

Minutes

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Community Engagement and Social

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Present:

Nicola Chambers (NC) Sarah Davies (SD) **Andrew Chambers** Nic Pearce (NP) Rachael Kelly (RK) (AC)

Zoë Hallington (ZH)

Apologies:

Matthew Crouch (MC)

| AGENDA ITEM | | ACTION |
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| REVIEW OF 2021/22 EVENTS | | |
| While several PTA events had been very successful during the last academic year, the PTA agreed that | | |
| a more strategic approach was needed for the coming year, with more regular, smaller events that | | |
| brought the school and the local community together and helped attract new children to the school. | | |
| Particularly in light of the current economic climate, there should be an emphasis on fundraising with | | |
| local businesses and the community rather than from families alone. Events should be simple to organize with low overheads. More regular visibility of the PTA should also help to recruit more | | |
| members. | | |
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| UPDATE ON FINANCES | | |
| RK provided an overview of PTA accounts for the previous year and an update on the current balance. | | |
| balance. | | |
| Current balance (as at 27/09/2022) | | |
| Total funds available | £300.41 | |
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| brought in £2343.63. RK cautioned that if forecast expenditure for 2022/23 was in line with last year, the PTA would need to raise in the order of £1,800.00 more this year, as the opening account balance was much lower. | | |
| AUTUMN TERM EVENTS | | |
| Open day | | |
| School would welcome support with the open day. PTA will organize tea/coffee/squash stall including biscuits and the preloved uniform stall. Also a "guess the sweets in the jar" competition. PTA will seek volunteers to help toast marshmallows round the fire pit in order to showcase the nurture garden during the open day. | | All PTA |
| Pumpkin trail / Pumpkin craft competition | | |
| Following success of last year's competition, PTA propose inviting children to submit | | |
| decorated pumpkin or pumpkin inspired artwork on Wednesday 19 October, paying | | |
| The competition will be judged on Thursday 20 October, tying in with the autumn dis Children should retrieve their entries on Friday 21 October. PTA suggest that the trail | | NP |
| social media. | i is videoed for | |
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Autumn disco To tie in with the pumpkin trail, PTA propose holding a fancy dress disco after school on Thursday 20 October. Tickets sold at £2.00 per child. School can help keep track of which children pay for the disco. Separate planning meeting to be held to sort out logistics for this. (time, decorations, snacks, fancy dress competition and prizes). Bags to school collection Bags to School offer a better rate when schools book more than one collection. PTA will therefore book one collection for November and another in late spring. Christmas fair notice as possible in order to get local businesses and other parents involved.

All PTA

NC

PTA agreed that the fair should be open to all again this year, rather than the children-only event. Suggest that the same date be used every year (e.g. first Saturday in December) so that a banner can be produced and reused each year to advertise the fair. Date for 2023 to be confirmed with as much

Action points:

- ⊕ NP to prepare posters for disco/pumpkin competition
- Date to be set for planning meeting for the disco/pumpkin event
- NC to book two collections with Bags for School
- ⊕ PTA to seek volunteers to help with Open Day

OTHER FUNDRAISING IDEAS

After school events

Discos or similar – organized during ASC hours with same cost as standard ASC activities, with optional tuck shop. Important to keep overheads low.

Non-uniform days

School are in favour of non-uniform days. PTA to consider when to hold them.

Summer fair

Proposal to have a summer fair revolving around produce (e.g. best fruit/veg awards) and vintage tractors etc. Could also tie in well with the nurture garden.

Coronation

In the likely event of the coronation next year, PTA will begin thinking about an event to celebrate it.

SIGNATORIES FOR PTA ACCOUNTS

PTA agreed to increase the number of members registered as signatories for the PTA bank account.

Action points:

- RK will contact the bank to find out what information is needed to add AC and ZH as signatories
- RK
- RK will also confirm that previous PTA members are removed as signatories and set up online banking

Minutes produced by ZH.