanimous vote. A full copy is available on request.

5. Funding requests

Interactive White board – O.G has asked for half the cost of this £1000

Guinea pigs and their equipment - £unknown but under £150

Style Mill Trip - cost TBC

These and other recent spending (see list attached) were all approved by unanimous vote.

6. Clothes Collection

This raised over £200. There were concerns over the company weighing the bags unfairly and P.C has reported them to trading standards.

7. Children's Art

It was agreed to ask the children to do some art to be used on social media/posters/logos etc. This will form a 'bank' of pictures to be used for various events. Kate Hatfield to help with this.

8. Uniform

This can now be purchased directly via the internet. The school will get 5%. There is some back stock that will be sold. O.G suggested the idea of a special hoodie for Y6 involving all the children's first names. The school uniform supplier will make these. The children would be allowed to use these as uniform in Y6. This was felt to be a nice idea but some concerns were raised about the affordability for all children. It was agreed to make Y6 collectively responsible to fundraise enough for everyone to have a hoodie. The PTFA will provide support to the children with this.

9. Film Club

We have applied to join IntoFilm who will provide the licences required. We are awaiting their documentation.

10. Next Meeting

It was agreed that a regular schedule of meeting would help. PTFA meeting will be at 8pm on the last Wednesday of each half term. This will be the 24th May.