

PTA Minutes 1/3/18

Attendees: Mrs Kidd, Mrs Snell, Kelly Campbell, Alison Unsworth

Apologies: Michelle Edwards, Emma Illing, Karen Mcyntire, Kirsty Ap-Carreg

Mrs Campbell reviewed what had been achieved so far this academic year financially, as stated in the recent newsletter. The 8 new ipads and cases were discussed as a fantastic achievement and they are now being used with the children. Mrs Kidd agreed that the remaining goal of two more ipads plus a docking station would be around £800 - £900 depending on prices at the time.

Mrs Kidd spoke about the new Netball and Football kits and explained that both teams had won their first games in the new kits. A positive sign for sport at Beechwood. Mrs Campbell asked if there were any plans to top the kits up with the remaining money from donations and Mrs Kidd explained that we still needed netball socks and a boys netball strip.

The next topic on the agenda was the Bingo. Mrs Kidd agreed to organise the bingo caller and he would bring equipment. A bingo letter will need to go out selling 50p tickets to attend and then bingo books would be sold on the door £1 a book or 6 for £5. Mrs Kidd suggested that at previous bingo's a tuck shop for the children was a good idea to boost profits. Anything left over would be used at the disco. This year the bingo will start at 6pm which was agreed to be a better time for the children to attend. Prizes needed are 15 line prizes and 15 full house prizes. A text will go out for volunteers to wrap the boxes for the hampers and then Mrs Campbell will sort out the chocolate and wine ready for the day.

Mrs Campbell brought up the subject of the Summer Fayre. So far efforts to raise parent interest have fallen flat. Mrs Kidd suggested that it may be better to speak to people at parents evening over a tea or coffee. She is happy to help with this but does have to be available to sit down with parents. This will need to be supported by PTA representatives. Mrs Campbell suggested that each class could run a stall chosen by the children. Mrs Snell and Mrs Kidd agreed with this and will position this with the teachers to confirm class stalls. Mrs Snell felt that we should ask parents to commit to a half an hour time slot to give every parent the opportunity to enjoy the Fayre with their child.

Mrs Campbell asked if the teachers would be in attendance for the Summer Fayre and Mrs Kidd agreed that the majority would. This would mean that we could double the amount of stalls as we would have double the amount of helpers. Mrs Unsworth suggested we could ask for table sponsorship from local businesses in the way we did with Race Night. Everyone agreed this was a good idea. Mrs Campbell posed a question about the bouncy castle/ bouncy slide. We will need to spend some money to facilitate these resources along with any other leisure equipment. How much are we willing to spare? It was agreed that a good few hundred would be needed. The PTA is in a stable financial situation and this would be a possibility. Further discussion is needed with treasurer Mrs Ap-Carreg to finalise a budget. Mrs Kidd explained that a lot of profit at Summer Fayres is made from the BBQ.

Mrs Unsworth suggested that we should work on getting parents involved in PTA meetings from all the year groups. The difficulties of this were discussed. Mrs Campbell suggested that a new role would be appropriate as social media rep. This would involve promoting/communicating via facebook/twitter and relevant forums to ensure maximum engagement.

Actions:

Mrs Kidd: Confirm Bingo caller, confirm class stalls, speak to relevant teacher around BBQ.

Mrs Snell: Investigate donkey rides, Lead year 6 to count money from Summer Fayre and advise the PTA around which stalls are the most profitable for future events.

Kelly Campbell: Purchase tuck shop supplies from Bookers, Arrange Bingo Prizes, create commitment sheets for the Summer Fayre, Shop around for bouncy castles that meet health and safety standards.

Emma/Karen: Arrange Bingo letter to go out.

Kirsty Ap-Carreg: Advise around budget for spending on the Summer Fayre.

Next PTA meeting to be confirmed