

Minutes PTA Meeting 22.4.2024

Present: Gemma Wood, Belinda Athey, Clare Frater, Nicola Oliver, Jacqui Abercrombie, Jessica Forrest, Emma Lazenby, Toni Marsden, Helen Lewis

Apologies: Katherine Gray, Alice Whincup

Minutes from last meeting: agreed

Treasurers Report: To be confirmed

Matters arising:

1) Volunteers:

Events to date have been heavily staffed by school staff rather than parents adding to school staff pressures. PTA committee is small and made up of a significant number of school staff members making it hard to run fundraising events. Need to find a way to involve more parents- no need to be on PTA as such but allocate roles to help out at future events eg disco, selling refreshments at sports day. JM to do a letter explaining the need and suggest rotas for each year group for future events. Parents would need plenty of notice to ensure they could volunteer.

Also need a poster to explain money raised to date and what it has been spent on - send out in July. TM did one last year so can use as a template.

2) Audit of Accounts:

To be done by Sheila Abercrombie (volunteer grandparent). JM to liase with KG re getting books etc.

3) Bingo night feedback:

Raised approx £500- good amount but less than previous.

Less non school attendees? can advertise more widely next time

Need bar announcement (closed during the games)

Need more parent volunteers next time

Reinforced thought that we should just do one big event per term

4) Air ambulance Bags:

Hard work and don't raise large amounts of money

Volunteers have to cover significant area to drop off and collect bags.

For future events will NOT offer collection- bags to be left at school on the day. Can be brought in on the bus assuming not huge volumes.

Investigate leaving empty bags for people to use at Glanton PO and Powburn garage (EL and GW to check).

Going forward could look into a permanent clothing bin? Cost?

5) Parent-child sports tournament:

Could consider if more parent volunteers

On hold for now

6) Refreshments stall at sports day:

Made reasonable amount of money last year

Need donations of cakes to sell

Consider rota system so each year group parents are responsible for covering a 30 minute slot rather than one or two people missing the whole event

7) Sponsored walk- class activity:

Specifically to raise money for the decking for our replacement yurt and log burning stove as sponsorship from local businesses has not resulted in any funds being raised (BA will try once more)

Friday 5th July am – staff have had further discussions and are going to do a sponsored activity per class i.e. Early Years children may do a sponsored pedal/ scoot. Class teachers will send out further information and sponsor forms

Next Meeting: TBC. Families will be informed via school and the date will be on the school website calendar.