

Crossflatts PTA Meeting 20th September 2019

Attendees: Alex, Zhaneta, Chris, Louisa, Emma, Kirsty, Jo, Simon, Tree, Suzanne, Jen, Mrs Wilkinson, Mrs Brewis, Mrs Thirkill, Miss Prowse, Miss Maccuish, Mrs Chapman, Mrs Shaw.

Apologies: Sarah, Carla, Lucy

Overview from outgoing Chairperson

Mrs Brewis and Mrs Wilkinson standing down as Chairs of the PTA. Both stated that being involved with the PTA was brilliant and we had a record-breaking Rose Day last July. They are still helping with PTA to provide a link between parent and staff. It was also noted that the help from staff before and on Rose Day was excellent.

Voting in of new positions

Chair: Miss Maccuish nominated Alex Ingham for the Chair position which was seconded by Kirsty Forrester. This was voted unanimously.

Secretary: Alex Ingham nominated Emma Childs for the Secretary position which was seconded by Miss Maccuish. This was voted unanimously.

Introduction from incoming Chairperson, Trustees, Class Reps, School Liaison and Volunteer Liaison

Alex Ingham introduced herself as new chair and welcomed everyone to the first meeting of 19/20 school year. She thanked Mrs Brewis & Mrs Wilkinson for their huge input to the PTA and its events. Massive amounts were raised last year, and we had wonderful events for the children. Alex has 2 new positions within the PTA. Miss Maccuish will be School Liaison for the PTA. We realised last year that Katy MacCuish's help with being within school was extremely helpful and will continue this year as a connection between the PTA and school. Kirsty Forrester will be Volunteer Liaison and will be responsible for the event rotas and a contact for volunteers helping at the events. **Confirmation of Trustees and Class Reps to be discussed at future meeting.**

Finances

Accounts not available at this time but details will be advised asap. There is a large amount of money within the PTA bank account. It is important raising money but we realise that PTA do ask a lot for funds from parents. We need to start looking at ideas for spending this money within school. We need to pay for the inflatables from Rose Day last year and will keep a £1000 buffer in the account.

Future Expenditure

Damart provide grants for purchases up to £300. We all agreed that we would like to investigate two storage boxes for each playground with sports and art equipment for the children to use at playtime. The application for the grant needs to be applied by October. The School Council meeting is next week, and Alex is attending. We are going to ask the children what short term and long-term goals they would like the money to go to. Mrs Thirkill and Miss Maccuish will compile the results of the children's ideas. Alex to complete application for Damart Grant.

Communication

A few parents were unhappy with the volume of texts from PTA before Rose Day last year. We all agreed that texts are the best option in the run up to the event but would also be mindful. We will ensure that future information is added to the school's website for parents to see and use the weekly bulletin to keep parents advised. We agreed that is best not to have a Facebook PTA account.

Agreement of time for monthly meetings

We agreed that meetings will be held on the 1st Friday of the month at 9am in the staff room. A meeting at this time will attract the most people.

What can PTA give back to parents

Coffee Morning

We all agreed that PTA could increase their focus on the parents and children as well as raising money. We are looking to have coffee mornings where no PTA meeting is held but a chance for parents to just come along for a drink and a chat. We are looking to start this in January.

Lost Property

We helped with distributing school lost property last year and we are looking to continue this year. We discussed the idea of having the lost property at the side of the bake sales each month.

Survey

A survey has been held in the past and we think a new one should be held in the new year so we can find out what events work, what we should be fundraising for and any new ideas.

Events

Bake Sales

Bake Sales will be held last Friday of the month. The first one is 27th Sept for Year 6. Teachers are aware of this and preparing for the event. A text will go out to remind people of the event and to ask for volunteers. We agreed that this year we will not give each bake sale amount to that year group but return to putting all the money towards the overall PTA fund. September's bake sale we will give 25% of the profits to Macmillan Cancer Support due to their "Coffee Morning" taking place on the same day.

Halloween Disco 24th October 2019

DJ is booked for the disco, Jamie Wilkinson. He is leaving early but will have people to help clear his equipment away. Timing for disco are:

Nursery, Reception, and Yr 1 4:15 – 5pm

Years 2, 3 & 4 5:15 – 6pm

Years 5 & 6 6:15 – 7pm

Volunteers are needed for the event. The event will be discussed in further details at the next meeting.

Christmas Fayre 13th December 2019

Inflatable Santa Grotto has been ordered; we will investigate this option being feasible. Santa has been booked along with Mrs Evans telling a story as per previous years. As we have taken a decision not to have external stalls at our Rose Day event, we are going to have stalls at the Christmas Fayre. We will start advertising for people. We have previously held a stall for children to buy a secret parent gift. We talked about personalised baubles but will discuss further at future meetings.

AOB

We have discussed needing a PTA presence at the Parents evenings. The next event is 21st & 22nd October. Mrs Brewis has an information board that we could use for the events telling people about the PTA. We could also have a volunteer list available for people to register their interest for the next events.

Meeting adjourned and next meeting date set for 4th October.