

Thriplow School PTA minutes

Meeting: 9am on 11/11/22 at Thriplow School Hall

Attendees:

Meghan Bonner (Deputy Chair), Helen Joyce (Secretary), Stephanie Dodds, Helen Trussell, Lucy How

Apologies: Paul Joghee (Chair), Dave Aston (Treasurer), Debbie Van Wyck, Jayne Pashley, Chloe Jenkin, Lauren Ingram, Rebecca Wilkin

Welcome

MB welcomed the group. The PTA are arranging meetings at different times to accommodate as many parents as possible to encourage a wide range of ideas and opinions. Suggestions are welcome for community and school fundraising events and for how PTA funds are spent. Improving attendance at the meeting for these discussions would be appreciated.

1. HJ to set up a survey on engagement with the PTA and to ask for recommendations or ideas of professionals who can enrich school life for children with one off workshops/events.
2. MB to revisit actions agreed with PJ about new roles within the PTA and advertising for a new Chair with handover available.

Financial update

Ahead of the PTA meeting, DA provided a detailed financial update prior to the core committee. MB gave a summary and confirmed that the annual accounts have been submitted on 30th Oct. There has been an outstanding effort to raise funds, with the Tipi party (and disco) raising £13k along with other initiatives which has left a healthy available fund.

3. DA to confirm a new reserve pot of £7,000 (discussed by core committee members)

Request for PTA funds

MB went through a list of suggestions (from teachers and parents) to use PTA funds which the committee recommends is spent in the near term. The main focus will be to kit out the STEM room.

4. MB to confirm with DA that the PTA committee has agreed to a list of requested items, including subsidising trips, class budgets, gardening budget, standing desks, maths resources and book storage.
5. MB to confirm with DA that a £5,000 grant from the Daffodil weekend will be used to fund hall improvements, including stage curtains and a sound system. If there is a shortfall, the PTA has agreed to top up to make sure the improvements are made this school year.
6. MB to progress the quotes for the STEM kit out with LH
7. LH to consider the request by parents to fund more support to SEN
8. LH to investigate whether the music teachers would recommend the school has instruments to loan to children.
9. LH to confirm if there could be support from the PTA to repurpose the greenhouse space should that be necessary/possible.

Grants / funding application

10. MB to apply for Sawston Fun Run grant by 20th November

Clubs and Workshops

The discussion raised new ideas for clubs and discussed timing of when it is appropriate to offer different clubs.

11. LH to discuss with the breakfast/after school clubs on how we combine clubs with out of hours childcare
12. LH to find out if Kapla club could be something offered as an enrichment activity funded by PTA and/or future one off events to be subsidised

Cornerstone update

MB confirmed that the committee is still waiting for plans to be approved and updates on pricing.

Fundraising events

MB listed the upcoming school events and usual Christmas fundraisers, and suggested a movie night given the PTA has an existing license to be able to screen films. The committee also discussed the request by the Daffodil weekend (relayed by SD) for the PTA to run a tea room in the hall for the March event.

13. MB to convene teams to provide tea/coffee on Decoration day and on the nativity events
14. HJ to run the Christmas Hamper fundraiser
15. MB to convene a team for Movie night agreed to be held on Friday 20th January
16. MB to suggest a tea room team is created with support from PJ who ran this last year

AOB

- Discussion over leaving arrangements and collection for Mrs Penty.
- MB/LH to follow up about community volunteers for reading support for children
- Dates for next meeting updated

Dates for PTA meetings (UPDATED)

Date	Venue
Friday 13 th January – 2pm	School Hall (ahead of Celebration assembly)
Tuesday 28 th February -8pm	Zoom
Friday 28 th April – 9am (AGM)	School Hall (after drop-off)
Friday 16 th June – 2pm	School Hall (ahead of Celebration assembly)