

PTA Meeting Minutes

Date: Tuesday 24th January 2023

Time: 8.00pm

Location: The Clarence Inn, Brecon

Attendance – Alice James (chair), Mrs Shan Kenchington (headteacher), Amy McMillan (treasurer), Liz Bennett (secretary), Mrs Vicci Holloway, Sara Smith, Hayley Studley

Welcome from Alice. Apologies from Kirsten Johns, Ceri Hughes and Carol Boven.

No amendments needed from last minutes.

Amy gave the financial update. Present balance of £1777.64. Payments for the £100 Christmas gift for each class from PTA have not yet been processed. Invoices for music sessions through South Powys Youth Music (£650) have now been processed. A payment of £140 for 'ParentKind' membership and £40 for the 'Kiddycook' session has been deducted. Other deductions included Christmas books, 'Elfridges' gifts, raffle prizes, and food for the Christmas party.

It was discussed how fundraising by Easyfundraising could be increased as Amazon Smile is coming to an end. Alice/Mrs Holloway agreed to send out via Schoop a 'step by step' guide to setting up Easyfundraising and to highlight to parents that the Mount Street Infant School Facebook group also contains information (also encourage all parents to join the Facebook group). Sara suggested that a 'wish list' was set up on Amazon by staff – giving an opportunity for anyone to purchase items that are needed by the school. Mrs Kenchington/Mrs Holloway agreed to look into this idea.

Events this term were discussed. Mrs Kenchington advised that the 'Easter Disco' after school event would take place on Thursday 30th March (4.45pm finish). Alice agreed that this date would be preferred by parents with children in Mount Street Junior School as they too had a planned after school event that evening. Alice agreed to speak to Rosie Mellerick-Wheeler to ask if she would kindly provide the disco. PTA to provide food and drink needed. A charge of £2.50 each was agreed by all. Smarties would be having their own Easter party during school hours and all in agreement for PTA to provide food.

As discussed in previous meeting, a 'Rainbow hampers' raffle would be organised this term as it was a great success last year and easy to organise. It was discussed that once again each class (six in total including Smarties) would be allocated a colour and that each child could donate an item (non-perishable) of that colour to their class hamper. It was agreed that the raffle draw would take place in school assembly on Friday 24th March (the week before the end of term). Sara to make poster to send out to parents via Schoop after half-term (at least two weeks before the raffle draw).

As suggested in previous meeting, a cinema trip this term would be organised. The Coliseum in Brecon would need to be contacted to find out about showings/prices etc. Sara suggested also speaking to Theatr Brycheiniog about this.



Mrs Kenchington informed everyone that there are still items available at the 'Uniform Cooperative' and that parents would be able to access this again at parents evening (no dates as yet but will take place before the Easter holiday). All agreed the need for a Schoop message to be sent out to parents requesting donations (to now include 'swimming kit') and to make parents aware that the 'Uniform Co-operative' is continuing. The 'Uniform Co-operative' can then move to the undercover outdoor area (as before) during the summer term to allow easier access for all parents.

Events in the summer term were discussed. Mrs Kenchington informed everyone that there would be a 'Summer Festival'. All in agreement that this would be a great event to celebrate Mount Street Infant School. Ideas and suggestions regarding this event would be discussed in the next meeting.

No AOB.

The next meeting will be held after the Easter holiday (date to be confirmed) at The Clarence Inn, Brecon.

Close and thanks by Alice.

Meeting ended by chair at 9.15pm.