



Grasmere Drive, Beechwood, Runcorn, WA7 2TT

Telephone: 01928 560479

Chairperson: Kelly Campbell/Michelle Edwards

Treasurer: Kirsty Ap-Carreg

Secretary: Emma Illing/Karen McIntyre

Email: ptabeechwood@yahoo.com

Beechwood School PTA Start of the Year Meeting Minutes 01/10/2021

Attendees:- Kelly Campbell, Kirsty Ap-Carreg, Karen McIntyre, Cheryl Kinouchi, Mrs Kidd, Mrs Snell, Mrs Woodcock

Roles and Responsibilities

Everyone agreed to stay within their current roles. It was mentioned that this would be the last year for Emma Illing and Karen McIntyre as joint secretary due to their children moving on to High School. Cheryl Kinouchi agreed to be in training for the role once they leave

Overview of Last Year and Finicals

Considering the past year and a half and lack of fundraising we are doing well. This has been helped by match funding from parents and also the fact that the music tuition costs were a bit lower this year.

Our open balance was £4527.15 and we ended the year with £5274.15. Kirsty mentioned how she likes to keep the balance around this figure to cover music tuition costs which can be around £3000

What can we/can't do at the moment in terms of fundraising

Kelly asked Mrs Kidd the question of what we could do with regards to fundraising. Although restrictions have eased outside of school, Mrs Kidd and Mrs Snell confirmed that whole school indoor events are not able to take place just yet due to the control measures that schools need to still have in place for events.

For the time being it has been decided to stage the discos in the different Key Stages as this links in with the measures that the school already have in place during the day.

Regular Fixtures

Due to the numbers of students, and the current guidelines in place for the school, the school sleepover will be postponed to later in the school year.

The Christmas Bonanza will be held as an in school event like last year. We will discuss further at the next PTA Meeting.

Christmas cards – Kirsty and Kelly mentioned how we actually don't make much from the cards as people don't tend to send cards anymore. Kelly suggested doing a calendar instead, for a change. Photos to include the 8 classes and 4 houses and to be themed

Nativity's and Christmas plays will be going ahead. Kelly to look at what costumes we have that can be loaned out to parents.

Nativity and Play DVD's. It was discussed how the quality (picture and sound) wasn't that good. Mrs Kidd explained that we could get a link to the recordings which would be a better quality and we will look into doing that this time. It was also mentioned how people struggled to hear quieter children on the DVDs. It was mentioned by Mrs Kidd and Mrs Snell that we have used microphones in the past but they have broken. The PTA agreed to look into how much new ones would be and if not too much would look into purchasing

Pamper Night – Due to trying to keep the numbers entering the school low, it was decided to leave the pamper night for this year and to possibly look into an online Christmas Fayre instead

Halloween Disco will be going ahead on the 20th of October. Letters will be sent out. The next disco will be 19th January

AOB

Music tuition is estimated to be around the £3000 mark.

Mrs Kidd and Mrs Snell mentioned how much the children had gotten out of the drama sessions with Andrea in the past. The PTA agreed to look into bringing in Andrea the drama teacher again next year depending on how the funds are looking

Mrs Kidd will keep an eye out for any emails from the inhouse pantomime company and the PTA will look at funding for the children before christmas, cost dependent.

Next Meeting: 3.30pm Friday 19th Nov 2021

Meeting Actions:

Cheryl Kinouchi

- 
- Organise hotdogs and ketchup for the disco.

Karen McIntyre

- Organise rolls for disco
- Look into cost for microphones to use for school plays to help with sound quality on recordings
- Write minutes
- Photocopy Disco Letters
- Look into Online/Virtual fayre

Kelly Campbell

- Sort sweets for the school disco
- Look into calenders
- To make contact with Andrea to sort out starting drama again
- Contact Play Council to see what equipment is available for the Christmas Bonanza

Kirsty Ap-Carreg

- Manage up-coming event monies/invoices and tickets

Steph Kidd

- Keep an eye out for emails for in house pantomime events

Emma Illing

- Write disco letter