

FAIRFIELD PRIMARY PTA MINUTES– 5th February 2020

In attendance

Rob Barton (Acting Chair), Terri Tassiker-Tunstall (Treasurer), Kay Pitchford (Funding), Becca Dunlop (Communications), Jane Goode, Clint Stamper, Richard Kitson, Geoff Downie, Becky Tibbs (Secretary)

Apologies

Linda Wood (Vice Chair KS1), Rachel Griffiths (Treasurer), Jaimie Clegg (Chair), Danette Bostock, Natasha Shaw, Helen Donohoe

1. Valentines Disco

Rob reported planned changes to the Nursery/Reception disco following feedback from Early Years. Disco will run from 2.15pm to 2.45pm (30 mins). There will be no charge for the disco, they will not require refreshments. **Becca to look at balloons for Nursery/Reception (pumps needed to prepare beforehand).**

Refreshments needed for 360 (planning for up to 60 per year group, Years 1-6)– crisps, juice (cordial) and cups. Jaimie has already bought sweets and requested that we buy cheaper crisps this time. **Danette had volunteered to buy the rest of the refreshments.**

Money will be taken on the door – **Terri to sort out change for the evening.** Rob has requested teacher volunteers already. **Rob to send text to parents requesting additional helpers** (to the PTA members).

2. Funding/accounts

No update on current funding amount.

Rob updated on potential projects the PTA could support:

- Reading across the whole school (Rob to lead). This would aim to develop the library, improve access to books through a variety of resources, replenish book supplies, encourage reading for pleasure and support parent engagement programmes.
- SENCO (Mrs Birkett to lead). This could provide additional resources such as reading eggs.

We need to ensure projects aren't delayed due to waiting for funding. It would be ideal to plan projects in advance to give us adequate lead time to apply for funding (eg plan now for Summer/September onwards). **Rob to check with staff for project ideas and use STEM lab funding secured by the PTA as an example. Kay and Rob to meet to discuss ideas in more detail (and also Metalwork fund - see below).**

Kay reported we have been successful in securing £1,000 National Lottery 25 funding for the STEM lab. **Kay to send publicity and logo information to Becca and Jaimie to be used in any publicity.** Kay has also been offered National Lottery merchandise (flags, balloons) to use if the school would like them.

Kay attended the Metalcraft funding session. We could potentially apply for either:

- £500 funding (this is repeated quarterly, with £2000 available per year). This could be for anything (books were mentioned at the session). If you

are unsuccessful in one quarter, you are automatically entered into the next quarter's funding round.

- Metalwork – Their apprentices can make metal items; they are a precision engineering firm.

Rob to apply to the Body Coach Schools Tour (the school will probably be linking into this anyway).

3. **Charity bids** (covered in previous item)

4. **Upcoming/events**

Bingo 20th March – **Rob to ask Suzanne Irving if she would like to be bingo caller** (he is also interested in doing this if she isn't available).

Easter Egg Dump – Change to 27th March due to clash with Year 2 residential.
Rob to check this date with school.

Uniform - **Becca/Becky/Terri to sort out and bag up sizes.** Discussed that we could hold a sale after Easter when the weather is better.

Ennerdale walk – This will be organised by Mrs Lee from Wraparound in conjunction with Wild Ennerdale/National Trust. This will be a sponsored walk, with half the proceeds going to Wraparound and half to the National Trust.

5. **Communications**

Becca/Jaimie are preparing a newsletter to be sent out after the disco.

6. **AOB** – none

7. **Next meeting** – 4th March