



Yanwath Primary School

PTA Minutes

18th September 2021

Chair: Andrew Chambers

Treasurer: Charlotte Bucknall

Community Engagement: Nic Pearce,
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Present:

Cate Floyd (CF)

Nicola Chambers
(NC)

Charlotte Harrison
(CH)

Nic Pearce (NP)

Melissa Gomersall
(MG)

Laura Brough (LBr)

Apologies:

Andrew Chambers
(AC)

Lucy Barnett (LBa)

Sammie Hart (SH)

Zoe Hallington (ZH)

Matthew Crouch
(MC)

PREVIOUS MINUTES	ACTION
Minutes of the previous meeting reviewed for actions, updates below.	
Nurture Garden:	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Installation of parachute – Liaise with Roger to arrange removal of a couple more trees and final installation of the parachute. CH spoken to liaise Gav Hastings, should be completed within next couple of weeks. 	CH
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Guttering and Downpipes – North Lakes Glass have delivered guttering and downpipes for the shed. Water butts to be provided and then the school caretaker can arrange installation of both. CF confirmed that guttering, etc will be fitted by 8th October, water butts in the blue container. Action closed. 	Closed
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Other equipment required – NP approached Yorkshire Trading re: watering cans, their charity budget has now been exhausted and they regret they cannot help further. Extendible hose / 30m length of hose and connection to Early Years hose. Donations / prices to be sourced. CF advised that the school's ECO Council are making watering cans from recycled materials. Action closed. 	Closed
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Final spending and any remaining budget to be confirmed. No update, CH / SH to confirm. 	CH / SH
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> School request for metal slide to be installed on the mound in the Nurture Garden, rubber matting also required for safe landing. To be investigated. From an insurance perspective a slide would need to be ordered / commissioned via school and their robust risk assessment process, PTA could provide some funding towards the purchase. On further investigation, the mound is not high enough to have a slide and has grown up with wild flowers over the summer. Pathways to be mown into the grass to create interest. Action closed. 	Closed
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Weekend access to the garden was discussed, this will be managed via the school office. Honesty box to be installed. 	ALL
Outdoor Learning Provision	
CF detailed ideas she has for providing a permanent and flexible outdoor learning provision sited at the back corner of the field, 'in the dip'. Ideas such as glamping pods, summer houses and yurts were discussed. AC has looked into planning permission requirements and approached Debbie Binks re: possible purchase of yurt as she replaces hers regularly, information provided to school. CF would definitely like one or, if funds allow, two yurts. AC to liaise with Debbie on price and availability.	
Bedding Boxes	
The School Council have requested bedding boxes to be able to grow climbing plants up the plain white exterior walls of the school. Honeysuckle was suggested as a non-invasive to the integrity of the building and safe for the children to be in contact with. CH advised that the berries of most honeysuckle are mildly poisonous. Final decision on planting pending, CF would like bedding boxes installed if possible.	AC

<p>5p Challenge: Launched again in July, to run until October half term. Proceeds of this will be split between raising a 'capital pot' for larger projects and an 'enrichment pot' to improve children's wellbeing across the school by way of providing treats and added extras throughout the academic year – 70/30, to be confirmed. The class / house that collect the most 5ps will be awarded an extra playtime. To be pushed again after the open day with publication of a leader board.</p> <p>Open Day: To be discussed in main agenda.</p> <p>Christmas Market: To be discussed in main agenda.</p> <p>Newsletter: Joint effort is needed to pull the newsletter together, this needs to go out ahead of Open Day and (ideally) IQ Cards Christmas Cards being sent out. Newsletter published on 23rd September. Until Newsletter Editor found, NP will continue to write these.</p> <p>PTA Presence on School Website: Query on if newly branded PTA information is on / can be added to the school website. This would give us a platform to share minutes, accounts, etc as appropriate. PTA section of the website has been updated.</p> <p>Fundraising: IQ Cards - NC has been in touch with IQ Cards and Christmas Cards forms have been sent to school. This is popular amongst the school community and raised £75 in 2020. Forms circulated, due back to school by 14th October. SH / NP to collate as usual.</p> <p>Clothes Bags – Ordered. SH to confirm when due to school, NC to add note to newsletter. Details added to the newsletter. SH to update again after collection on 12th November.</p> <p>Lottery – Ticking along nicely, to be promoted again on newsletter. Update published in newsletter, to be a standing feature.</p> <p>Autumn 1st Half Term Fundraisers – Pumpkin carving competition seemed popular last year. To be discussed in main agenda.</p> <p>Wider Meetings: It would be good to tap into the wider PTA community for help with Christmas Market, future fundraising ideas and to see if there is anyone else that would be willing to take on one of the currently vacant roles within the Committee. It was agreed that now the Committee has been partially formed, we can look towards building more structure and transparency within the process. Next Committee meeting set for Wednesday 3rd November at 7pm (via Teams). School to send joining link to all parents. An agenda will be set beforehand and everyone will be invited to send 'Any Other Business AOB' items that they wish to raise. Meetings will be recorded. CF / AC to coordinate.</p>	<p>CH</p> <p>SH / CF</p> <p>Closed</p> <p>Closed</p> <p>SH / NP</p> <p>SH</p> <p>Closed</p> <p>CF / AC</p>
<p>NEW AGENDA</p>	<p>ACTION</p>
<p>New Secretary: Zoe Hallington has joined the team as Secretary – welcome Zoe!</p>	
<p>Open Day – 2nd October 2021: School have asked that we are present at the Open Day in October and run refreshments (drinks) and pre-loved uniform stalls. Confirmation of PTA urn / tea / coffee supplies held at school required as well as a lead on if refreshments are chargeable at the event. Would a small PTA tombola / raffle be appropriate? Confirmed refreshments and pre-loved uniform stalls with the opportunity for current, new and prospective parents to speak with the PTA. 'About us' leaflets to be updated to include Zoe and date of next Committee meeting these and newsletters to be printed to be able to hand out. Refreshments to be available until 12noon with a donations box available, NC has already arranged coffee, sugar and will arrange all other consumables still required. Suggestion box to be available as well. CF will be onsite from 9am for access.</p>	<p>AC / ALL</p>
<p>Pumpkin Competition: Pumpkin carving competition seemed popular last year, could we do something similar this year? Could we organise a disco or non-uniform day if not? Agreed to run pumpkin competition again, £1 entry. Carved pumpkins to be brought into school from Monday 18th to Wednesday 20th October with judging taking place on 20th. Pumpkins returned home on Friday 22nd October. Parents to be</p>	

invited to come into school and vote for their favourites. Prizes for best pumpkin: EYFS, KS1 and KS2 with a small treat for every entry. LBa to create poster, CF to arrange logistics in school, NP/NC to arrange prizes.	LBa / CF / NP / NC
Christmas Market: Mr Crouch has asked if he can meet with us to discuss school's Christmas Market, we're very happy to be involved and would like more information. What would school like us to do? MC has already started to contact potential stall holders and both he and CF are hopefully of creating an extravaganza of an event. LBr to forward her contacts from last year's virtual market to MC. Focussed planning meeting set for Wednesday 6th October at 7.30pm to discuss further, all parents to be invited.	LBr / CF
Fundraising: Autumn 2nd Half Term Fundraisers – Conscious that there will be a lot going on running up to Christmas, hopefully the Christmas Fair will be successful and raise funds for school. Potentially come back to the disco idea if not used for the 1 st half term. To be discussed at next Committee meeting. Winter / Summer Term – Easter Bingo and an adult focussed evening were discussed – 80's theme? To be discussed at next Committee meeting.	AC AC
Date of Next Meeting: Focussed Christmas Market Planning Meeting – Wednesday 6 th October at 7.30pm, via Teams. PTA Committee Meeting – Wednesday 3 rd November at 7pm, via Teams. Minutes produced by NP, checked by NC.	CF AC