



## PTA Meeting Minutes

**Date: Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> October 2023**

**Time: 8.00pm**

**Location: The Clarence Inn, Brecon**

**Attendance – Alice James (chair), Liz Bennett (secretary), Mrs Vicci Holloway, Sara Smith, Kirsten Johns, Kayleigh Gee, Elen Kelly.**

**Welcome from Alice. Apologies from Mrs Shan Kenchington (headteacher), Amy McMillan (treasurer), Hayley Studley, Ceri Hughes.**

**No amendments needed from last minutes.**

**Alice gave the financial update from information sent through by Amy prior to the meeting. Present balance of £881.86. Payments for the ice creams on Sports Day (£234) and ice lollies for the 'Stay and Play' sessions (£17.85) have been processed. There is another deduction of £275 for the bouncy castle at the 'Summer Festival' (Amy to check if processed- present balance includes this deduction). Further deductions for tea/coffee etc. for Macmillan coffee morning will soon be processed. The after school 'Stay and Play' sessions during the summer term raised £66.99.**

**Mrs Holloway informed everyone of spending requests received from Mrs Hutch for waterproof suits (£134.91) and from Mrs Morgan for a clothes airer (~£30). All in agreement to these requests.**

**'Easyfundraising' was discussed. Alice will promote again via 'Schoop' with instructions on how to sign up. Mrs Holloway also agreed to inform new parents/carers via 'Schoop' of the MSIS Facebook group.**

**Events this term were discussed. It was suggested that an after school 'Movie/craft/activities night' would be a good idea as these have always been successful previously. Mrs Holloway advised that staff would be willing to stay after school for the event (until 5pm). All in agreement that PTA members would arrange refreshments and go in to school to support the event. It was agreed the charge would be £3.50 per child and would take place on Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> October.**

**Mrs Holloway informed everyone that a date and venue for this year's Christmas concert have not been finalised yet. Mrs Jenkinson had a meeting the following day at The Guildhall and was also considering the Cathedral as a venue (following information forwarded by Hayley). All in agreement that PTA would organise raffle prize/hamper for the event. It was suggested that raffle tickets should be sold beforehand as well as at the event. Mrs Holloway agreed that this could be set up via 'ParentPay'.**



This year's Christmas party was discussed. This event would include a disco and a visit from Santa. PTA to arrange refreshments and gift from Santa. The date and time to be confirmed by Mrs Holloway. Alice would contact Rosie as she has kindly arranged the disco in previous years.

It was agreed that 'Elfridges' was such a success last year that it should be arranged again. PTA to buy and wrap ~120 small gifts for the 'Elfridges' shop. The children would visit the shop to 'buy' (with a token) a gift for family members. Mrs Holloway advised that the event could take place on Monday 18<sup>th</sup> December. PTA members to set up and organise shop on the day.

The 'Uniform Co-operative' was discussed. Mrs Holloway informed everyone that there are still items available. All agreed the importance of continuing to promote and encourage parents to use the 'Uniform Co-operative'.

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The future of MSIS PTA was discussed and what may happen after the amalgamation in September 2024. Will there be one PTA across the three sites? Mrs Holloway agreed to discuss with the future headteacher. Also, confusion around the application process for a school place for September 2024 was discussed. It was felt there was no guidance around what parents/carers should do considering MSIS and MSJS would no longer exist as separate schools in September 2024. Alice would email Powys admissions to highlight this.

The possible return of 'Little Gems' playgroup was mentioned. Alice advised that this was still being looked into.

A coffee morning was suggested as a future fundraising event – a chance for parents to socialise while raising funds for the school.

It was suggested that at the next meeting a live stream could be set up (Elen to organise) in order to make the meetings more accessible.

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> November, 8.00pm, The Clarence Inn, Brecon.

Close and thanks by Alice.

Meeting ended by chair at 9.15pm.