

Minutes of PTA meeting

10/1/17

Present: Nicola Spicer, Rachael Barwick, Alison Osborne, Lucy Armitage, Donna Laycock, Kate Tole, Katharine Calvert, Alex Swinton, Tim Whitehead

Apologies: Ruth Sharples, Laura Paxford, Lisa Snell

1. **Finances**

Lucy reported that there is just over £2000 in the PTA account. Discussion then focussed on how best to use this money to benefit the children in the school.

2. **Needs**

- a) A generic 'Kildwick school' **banner** is to be purchased for £90 which will be multi purpose – will be used for many events.
- b) **Sports equipment** – Nicola suggested the purchase of 50 PE vests which could be worn over the usual t-shirts to ensure that all students look smart (and identifiable!) when competing at events with other schools. Cost is £100 for blue vest tops. Nicola is to investigate cost of embroidery with Kildwick logo.
- c) It was decided that the PTA will contribute towards the cost of the '**Marvellous Me**' app – a way of quickly communicating children's achievements in school to parents via their smartphones which has been proven in other local schools to enhance children's motivation and make it easier for parent to engage with their child's learning. The initial cost is £400, which will be met by the school and the PTA jointly.
- d) Mrs Sharples and Miss Paxford wish to run a **Spelling Bee** competition as a way of raising the 'status' of spelling across the school, but with a particular focus on KS2 children's achievement. The PTA agreed to donate money for vouchers as prizes – a total cost of £100 (£20 for each prize).
- e) Mr Whitehead reported that the school wishes to purchase the '**Maths No Problem**' bank of resources for the use of children and staff in KS1. The focus is on improving Maths by 'embedding' the learning of children before moving on too quickly, and has had proven benefits elsewhere. Again, the PTA is happy to make a donation towards the cost of this new resource.
- f) **EYFS 'shelter'**. A shelter is proposed for the EYFS outdoor area. The cost of installation is over £3000, but Mr Whitehead has already managed to obtain some external funding for this via grants from local organisations. There will be a shortfall though, and it was proposed that the PTA could meet this shortfall. (See note below in 'future events')
- g) The cost of the coach for the **Yr 5/6 Residential** trip to East Barnby has traditionally been paid by the PTA, making the trip a little less expensive for parents. It was agreed that the PTA would pay for this again this year, but noted that the money for this would need to be raised at future events. (Again, see note below.)
- h) A parent suggested that school needs some music stands – PTA agreed to purchase these

3. **Forthcoming events**

- Curry Night – Date tbc – it was suggested that the money raised from this event (which was a huge success the last time it took place), could all be put towards the installation of the EYFS shelter. It would be wonderful if lots of EYFS parents could come to the evening!
- Valentine Disco – 16.2.17
- PTA Meeting – 14.3.17
- Kildwick's got Talent – 6.4.17

*It was noted that an extra meeting might be needed to organise Kildwick's got Talent. This will be

advertised in due course via the newsletter. It was also suggested that the PTA meet on a different night as some parents cannot make a Tuesday.

4. **Thanks**

Mr Whitehead thanked all parents (not only PTA members) who'd given up time to work on the EYFS outdoor area at the end of last term – a huge improvement can already be seen and will have a real impact on the learning of the children in Class 1.

Mrs Sharples and Miss Paxford were also thanked (in their absence!) for their letter to the PTA regarding the spelling bee!

Meeting closed at 4.30