

Minutes of the Aldryngton PTA meeting 16th October 2014

1. Present

Simon Feist; Anna Neffendorf; Elaine Stewart; Julia Franks; Kay Blackaby; Clair Harris, Philip Byrne; Michaela Thomas

2. Apologies

Rhona Phipps

3. Minutes of last meeting and matters arising

- Wokingham do not have a policy for promoting external linked events we can follow, Radstock have a policy we may be able to adapt but it is probably best if we create our own **JF / SF**
- New code for the PTA garage lock – unfortunately as a result of the change in code the lock seized and had to be replaced. **Ongoing**
- Look into booking Happy's Circus for a Saturday in 2016 – **Action SF asap**

There were no other matters arising and the Minutes were agreed to be an accurate record of the meeting on 10th July 2014

4. Treasurer's report

The treasurer's report was discussed and will be available on the PTA page of the school website.

The cinema and bingo event raised over £1250.

There is currently an amount of cake sale monies still unspent going back to 2012/13. It was agreed that any money that has not been spent by Christmas will be spent on additional Numicon resources which will benefit the school as a whole.

5. Events this term

Wrap a present – AP is still coordinating but will need helpers as usual. It has been suggested that wrapping the majority of the presents in advance would speed up sales and reduce the number of helpers needed on the sale days.

3-4 tape dispensers to be purchased **Action AN**

Donations of wrapping paper to be requested **Action MT** – newsletter f/book etc

Christmas Cards – 110 templates were completed, order forms will go out before half term, volunteers already set up to help with this.

Disco – Parents' bar – Middle school classrooms to be used. Michaela has arranged a number of helpers. Stock to be purchased beforehand.

Christmas fair – need to set up a working group for this activity. PB offered to lead
TEN will need to be completed in someone else's name as AN has reached the limit for this year.

Letters for raffle donations to go out asap

Olga Jones – possibility of music in the hall? **SF to contact**

A parent has offered to donate some indian food

Martin and Pole advertising boards to be organised

Possible to use some kind of garden gazebo as a structure for Santa's Grotto

6. School funding partnership

Quotes are now in for the replacement pool cover roller. They range from around £2500 to over £8000. A decision has yet to be made regarding which quote to accept.

ES presented the following large scale projects to the meeting for consideration.

PTA funding requests – October 2014

Large scale projects – outdoors

1. School field – the school field is a key school facility but it is of poor quality and is deteriorating year on year due to high usage levels and a lack of maintenance. It also has a tendency to flood as we all experienced on the Try a Tri event day. Proposed that the field undergoes a treatment process ie feed and weed is applied and the drainage greatly improved. This would have to be done over a period of time by sectioning off parts of the field one at a time to allow sport and lettings to continue during the upgrade
2. Trim trak part 2. The current trim trak is requiring increasingly regular repairs to its structure. It is not in immediate need of replacing but it would be wise to consider extending the existing provision.
3. Digging area improvements – this is a popular area of the school field. However it needs upgrading to make it more suitable with associated risks of playing with dusty soil reduced.

Large scale improvements – indoors

1. A professional upgrade to the hall floor to ensure it is thoroughly stripped back and a very hard wearing surface is laid. Mr Bridge spends time each Sunday preparing the hall floor but the surface is quickly marked.
2. Smart board replacements – the original boards have been in place for several years now and many have lost their interactive properties.
3. I-Pads – the school is initiating the use of I-Pads for staff and pupils in Foundation Stage. In this year's budget we have only been able to set aside money for three devices though.
4. Further Numicon purchases to reduce the need to share equipment within and across teams.

These projects will be put to the Grounds Development Group where relevant and will be discussed further at the next meeting. It was proposed that funds raised by the Try-a-Tri could be used specifically for one of the outdoor projects. It was requested that if it were possible to make a list of those classrooms that are highest priority for a new interactive whiteboard and some idea of the cost involved.

7. AOB

- The signatories need to be updated on the bank account to replace Claire Connell as signatory with Clair Harris. Referring to the Natwest Bank Mandate *it was **resolved** that the signing rules in the current mandate for the accounts detailed in section 2, be replaced in accordance with section 4; and/or the authorised signatories in the current mandate, for the Accounts detailed in section 2, be changed in accordance with section 5, and the current mandate will continue as amended.*
- Vicki Adams would like to purchase a covered clothes rail for second-hand school uniform sales **Approved (15/1)**
- A question was raised on the parents' Facebook page – will PTA consider organising and funding transport to cross country for children whose parents work so they don't have to miss out? The matter was discussed and it was decided that this is outside the remit of the PTA, and also there would be an issue of who would be supervising these children as they would need a parent or other adult to be in charge.
- PTA is to purchase and donate to school six Aldryngton Jubilee mugs to be used for guests. **Approved (15/2)**
- There was some discussion about the possibility of providing School logo t-shirts to be used by children competing at inter-school events. There will also be a competition to design logos for House T-shirts.
- We have received a donation of brand new overstock items from the Stenson family including earrings, hairbands and hair clips. PTA is very grateful for the donation, and these will be used to raise funds for school via Wrap-a-present.
- MT has purchased a selection of stationery items for use by PTA at events. We would like to thank Michaela for this kind donation.

10. Date of Next Meeting

Thursday 27th November 2014 at 7pm