

Thriplow School PTA minutes

Meeting: 9am Friday 22nd September in school hall

Attendees:

Meghan Bonner (Chair), Helen Joyce (Secretary), Lucy How (Head Teacher), Harriet Bannington-Howell, Rachel Leech, Rachael Bray, Olga Carozzo, Chloe Phillips, Catherine Flanagan, Jessica Parkinson, Katie Draper, Emma Hewlett, Jasmin Osman

Apologies:

David Aston (Treasurer), Jane Pashley, Sarah Wells, Becky Haigh, Helen Trussell, Stephanie Dods

Welcome

MB opened the meeting, welcoming new parents to the first PTA meeting of the school year.

Financial update

DA shared a summary of the PTA accounts with the core committee by email prior to the meeting. MB confirmed that available funds are at £11,600 (not including the provision of the money for the reserves policy)

AGM follow up actions

MB reviewed the actions from the AGM held in April and follow up EGM held in June.

1. HJ to sign the completed financial accounts DA to upload them to the charity commission.
2. PJ to update the PTA constitution as agreed in the AGM.
3. DA and MB to update the information held by the Charity Commission.
4. MB to advertise the requirement for a deputy chair to join the core committee.

Request for PTA funds and update on previous approvals

The PTA has recently approved requests for iPads (which the school has now purchased), along with subsidising a school trip to the pantomime, 2 History off the page days for and DT equipment (costing around £126).

New requests for 15 sets of headphones (£51.75 in total) and class budgets for £300 each were approved.

The group were supportive of the plans for e-safety training which LH outlined, to include workshops for children (which will be age appropriate) to be delivered by a recommended training provider.

They will also provide an online course for parents. It will cost approximately £1,200.

5. DA to arrange class budgets of £300 for the 4 classes
6. HJ to set up a donations page to help towards the costs of the e-safety training.
7. DA to account for e-safety training costs to be covered by the PTA every 3 years (it will be taught in school by teachers regularly in addition to this recommended, additional training)
8. LH to confirm the request for funds to support the nativity and Decoration Day.

Cornerstone

MB gave an overview of the project to inform new parents and confirmed the building has started and actions relating to manage the project with Demat have been completed.

9. LH to give the PTA a fundraising target for the STEM room kit out.

Fundraising Events

MB reviewed the upcoming events and the rota for the year group reps and the parents discussed the next fundraising event (movie night). The year 5 event will now be organised in the spring term. LH confirmed the money raised from the Cauliflower Christmas Cards will come to the PTA as usual.

MB informed the group the Tipi party committee have met to discuss plans following a parent survey which gauged interest and ideas. It's expected an event will take place in June, with the PTA committee giving a new venue recommendation for the Tipi party organisers to consider. Anyone wishing to join the Tipi party organising committee would be welcome, in particular any Dads.

10. KD will organise a movie night for Friday 13th October along with other volunteer parents in the same year group.
11. DA/MB to renew the movie licence.
12. HJ to organise Christmas hampers with Linda, taking donations to match house colours.
13. MB to confirm the volunteers to help with refreshments for sports day and other events in the school calendar.
14. HJ to add the requirement of a Daffodil weekend Tea Room group to the agenda for the next meeting.

Support to the school

MB wanted to thank the parents who have been doing the gardening around the school and continue to rally parents to volunteer to help. The Pashley's deserve particular thanks for repairing the planters, making the greenhouse safe and maintaining the play equipment. Thank you also to the parents who helped with painting and DIY jobs over the Summer and the work to maintain the wild space area.

15. LH to request volunteers to help plant daffodils bulb (we have 650 to plant out)
16. LH to organise the mural with OC (parent who has offered to paint an outdoor mural)
17. LH to ask what kit is needed for running wild space activities during the school day.

AOB

18. LH to investigate options for 'Parking buddies' which the group discussed after being raised by parents as a good idea to improve road safety immediately in front of the school.

Dates for PTA meetings

- Tuesday 14th November 8pm on Zoom
- 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)