PTA Meeting Minutes

Wednesday 15th November 2023 at 7pm in School

Attending: Marc Furia (MF), Vicky May (VM), Lauren Hunt (LH), Sophie Kennedy (SK), Fiona Greig (FG), Lyn Probert-Ottewell (LPO), Sherry O Kuffer (SOK), Chris Edwards (CE), Harriet Phillips (HP)

Apologies: Lianne Eckersley-Ford (LEF), Andrea Webb (AW), Jo Heafey (JH), Phil Gilbert (PG)

MF opened the meeting with a welcome to all members, old and new, and apologies as listed above.

Previous meeting minutes were discussed in brief and unanimously approved.

A short financial report was given by VM, standing in as Treasurer. An income and expenditure account for October was shared showing the funds raised from the disco at £108.25. The total funds now in the bank are: £1689.11 and in the petty cash £525.65. LEF has agreed to take over as Treasurer from Kelly Caswell-Treen, we are very grateful to Kelly for all the work she has put into the PTA and wish her and her wife and daughter best of luck at their new school. *Action :LEF will be meeting at MF and KCT at the bank next week to change over signatories.*

С	Collingbourne CE Primary PTA		Month Oct 23		Registration Number:1092546			
EXPENDITURE				INCOME				
Date	Particulars	Cash	Bank	Date	Particulars	Cash	Bank	
				01-Oct-23	Opening Balance b/f	£417.40	£1,689.11	
				17-Oct-23	Monster Disco	£108.25		
31/10/2023	Balance c/d	£525.65	£1,689.11					
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					Balance b/d	£	£2,214.76	

Renewal of the Parentkind membership and the benefits of the public liability insurance it provides were discussed. MF had received an e-mail from Parentkind regarding this. *Action: MF to forward an e-mail from Parentkind to VM to read and respond.*

The Grand opening of the decking was a success, everyone was pleased with the steps and the first event on them being the Bake Off judging with the Wiltshire Air Ambulance mascot. There is concern over the over growing hedges and trees from the other side of the fence dropping debris onto the decking and increasing the chances of it becoming slippery and dangerous as well as increasing the likelihood of the timber becoming rotten over a few years even with regular maintenance. A quote has been received from Countrywide of £600 to cut back the trees. HP has e-mailed the council regarding the work and whether the council might fund it, a reply has been received but it will be submitted in the January Parish Council meeting for discussion. Meanwhile LH's friend will quote for the work as well as Darren Heath. It was suggested that if we remove the waste ourselves it might reduce the cost CM offered the use of his trailer to do this. *Action: Quotes to be obtained by LH and VM and the e-mail to the Parish Council must be resubmitted after 22nd November by HP.*

The October disco was reviewed as a successful event, almost 100% turnout from the children. Reception children will be invited to attend the February disco as they will be that little bit more settled in the school environment and confident to mix with years 1 and 2.

A Bake Sale will be held on Friday 24th November as there is a bit of a gap in the calendar. VM will advertise by poster and Dojo. FG volunteered to lead the event, with help from CE, MF, LH and LPO to set up. VM will bring the bone china cups and saucers. HP and LH will ensure there are some 'free from' bakes available. No need for a float or price list as we will just ask for donations. The secondhand uniform rail will be out, manned by Andrea Webb (AW). AW has agreed to take on the role of secondhand uniform shop manager. *Action: FG to buy milk, those mentioned above to be at school for set up between 2.30-2.45pm*.

A PTA Facebook page to advertise events will be set up and managed by FG. Action FG to set up.

HP asked if the PTA could organise a visit from Santa to bring each class a crafting present to be chosen by the teaching staff. MF has agreed to be Santa if PG doesn't want to do it, a budget of between £100 and £150 was agreed. Action: VM to ask PG if he would like to be Santa, teachers to chose and order there gifts, School Office to liaise with Santa over timings and outfit etc.

Mulled wine and mince pies will be served at the musical soiree, SO-K, FG and SK have volunteered to serve and take donations. LE-F will be asked to talk to Tesco about some free mince pies for the event, LH will buy the mulled wine. Set up and help Mrs Jeffrey from 4.30pm. *Action: MF to ask LE-F about sourcing mince pies, LH to buy mulled wine with petty cash. VM to advertise.*

The PTA will serve teas and coffees at the carol concert on the last day of term. LP-O and CE will take the lead on this, making sure they are in church in plenty of time to offer hot drinks to Parents who are waiting, a donations pot can be put out but it is not expected. *Actions: LP-O to take milk, tea, coffee and sugar down to the church.*

The Elf Trail was brought up by HP as she is keen for the PTA to take it on this year, SK has agreed to help with the printing and naming the elves with Disney character names. Everyone to do their best to get items for the prize draw. *Actions: SK to liaise with HP*.

Communications were briefly discussed, some members would like to move back from Signal to Whatsapp for messages. HP would like to have an app that doesn't display her mobile phone number. *Action: FG will look into whether this is possible on Whatsapp.*

MF would like to attempt a meeting every 4-6 weeks, the next meeting will be held on Wednesday, 13th December at the Tipple Inn. *Action: MF to check availability of the Tipple. VM to advertise.*