



Southville Primary PTA Meeting Minutes

**** Wed 12 Jan 2022****

In attendance:

Helen Beech (Chair) & Year 1 Butterfly Rep, Paula Mathias (family liaison & support), Elspeth Steel (Vice Chair), Laura Mcfadden (Yr 6 & 4), Alex Leigh (Leopards Rep), Sam Peliza (Year 1), Emma Hibbs (Year 2), Liz Newton (Treasurer), Charlotte Todd Brady, Liz Haylett Clark (Kiwi Rep), Anna Clarke (Year 3 & 5), Kata Komar, Caroline Bennet-Clarke, Katie Abercombie (Teacher), Jaz Clarke, Lucy Stockall, Lucy Pook (Starfish), Zara Raffray, Sonia Adams (Heron rep), Laura Keedwell (Seahorses), Jennifer Gibson (Chair of Governors), Sarah Parker, Robert Pfunder, Kate Myers, Steve Ginnis, Jess Swingler (Bears Rep)

Treasurer's Report

Since the AGM we've raised

- * Just over £3000 on Christmas activities (final figure TBC)
- * Just over £800 on Christmas cards (final figure TBC)
- * £35 in donations towards the lantern parade cost
- * £80 from donate my school (some to do with non uniform sales)
- * £34.77 from Amazon Smile
- * We had a very generous donation of £1500 from the John Laing trust

We have spent a net of £336 on Christmas eco crackers and wrapping paper for the Christmas school lunches (we bought 1200 and sold approximately 350 of them to help contribute to the cost.

We have pledged to pay for:

- * half of all the Christmas show costs for all pupils (cost just over £3000)
- * yr 3 taking part in the lantern parade (Parents are able to contribute voluntarily on PTA events)

We have ring fenced (from the two pledges above, the recent donation of £1.5k and previous ring fenced amounts for specific things) just over £9000. We have approximately £17000 at the moment which leaves us with just under £8000 for funding future enrichment!

Feedback from the Winter Events:

Thank you to everyone who helped with the Santa's grotto. Any further feedback would be great, but generally seemed to have been received very positively. Need to sell more Mulled Wine to make the license worth it!

Christmas card supplier may need to be looked at as the supplier has made lots of errors this year, unhappy parents. To be discussed further.

Thank you to those who helped at the Christmas lunch. Great feedback from the teachers.

Winter balloon race - Made approximately £2000 so although not anywhere near as fun as the real Winter fair it is a good money maker.

Food Bank - 34 families received Food hampers from the school and again the feedback from them was overwhelmingly positive. Thank you Paula!

PTA Survey feedback:

200 parents completed the PTA survey, to see what our parent community feel about future events.

Only 7 people who replied said no to attending events in person

164 were happy with whole year group events, so we are hoping to go ahead with in-person events this year.

A staff survey will also be done to check they are also happy with in person events to go ahead, Katie Abercombie has said she will ask.

Helen Beech has suggested film nights for each year group, buy a ticket and show a movie. We need to check on the license to show a film.

Parents were keen to have discos and theatre trips plus a quiz night and a meal/game night for the adult fundraisers again.

Events/ fundraisers we hope to have in 2022:

(All of these to go to Mr Bowman for approval)

A reception beginners ball at Merrywood

Lucy/Jen/Elspeth offered to kick start organising. Suggested date 3rd March. Will need to be a Non parent event due to numbers

Spring Discos at Myrtle Site

Years 1, 3, 5 - 24th March - Sam Peliza, Amy, Helen Beech

Years 2, 4, 6 - 31st March - TBC

(With glitter swooshes, drinks & snacks)

Tea Towels - will go ahead

Class Photos - Jen Gibson happy to do the class photos rather than Jeffersons, Liz Newton to help. Jaz Clarke has also offered to help.

The New Library

Library catalogue system up and running, still waiting for the library to open.

Ring fenced cash £1500 was donated to spend on comic books, we'd like to look into what was purchased before donating more money for books.

Library book wish list has been requested to be circulated to parents if it is refined by the school.

World book day - to launch the new library! (Thursday 3rd March)

Bookmark competition to run along side library launch - Helen Beach, Charlotte Todd Brady to help

Helen Reid to potentially organise year 6 Samba performance at the opening

Coffee morning at the new Library - TBC date

Mithi's family donation of £1500 to possibly be spent on the library

An outdoor canopy has been suggested for the library, which we may fund raise for.

(Outdoor, Play and Learning Project)

Requests may come into the PTA for some aspects of this outdoor space work.

Lost property

A team to go through the boxes, wash and sort clothes would be amazing . Jess has volunteered for Merrywood site. Elspeth will look at Myrtle site.

Committee for Year 6 leaving book

Laura McFadden, Liz & Amanda Saunders to kick start

French Day

French day has had to be moved due to Covid.

Should now be Fri 20th May - making crepes, volunteers required to help

DBS

Can the school put you on their data base if you have a current DBS and you are likely to volunteer for future events.

Requests for funding

None

Any other business

Everything covered above

Next Meeting

Tues 22nd March