

## 15<sup>th</sup> March 2018 - PTFA meeting minutes

- **Apologies** - Vikki Binns, Claire Walsh, Sophie Bell, Lucy Taylor, Trish Allison
- Pam C approved and signed off last meetings minutes
- **Amazon wish list** – to have one of these a school account would need to be set up (including bank details for account set up) – OG to consider
- **Fundraising with local businesses** – following the success of the curry cottage donation evening, Hope valley pizza have been contacted regarding a similar deal. No reply from them as yet. JP to chase up.
- **Curry cottage** – EW needed account details to transfer money received across. Katherine H to help arrange.
- **Shoe maker's march** – Caroline and Emma to lead cake stall – cakes and bakes will be needed for the day (April 14<sup>th</sup>)
- **Potential Race night** – ongoing
- **Bike ride** – ongoing. Julia P to contact Nicky Dix as a possible person to help run a cycling activity fundraising session. Potential to also include a second hand bike/ cycling gear sale
- **School lottery** – ongoing – Sophie Bell has set up and registered the school for an account. Now with OG to action.
- **Hattersley wine night** – EW has confirmed a venue and wine providers who are happy to hold an event at a restaurant (in Monyash) to make it easier in terms of licences etc. proposed dates of 17<sup>th</sup> or 18<sup>th</sup> November.
- **Lottery for extension** – something to look at/discuss in the future
- **Book barn** – JP to take some donations from school. Book barn open for more donations, particularly childrens books and classics.
- **PTFA Whatsapp group** – class reps to make sure parents/carers are aware of the group and that they are added if they want. Discussion to target new parents and carers before and when they join the school as we all felt the group was a great resource of information and a good forum to ask informal questions.

Needs to be made more open and welcome to all... some work to be done to get more people involved including the new starters (see point above). Also discussed whether we need to give it a new/ alternative name to reflect what the group is about (Parents/carers and friends of school?)

- **FINANCIAL REPORT** – Katherine H explained the latest figures – awaiting curry cottage donation
- **Easy fundraising** – Caroline raised the easy fundraising options some companies such as Next participate in. Worth signing up if you regularly use particular companies for an easy donation amount.
- **Oftsed** – JP read out the feedback from the recent report.

PTFA feedback – discussion as to whether 'outstanding' is achievable being a smaller school with skewed percentages. - Concern with limited future steps for progression? - Happy with a 'good good' and that ofsted were pleased overall

- **Character and future vision is the focus of the Parents Forum on 10 April 2-3pm** – OG asked if class reps could ask for/ chase responses. Discussion raised that we may struggle to get more interest or involvement on top of already having PTFA meetings etc and could these somehow be combined?

- **Garden** – Katherine Hildyard has raised the fact that the school are creating something towards the RHS flower show at Chatsworth and will be needing parents/carers and families to help in growing. Seeds or plugs and details on how to grow or help (especially if we need greenhouses etc. (6-10th June is the show). It was suggested to look into bulk purchases for economy on the seeds or plugs.
- **Wooded area** – OG raised that help is needed - we need more information please
- **Thanks** from OG to Julia P for planning and holding an archaeological workshop and to all involved for the upcoming easier activities.
- **Sports kit sponsorship** – lots of interest and all agreed a good idea.
  - Queries on costs involved before anyone can commit.
  - Potential to ask one business or several smaller business who would also be interested and would split costs.
- **Extension Funding** - The question was asked as to whether we run a separate extension pot and committee. A unanimous show of hands resulted in a YES to the separate funding pot (so as not to be seen to be taking over other spending) and a unanimous vote of NO to having a separate committee
  - Initial grant was rejected (as not suitable for our project)
  - We would be expected to raise a portion of the build say 10-15 k
  - Help with grants would be valuable – potential to ask Nicky Wright as she has some experience in grants. Laura h and Jayne p would be happy to also spend some time trying to understand what grants may be out there if needed.
  - Questions over what the space was needed for – discussed privacy/ music/ meetings etc.
  - Agree it is a valuable space which is needed
  - Most agreed that 60k seems really steep for the quotes. Does the cost justify the use (particularly with forecasts for the schools growth?)?
  - Caroline asked for any feedback to be raised through the newsletter but has had no response. We agreed it was really important to get feedback from the majority of parents so everyone is on board as it is potentially a big cost and a lot of fundraising work and time/favours to be asked of people. Having people on the same page will also alleviate future issues or concerns.
  - Key decision to have a separate pot of fundraising so as not to be seen to take away from children’s specific activities.
  - Have other options been explored for the space issue? Such as a speared cheaper stand alone building (portakabin etc). Maybe more of an exercise needs to be done and if it has to maybe explain this further to the parents.
  - OG to maybe set up an official extension discussion – possibly a ballot to get backing and support. More of a parent facing discussion. Only a small number of parents represent the PTFA.
  - PTFA happy to support additional space but we require more feedback on costs/ alternatives/ need and usage. Mrs G agrees as soon as we have more of a cost breakdown.
- **Easter event** – All organised and ready to go for next week. Minimal cost and also not asking for donations from parents. Pam in discussion with Ashley (shop) for a deal on Easter treats.
- PC raised a potential to organise a 60s night in the near future
- **Fundraising** idea raised – a successful and easy idea (which a few local schools and pre schools have done successfully) is to send a tube of smarties home with a note to ask to be refilled with 20ps (or other change). Can we do something similar for a quick and simple fundraiser?
- **Online payments & communication** – it was raised that it would be really useful to have an online payment system to make it easier to make payments (regular or one off) for all things school related. Also more online form options such as consent forms etc.