

Thriplow School PTA minutes

Meeting: 8pm on 28/02/23 on Zoom

Attendees:

Paul Joghee (Chair), Helen Joyce (Secretary), David Aston (Treasurer), Rowan Pashley, Jayne Pashley, Geri Kitley, Natasha Burford, Helen Trussell, Debbie Van Wyk, Stephanie Dods

Apologies: Lucy How, Kelly Austin, Michela Morleo

Welcome

PJ opened the meeting welcoming the attendees and passing on thanks and appreciation from Mrs How and the teaching staff for recent funding the PTA has provided to support the school. This has included paying for: SEND equipment for sensory circuits, litter pickers, sand boxes, SEND training courses, Science workshop, subsidised trips, visualisers and hall improvements.

Finance update

DA gave an update on the current available funds, which stand at approximately £15k. This considers the fundraising from the movie night and Amazon Smile and the recent funding provided to the school. The Amazon Smile scheme has now come to an end. The Tesco scheme is currently running, coming to an end in a few weeks.

Requests for PTA funds

The committee approved all requests for funds from the school, to pay for wellbeing and mental health support, a school subscription to Sumdog (a maths app), books for mental health support, Urban strides dance troupe, Lego workshop, online e-safety course for parents and Theatre workshop (Open View Education)

Gardening Team

JP has confirmed a group of parents will do some gardening ahead of the Daffodil weekend, with all parents welcome to join.

1. JP to buy plants (annual budget of £200 approved to be reimbursed by the PTA)
2. JP to meet with LH to suggest a greenhouse upgrade project

Daffodil weekend

PJ is coordinating the tearoom with all funds going to the PTA. He ran through the plans for the tearoom, with thanks to MB for organising a rota of parents to volunteer throughout the Daffodil weekend.

3. DA to organise the float
4. PJ to send round the risk assessment
5. PJ to coordinate with Daffodil weekend committee members regarding final details
6. MB to donate items (free merchandise) to other charities connected to the daffodil weekend

Cornerstone

MB confirmed the plans are ongoing and being discussed with governors, so that work can hopefully start this Summer

Core PTA committee

PJ confirmed he will be standing down as chair of the PTA in April and that the committee would welcome new core committee members, with support in place for anyone new wishing to support the school by being a more active member of the PTA (all parents are by default members).

7. DVW to suggest how to set up a team of parent class representatives to help run events throughout the year

AGM preparation

8. HJ to confirm arrangements for the AGM in April
9. DA to circulate financial reports ahead of AGM
10. PJ to complete the Chair's report

AOB

11. MB to report back to a community reading group in Thriplow, which has formed to listen to children read, that PTA members would be delighted to meet for lunch
12. HJ to add the approval of a mural outdoor casing to the agenda of the next meeting

Dates for PTA meetings

Date	Venue
TBC: Tuesday 25 th April – 8pm (AGM)	Zoom
Friday 16 th June – 2pm	School Hall (ahead of Celebration assembly)