

West Hill PTFA

Minutes

12 January 2021

1. Present:

Joanna Bromley (Y1 ,Y3) (Co Chair), Nicola Davies (Y1) (Co Chair), Sarah Quilty (Y2).

Apologies:

Nicky Dew (Y2, Y3, Y5) (Treasurer), Clare Bennett (Teacher rep), Sharon Green (Y1, Y4, Y6), Emily and Jon Siddall (Y1), Dilek Hill (R), Fiona Hogan (Y5), Oona Webster (R).

2. Matters arising from the minutes:

All agreed minutes.

3. Confirmation of any decisions made between meetings:

Sarah Quilty to take role as secretary.

4. Accounts update:

- a) Approx. £4500 left in the bank after agreed spending.
- b) Previously agreed expenditure:
 - Chromebooks – now purchased and in use at school.
 - Path to outdoor classroom – work due to start during week commencing 18/1/21 at a cost of £1440. £500 paid to contractor in advance to source materials. Many thanks to the Parish Council for a £1000 grant towards this project.

List of ongoing costs and subscriptions received from Clare Bennett:

- Busy Ants subscription (Y2 &Y4) £200 x 2 paid last October
- Busy Ants subscription (Y3 Y5 Y6) £200 x 3 due February – school received a Government grant to cover for this year
- First News subscription (Y5 Y6) £504 paid last Oct
- Water Coolers £400 due in May
- Christmas Crackers £110 purchased in Nov
- Parent Kind annual subscription cost £110 paid for First News – Y5/6 £480 paid for. Fair access across year groups to be considered. Some further clarification needed as to whether First News remains useful.
- Y6 leavers contribution £150 due in the summer

5. School funding requests:

No new school requests.

6. Other Requests:

No other requests.

7. Fundraising Update:

Rocket Fund

- £3581 raised (including gift aid and fees accounted).
- A further contribution of £695 towards the Chromebooks was received with thanks from a grant from Invest in Devon, Devon County Council.
- Thank you letters and prizes are being sorted, once donation money is received.
- Thank you to all who helped with this project.

Christmas Cards – awaiting confirmation of amount raised.

Christmas Trail - £72.00 raised. Not as successful as hoped. Maybe too close to previous trail.

Class Mufti Day - £419.90 raised. Money is to be spent by individual classes.

8. Future Events:

- Class Mufti day due 12/2/21 – cancelled.
- Online raffle – not able/ethical to obtain prizes in current climate – postponed until after lockdown.
- Ebay school uniform shop – Not appropriate to be collecting uniform at the moment – postponed until after lockdown.
- Bags2School – cancelled – to be rearranged for a later date.
- Quiz – ND suggested a ‘just for fun’ local quiz that children could complete during walks throughout lockdown. Request sent to Whatsapp group for suggestions of questions to be included. A small prize suggested for one winner.
- Sponsored Marathon in a Month – ND suggested this perhaps for the month of March. Children agree to travel the distance of a marathon over the month via whatever means they like in return for sponsorship. Medal/certificate for successful entrants.

9. Any Other Business:

- Y6 leaver hoodies – Usually arranged and funded by parents.
- Electronic whiteboards – potentially needing updating in near future and ongoing funding planned.
- The school is now signed up to “Recycle4Charity” to collect old ink cartridges. Once sent to the company they will donate money to the PTFA. JB to arrange school collection box and Facebook to be used to advertise.
- A special thank you to Oona for her help promoting the Rocketfund on the PTFA Facebook page and to Jon Siddall for his research and help creating the Rocketfund page.

Date of Next Meeting:

9th February 2021 7:30pm via Zoom