

FAIRFIELD PRIMARY PTA MINUTES – 9th September 2020

In attendance

Jaimie Clegg (Chair), Linda Wood (Vice Chair KS1), Terri Tassiker-Tunstall (Treasurer), Clint Stamper, Ilke Whitehorn, Becky Tibbs (Secretary), Jane Goode, Hilary Royston-Bishop, Chris Mathieson, Blessing Addey-Oldeide

Apologies

Becca Dunlop (Communications), Rob Barton

1. Events

Jaimie proposed a drawing competition to help welcome pupils back to school and engage with new parents. This could be based around an Autumn theme, with a small prize for entering (eg sweets) and prize for winning entries in each class (eg art set). Entries could be submitted by boxes outside KS1/KS2 and pictures displayed in school display boards and/or be included in the next PTA newsletter.

Jaimie to produce an A4 page with instructions for the competition.

Christmas event – depending on the situation at Christmas, we could hold some type of outdoor event over a few nights. Details to be discussed nearer the time.

Christmas raffle (early December?) – We could consider holding a dress down day for children to bring in items – these would be used to create raffle hampers. We would need to think about how we could safely handle items, sell tickets and collect money (would school money have the facility to do this?).

2. Finance

School will fund Accelerated Reader with money allocated from the Government to support pupils' return to school following lockdown. The PTA can re-allocate the money planned to be spent on Accelerated Reader on other projects. Both school and the PTA can suggest ideas by emailing suggestions to ptachair@fairfieldprimary.co.uk

3. Fundraising

Jaimie requested all members to think about fundraising ideas. As a charity, we are able to make funding applications to support our work. Kay Pitchford is the bid writer for the PTA. Fundraising suggestions discussed were:

- Sponsored study quiz where pupils are sponsored by family and friends for every correct answer. This could be worth setting up in future as school need to be involved in the organisation (suggested by Ilke).
- Amazon Smile – **Jaimie to check if Kay has set this up.**
- Walking trail around shops/housing. Cost could be £1 per sheet, done over half term. **Linda to check with All Saints School if they are running one this year.**
- Orienteering – Depending on the situation, this could be a spring event with a staggered start.
- Taste Cumbria stall to fundraise (eg a tombola). **Clint to check with the organiser if we could have a free stall at the event.**

4. Communications

The next newsletter will be published after the AGM. It will include details of upcoming events, past events and details of who has been elected to the Committee

roles. There is a PTA Organisers Facebook page which PTA members could join, details of minutes can also be emailed to people not on Facebook via Becky Tibbs (ptasecretary@fairfieldprimary.co.uk).

5. AGM 7th October

The details of this will be advertised, including profiles of the Committee roles that will be elected at the meeting. (Becky, Becca and Jaimie to undertake)

6. AOB

- Cauliflower cards – Linda is organising these and aims to complete this before half term.
- Feedback from Jaimie's survey to obtain feedback on engagement with the PTA (time/day/location of meetings, support and participation of events). General consensus from the survey was to retain the current day and meeting time (Wednesday, 7-8pm). Other suggestions included live-streaming physical meetings when they restart.
- Uniform – There was a discussion around setting up a 'Fairfield Preloved' group on Facebook to enable parents to swap items. This could be free or at a small donation to the PTA (eg £1 per item). It was also felt that some items should be held in school so that parents could access them there. Details of how to access second hand uniform should be advertised clearly to all parents (eg on the PTA website page, Facebook, Dojo).