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| Meeting: | PoA Meeting | |
| Venue: | Orange classroom in the new part of the school | |
| Date / Time: | 9am Friday 14th July 2017 | |
| Committee Attendees: | CHAIR: Lou Bowd - Y3 Leopards DEPUTY TREASURER: David Jay - Y6 Orangutans/Y1 Hedgehogs SECRETARY: Martha Matthews – Y3 Tigers/YR Penguins | |
| Attendees: | Janette Yildiz Alex Newson Nikki Nugent Helen Day Charlotte Parish Penny Leach Virginia Fonteyn | Emma Johnson Bianca Williams Tracey Gibson Natasha House Ella Williams Niki Nestoras Susannah Kendrick |
| Apologies: | Richard Delacour Zoe Fagg | Georgina Earey Lynda Hayes |

| Item | Subject | Minutes |
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| 1. | Treasurers report from David | <p>Currently £8716.96 balance in the bank. Numerous expenses to be paid out (full listing available at the AGM)</p> <p>The following have been approved but have yet to be ordered:</p> <p>Approved at previous meeting/s:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Football kits - £550 (approx.). • YR: 3 x Animal Headphones - £30 (approx.) • Concrete for the Chicken Coop - £500 (approx.) • 4 x purple Sail Flags – requested by Susannah Kendrick on behalf of the staff and governors - a proposal was put forward to buy 4 sail/feather flags for use at external events/trips, so everyone knows where to meet, which was agreed by everyone at the meeting – 4 x £160 = £640 (approx. – we haven't been told yet whether this figure includes VAT) • 2 x cornets for the brass band - £425 (approx.) <p>Requested in this meeting (and agreed by all present in the meeting)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Under the sea mat (Y2 Turtles, Y2 Seahorses already have one) - £159.95 • Centurion costume, inc helmet - £70 x 2 – For the Y3 teachers to lead out their troops for the Roman topic which takes place in September • Marquee - £470 (once purchased we could allow it to be hired out for around £50 a time, but potentially more hassle than it's worth?) <p>The following have been approved in principal by all present in the meeting (the meeting they were requested in), and are currently being investigated:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sound equipment for the hall – To improve audibility for performances. Mr Miles (congratulations Mr Miles & Lisa on the birth of their 3rd child Arabella ☺) has suggested using the same company that provided the lighting equipment (who provided it at cost price). They've given a ball park figure of £2-3k. We're going to look at all the options available (mics for performers, additional speakers etc) and get further quotes. Aiming to have it in place for the Christmas performances |

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| | | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wooden Bridge - A static bridge to link the tree house with the outdoor classroom, to complete the works and gain maximum usage of both. The company who installed them (Educational Play) have quoted £4k, but we're getting a quote from a local carpenter (who has done some other work for the school that we're very happy with). Mr Lidbetter is in discussions with him and he's already said he's sure he can be far more competitive <p>Other requests that require further investigation/discussion:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Exercise equipment for kids – Mr Jee put forward an idea of purchasing exercise equipment similar to what we now have in many local parks (but designed especially for children). To be investigated! • Protection for the mural - Perspex would be better, but more expensive (£850 could pay for a whole wall of safety glass, or half a wall of Perspex). Investigate other alternatives <p>Items recently paid for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 30 meters of HDMI cable for performances - £48.99 • 4 x 20m extension leads (also for performances) - £63.96 • Theatre curtain poles (to add to our existing set) - £249.99 • A big paella dish for our forest school - for cooking all sorts of food in - £42.00 <p>Other news:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A free-standing Basketball post (inc 6 basketballs) has arrived at school. Solomon Kendrick won £1,000 for the school by taking part in the Bananagrams competition. He and his fellow Y6 friends decided to spend just under half of the winnings purchasing the post (we currently only have a hoop attached to the wall). They are still deciding what to do with the remaining money. Thank you Solomon, what a wonderful legacy to the school! |
| 3. | Ice Cream van | He's arriving at 11:45am. Lou has spoken to Mrs Cooke re: keeping the children safe in the playground whilst he drives in. Suzannah, Nikki Nugent, Niki Nestoras and Virginia have offered help. |
| 4. | Thank yous | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Although it's not a PoA funded item, but a gift from the school, we would like to thank Natasha House for working so hard on the Y6 Leavers Book. It's amazing and everyone is delighted with it! Thank you for taking on this time consuming project so the children could have something really special as a keepsake of their time with us • David Jay for proofing the Y6 Leavers book • As parents, we would like to recognise and thank the input of Julian Milson and Susannah Kendrick (governors responsible for the school ethos), and Mrs Clay (R.E. co-ordinator) in receiving an 'Outstanding' in all 4 categories of the recent SIAMS report (up from 3 Outstanding and 1 Good in our previous SIAMS report). SIAMS stands for the Statutory Inspection of Anglican and Methodist Schools, and is an additional 'Ofsted' type inspection that rates the school on the following aspects: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. How well does the school, through its distinctive Christian character, meet the needs of all learners? 2. What is the impact of Collective Worship on the school community? 3. How effective is Religious Education? 4. How effective are the leadership and management of the school as a Church School? • Everyone who contributed to Mr Jee's collection • Mrs McCauley (school bursar) for her help liaising between Lou and Mrs Jee to ensure that we bought Mr Jee a suitable leaving gift that would be enjoyed and used! |

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| | | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • And of course Mr Jee, for his continued and constant support |
| 6. | Next year's Class Reps | <p>The following wonderful ladies have stepped forward:</p> <p>Pandas – Sherri Tai-Chidlow & Karan Hopper Penguins – Sarah Binns (Avery) & Tracey Gibson Year 1 – Squirrels – Becky Dickinson & Helen Phadnis Year 2 – Turtles – Stef Mingard and Louise Gibb Year 2 - Seahorses – Alex Newson & Becky Vokins Year 3 – Leopards – Nikki Spraggon and Eleni Marshall Year 3 – Tigers – Leanne Day & Tammy Cox Year 4 – Lynx – Megan Heffernan and Sarah Roberts Year 4 – Jaguars – Janette Yildiz and Victoria Cunningham Year 5 – Elephants - Georgina Earey Year 6 – Orangutans - Alice Stuart and Rachael Kelly</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We discussed what to do about assisting with passing on the Class Rep roles for those reps who are standing down • We decided to re-write the class list role to simplify it, and then we would publicise/advertise it • Action: David to re-write and pass to Lou to publicise (completed) <p>David – would reps consider signing up for 2 years? The idea was put to the room but was not well received, so we collectively decided to keep it at 1 year</p> |
| 7. | AGM | <p>The AGM will be mid to end of September (first half on Autumn term)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tuesday 12th September • 7pm welcome drinks to start the meeting at 7.30pm • The current committee is required to step down. They can offer themselves for re-election, and other parents can also stand for election • Richard (Treasurer) is stepping down (after 6/7 years), and David (Vice Treasurer) will offer to stand • Action: Lou to send out information inviting all parents to put themselves forward for a position on the committee; Chair, Secretary or Treasurer (completed) |
| 8. | AOB | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Flowers for the new Head (Miss Coates) from the parents on her arrival – purple and yellow flowers – agreed by all present at the meeting. Lou will ask our resident florist Sarah Avery (parent) if she can do them • Twitter – Ofsted do include grading on social media. If any parent has a Twitter account, could they 'Like' the Aldrington Twitter account please? • Facebook – The school are looking to set up an Aldrington page. What is the policy with posting photos including children? Answer from the room: Parent's aren't allowed on their own private page to put group shots of school events • PoA part of website – the material has been collated (thank you David) and put forward • Camping – change of date (as clashes with love supreme and other events). Friday 6th – 8th July – put it in you diaries!! |