

Thriplow School PTA minutes

Meeting: 8pm Tuesday 14th November on Zoom

Attendees

Meghan Bonner (Chair), David Aston (Treasurer), Helen Joyce (Secretary), Lucy How (Head Teacher), Jane Pashley, Geri Kitley, Harriet Bannington-Howell, Stephanie Dods.

Welcome

MB opened the meeting welcoming the attendees and checking there was agreement with the minutes of the previous meeting.

Financial update

The financial update from DA relayed there is £9,300 available funds for the school, following £350 profit from the movie night fundraiser, paying classroom budgets and taking into account pre-approved requests not yet paid for. The annual signed accounts have been submitted to the charity commission.

Update on actions from previous meeting

MB checked the outstanding actions.

1. PJ and MB will confirm when the constitution is changed as agreed at the AGM.
2. MB to ask ANTS parents for volunteers for the year group reps.
3. LH to progress with possible grants for 'parking buddies' otherwise the PTA committee has agreed to fund the cost.
4. HJ will make the donations page for contributions for e-safety training live when it's needed (now expected to be in April).
5. LH to confirm the STEM budget with list of items for fundraising targets.

Cornerstone

MB communicated the project is progressing well. The date of completion is likely to be before Easter.

6. MB, HJ and DA to access the bank account for visibility and approval of Cornerstone funds.

Request for PTA funds

MB listed the items the school has requested, and the committee approved them all. They included new phonics books (£55), Ear defenders (£10 a pair), writing slops (£18 each) and Father Christmas budget (£100).

7. MB to communicate approved requests by email.

Fundraising events

MB raised the feedback from the movie night which was discussed for consideration at future events. The group reviewed upcoming events including a Summer Solstice party, which is planned for 15th June 2024. Christmas hampers and Decoration Day preparations are in progress.

8. HJ to add an agenda item for next meeting for the requirement of a Daffodil weekend Tea Room group.

Support to school

JP gave an update on behalf of the gardening team who have planted 650 daffodil bulbs, maintained planters and playground equipment. Thank you for donations for plants and the hose which was funded by the PTA. LH confirmed there is progress with a mural to be painted by a parent.

9. JP to send a message to organise clearing the leaves and path clearing with help from HBH.

AOB

10. MB to drop off a Christmas tree and decorations (donated by Scotdales) to be put up in time for Decoration Day.
11. MB and LH to complete the Sawston Fun Run grant application by 23/11/23, requesting new netball equipment.
12. SD volunteered to attend a Reading group social event at the Green Man on behalf of parents of children at Thriplow.
13. MB to advertise a Christmas jumper swap to be held on Decoration Day
14. MB to update the policies and welcome pack on the PTA web page.

Dates for PTA meetings

- Friday 12th Jan 9am in the school hall
- Tuesday 5th March 8pm Zoom
- Friday 3rd May 9am in school hall
- Tuesday 18th June 8pm Zoom (AGM)