

Thriplow School PTA minutes

Meeting: 8pm Tues January 14th, 2025

Attendees

Meghan Bonner (Chair), Helen Joyce (Secretary), Lucy How (Head Teacher), Dave Aston (Treasurer), Steph Nunn, Natasha Burford (Deputy Secretary), Steph Dodds, Stephen Woodward, Geri Kitley, Lindsey Crow

Apologies

Jayne Pashley, Debbie Van Wyk, Jessica Parkinson, Rachel Leech (Deputy Chair)

Welcome

MB opened the meeting, with confirmation that everyone was happy for the meeting to be recorded. There were no conflicts of interest and previous minutes signed off. Matters carried over from previous meeting included:

1. DA to issue accounts to the office to be uploaded to the PTA website
2. HJ to complete transfer of files from the Tipi party to the PTA google drive
3. MB to set up a team to investigate grant options for solar panels

Financial update

DA shared a financial update. Following the money raised from the Christmas fundraisers, there is total cash balance of just over £34k, with nearly £23k allocated to the playground improvement project. There is also money allocated to approved items not yet paid for and money set aside to regular PTA payments. After the reserves policy has been considered, there is just over £1.3k remaining

4. DA to revisit the £1,3k in the accounts which has been allocated but not yet paid to the school for previously approved items. It's possible it can be made available as available funds.
5. SD to follow up with the governors regarding whether there could be some VAT returned from the Cornerstone project.

Core Committee

LH confirmed the school Facebook page has been created with regular posts. MB checked on the other matters relating to the running of the PTA.

6. MB to include the details of the PTA Treasurer role in the newsletter
7. MB to find reception year group to volunteer for upcoming school events
8. LH to follow up on advice to parents on how to find instructions for the MCAS app
9. MB to make a QR code available for donations direct to the PTA

Requests for funds

Given the low available PTA funds until after the Daffodil weekend fundraiser, teachers are currently only making urgent requests. MB confirmed there was full support to reallocate previous donations for another project to the playground project.

10. LH to follow up on the items requested for the wild space
11. MB to follow up on the order form for the playground project
12. LH to check the information provided by to order electronics kit

Fundraising events

Movie night will be organised by Steph Nunn with suggested date of 28th February.

13. MB and LH to share suggestions and feedback from previous movie night with SN.
14. MB will pass on previous items to use at the tuck shop.

Planning has started for the tearoom fundraiser at daffodil weekend, with children expected to sing at 11am.

15. MB to organise the volunteer rota for the tearoom.
16. MB to ask if Ladybirds will provide sandwiches with profits going to Ladybird.
17. MB to do a stock check of the tearoom disposable catering supplies so that an order can be made for additional items.
18. LH to clarify the free tickets per family who volunteer and have children singing.

School support

LH thanked parents who have recently painted the school library.

19. LH to give a list of any potential jobs that parents can do to support the school.

AOB

20. MB to send an email to check in on the readers group
21. MB to follow up on an information related to a puppet group

Dates for upcoming PTA meetings

- Friday 7th March 9am in school hall
- Tuesday 29th April 8pm on Zoom - (AGM)
- Tuesday 10th June 8pm on Zoom