

PTA SPRING TERM MINUTES

14th May 2024 @ 7pm; Norden Old Library & Via Zoom

In Attendance

Kirsty Taylor-Houghton (KTH) – Chair
Katie Brown (KB) – Vice Chair
Becky Ellacott-Leach (BEL) – Treasurer
Maggie Beswick (MB) – School Liaison
Misbah Younus (MY)
Lucy Brassington (LB)
Louise Steele (LS)
Daisy Acton (DA)
Haillie Slade (HS)
Soban
Iram

Via Zoom:

Jen Booth (JB) – Secretary
Verity Brown (VB)
Helen L
Helen F

Apologies:

Melanie Backhouse - Headteacher
Karrie Buchanan – School Liaison
Sarah Staniland
Sarah Brown
Shazhzadi Athar-Rana

Committee Update

KTH & BEL will be stepping down from roles at the next AGM in the new school year due to change in circumstances.

KTH asked if other members could please consider stepping up for the roles at the AGM to avoid calling and EGM. If nobody would like to take over these roles, at either the AGM or if an EGM is called, the PTA charity will cease and all monies raised thus far will be transferred to school.

ACTION: to put together an information sheet with info regarding roles for handover KTH / BEL

ACTION: to put together an information sheet regarding different fundraising events KTH / BEL

Budget

In account: £7045.15

In cash tin: £290.40

Total PTA money: £7335.55

(plus money from penny wars not banked)

Funding has been requested for:

Year 6 Leavers: £275

Early Years Equipment: £250

Contribution towards iPads: tbc

Ice Cream Van, whole school treat: tbc date & cost

See attached sheets with details of money made through fundraising & money spent.

Raised overall: £5950.70

Spent so far: £4685.62

Fundraising Update

Penny Wars:

Ongoing, money is counted and bagged to be dropped at the bank

ACTION: to be taken 17/05 KTH, BEL, KB

Freeze Friday:

24/05 lunchtime; MB to sell

ACTION: advertise to send in money KTH - **DONE**

ACTION: Buy & freeze ice pops BEL - **DONE**

Summer Fair 'Christmas in July':

Proposed date: Tuesday 9th July 3.30-5.30pm (staff meeting so teachers are available) MB to check date with school diary

Saturday was suggested, but there are blockers – insurance, teacher volunteers, time allocated after school, etc. potentially could be done offsite, could look at for next year & see if could link with other PTFA's in local area.

Planning meeting 11th June @ 7pm Norden old Library

Suggestions / ideas:

Cake Stall (HS)

Ice cream van (see if can do a discount on whole school treat if comes to fair for free?)

Brew Box to sell coffee?

Use games from Christmas Fair

ACTION: See what other games are in the cupboard – Nerf target, hook a duck, welly wanging committee

ACTION: Need to advertise & ask volunteers to come along to planning meeting KTH/JB

Tea Towels:

Portraits have been drawn in school & sent back for scanning.

Last order date: 22nd June, tea towels to arrive 8th July, so can be distributed.

Prices: Tea towel / mug / 2 pack coasters = sell £6

Tote bag = sell £7

ACTION: Shop to be set up BEL **DONE**

ACTION: Distribute personalised order forms - **VOLUNTEERS REQUIRED**

Ongoing fundraising

We have both **Easyfundraising** and **Give as you Live** accounts - need to advertise these more with parents - **ACTION:** KTH to review graphics available

Matched fundraising - £1000 has been raised though JB's employer's matched fundraising initiative as our PTA is a registered charity. Other parents may have this at their employment.

ACTION: KTH to see if any graphics available to share with parents about this

Uniform - we have a rail in the school entrance which is currently winter coats. This is to be changed to gingham dresses/cardigans/jumpers. There are also other items donated by parents included on the rail including shoes, fancy dress etc.

ACTION : uniform to be swapped over to summer wear and communication with parents about the rail to be designed KTH

Ideas for Fundraising 2024-5

Outdoor cinema instead of Halloween Disco: MB to look into

Quiz Night

Fashion Show

Santa Dash

Promise Auction

Break the Rules Day

Wonka bars - design done for bars and golden tickets but issues getting prizes in time frame

Rainbow Raffle

FYI for raffles/wonka bars etc. Lottery License is required from Rochdale Council. Annual fee of £40 due each January.

[Delay Smartphones: https://delaysmartphones.org.uk/](https://delaysmartphones.org.uk/)

Information from Soban; parent at school & volunteer ambassador

Soban – background; Cyber Security Profession, wife GP

Spoke about his experience as a parent with his son and smartphones. Son got smartphone @ 11 y.o.; year 7 phone & messaging, year 8 WhatsApp, no phone in room / only in daytime, parents had open access; year 9 asked for Snapchat. That's where issues began.

Whenever there were any issues, phone was taken away and he noticed that when son didn't have his phone he was a different child, better communication etc.

Issues with young people is that they go along with the flow of the group with what messages / photos sent. Don't have the maturity.

In 2010 Social Media came out, smartphones have given young people the internet in their pocket and Mental Health issues have increased.

The exposure to uncontrolled internet, 97% 12 y.o have a smartphone. Instant access to unhealthy images / ideas. The virtual world is so accessible.

Smartphones don't help young people to be tech savvy as they are designed to be easy to use.

There is no actual age check for the Social Media apps; Snapchat & WhatsApp – disappearing messages means lack of accountability.

Issue is that once things are on the internet they are 'out there' FOREVER.

Parents may be more overprotective with the 'physical world', but then young people have access to the 'virtual world' in their bedrooms.

Phones in school – getting younger. Issues with WhatsApp groups schools asked to get involved but onus is on parents to teach their children the risks of internet/social media use too.

Also highlighted the physical impact on young people: not exercising, eyesight, spinal issues, sleep impact.

The Campaign's Pledge:

Don't give kids smartphone until they are 14

Don't give kids social media until they are 16

Would like parents to look into this more for themselves and make informed choices. Soban is happy to spend more time with people to share information, speak to more parents, etc.

Book recommendation: The Anxious Generation: How the Great Rewiring of Childhood Is Causing an Epidemic of Mental Illness <https://amzn.eu/d/8ryvXhQ>

Smart Watch recommendation: <https://explora.co.uk/>

Basic Nokia for SMS / phone calls

Recommendation for parents to watch:

The impact of smartphones and social media on children on youtube

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=AxDgxl-euo>

The Social Dilemma on Netflix

<https://www.netflix.com/gb/title/81254224?s=a&trkid=13747225&trg=wha&vlang=en&clip=81569073>

Childhood 2.0 on Amazon Prime

https://watch.amazon.co.uk/detail?gti=amzn1.dv.gti.83419517-0a9c-457f-affb-634064cf6d77&ref_=atv_dp_share_mv&r=web