



# Cavendish PTA



## Minutes for Cavendish PTA meeting 09.10.13

**Present:** Carolyne Allmark,, Rob King, Janet Marland, Jen Barnes, Dawn Lappin, Catherine Jones, Debbie Roberts, Terri Cloake, Carla Smith, Si Manning, Caroline McGilliard, Nicola Tatton, Vino Bromfield

**Apologies:** Rachel Boyd, David Griffiths, Paul Tempest, Vanessa Watt

### 1. Roles

CMc voted back in as Chair.

SM voted back in as Treasurer.

CA stepped down from role as Secretary and Vanessa Watt was voted in.

### 2. Treasurer's Report

SM circulated provisional figures for 2012-2013. PTA bank balance is currently **£21,509** although £7,000 is from a cash grant and ring-fenced for Gardening Project and a small element is owing to CavFest suppliers – an amazing fundraising achievement from Cavfest 2013! Final figures for 2012-2013 available on request from SM.

CMc queried how much the PTA is going to have to contribute to make up the parental shortfall for Mathletics. JM to confirm. **JM**

### 3. Teacher's Requests.

*a) Request from David Griffiths:*

**£6626** to spend on **16 iPads, protector cases and a synch and charge trolley for school** (school will be purchasing another 16 to make a full class set of iPads).

Tablets represent the IT future for our children so the purchase of one per child for a full class is important and can be used for art programmes such as the new David Hockney art app, music tech, sound programmes like Garageboard as well as an unlimited amount of extra-curricular programmes.

SM asked whether they would be insured and replaced if lost / damaged / stolen.

JM confirmed this would be the case.

**All agreed and full funds request approved.**

*b. Request from Carla Smith:*

Requested **£360** to fund an extra four days and four more tiles to work with the children to finish the **Timeline project**. All agreed and full funds request **CS**

approved. Photos to be supplied for PTA website and noticeboard!

Requested **£300** for **two sets of arts materials** to support upcoming topic work such as the year 6 'Wind Rush' topic and Sound Scapes 'Zed Art'. All agreed and funds approved.

Requested **£100** for new kiln glazes. **All agreed and funds approved.**

*c. Request from Janet Marland:*

Would like to look into purchasing either better **staging or tiered seating for the school hall** for class productions. This would mean an enhanced experience for both parents keen to see their children perform and children keen to see their parents are watching them rather than it just being the few parents who are seated at the front row able to see, with most others not really being able to. Seating would have to be collapsible for storage purposes.

SM says he knows the Deaf Institute are looking to get rid of both some staging and tiered seating so he will follow up with his contact. **SM**

JM also raised the issue of the attendance numbers for **Samba** being significantly down. All agreed this is a vibrant, worthwhile activity at the school that we wouldn't want to lose.

The absence of a proper Samba teacher since the last one left and the fact that its mainly just Samba drums now will be having an impact and possibly the fact that its on a Friday after school?

JM has a contact from Margaret Hales that she will follow up to see if they're interested in teaching. **JM**

Pam Cavanagh has a contact at Didsbury Dance School so worth asking Pam to follow up with them if they have anyone interested in teaching. **CMc** to follow up.

CJ has a dance teacher friend who may be interested and will follow up her and report back. **CJ**

In case numbers continue to dwindle in the meantime, **all agreed to fund £700** to pay to keep the current teacher until the end of term in case we need it.

*d. Request from Rob King:*

RK would like to purchase a **Cavendish PTA House Sport Trophy set** which includes the trophy itself, a set of coloured chips for the children to earn plus the clear Perspex boxes to collect the chips in.

The House scheme would be introduced to reward involvement, excellence and improvement in sports in school and would be aimed at particularly encouraging children who might not normally be engaged in sports to try harder and be rewarded for their efforts amongst their peers.

Classes across the school would be split into House colours to a group of children from each year group would form one House colour and would remain in this

group until the end of their Primary years. This would encourage support and engagement of children across the year groups united in their House sporting achievements as they all earn chips in their own House colours.

The House with the most coloured chips at the end of each term would be presented with the trophy adorned in the colour ribbon of their House at Assembly.

DL and others raised the issue of singling out just sport to base this on and the possibility of opening it up to achievements and success in other areas. JM suggested they put this up for discussion at the next teachers' inset day but it will initially be rolled out as a sports-based programme. **JM**

**Funds of £400 agreed to purchase the "Cavendish PTA House Trophy", chips and boxes.**

*e. Request from Terri Cloake:*

Request for two full sets of **Percussion Instruments** including a bongo drum, gathering drum and two storage trolleys for Foundation, KS1 and KS2. Some percussion instruments went missing after CavFest and haven't been recovered and TC noted they don't currently have a full set of musical equipment to service one full class and this is important.

Requested a total of **£908** to purchase the two sets. **All agreed and funds approved.**

TC agreed to take photographs of the children using the new instruments and put them up on the PTA notice board in the playground and to use in the school newsletter. **TC**

**Cavendish PTA agreed to donate a total of £ 9394 to the school to fund the above projects.** SM to transfer funds to Nic Kennedy. **SM**

PTA requested photos and text from the above projects to promote the PTA on the website and noticeboards.

#### **4. Bonfire Night**

Agreed to keep the firework spend of £1250 the same as last year and also the door entry price of £2 per adult and 50p per child the same.

CJ suggested luminous face painting to raise funds and agreed to face paint until the fireworks started along with CS, Jenny Law and any other volunteers. Would need to be need power supply for lighting so could base this inside one of our new gazeebos for shelter and position near the nursery building. **CJ/CS/JL**

Not doing baked potatoes this year as too time consuming – Frosts Butchers supplying sausages for hotdogs and burgers with a veggie sausage option.

CMc and CA to do a tuck and merchandise run. **CMc/CA**

As always we will need help on the day to collect the firewood and build the fire. **All**

Paul Tempest to coordinate fireworks display.

SM to check PTA insurance cover and contact St Johns Ambulance.

**PT**  
**SM**

CMcG suggested drafting a leaflet to go into book bags for all parents about 'How you can help your PTA' to encourage more people to come along and stay informed about PTA events and how to help out at them.

SM agreed to cut and paste the flyer he drafted last year with a tear-off attachment at the bottom for parents to return with their email addresses if they want to be added to the PTA email list.

**SM**

### **5. Christmas Fair**

Friday 6<sup>th</sup> December straight after school. Holding after school on the Friday last year as opposed to the usual Saturday afternoon drew a bigger crowd and raised more funds.

Less parent volunteers able to help but JM agreed this would be a teacher-led event again and any available parents would help. CMcG and VB volunteered.

**JM,**  
**teaching**  
**staff,**  
**CMcG &**  
**VB**

### **6. AOB**

Agreed to hold another **Quiz Night** in school following the success of the last two. This is a fairly easy fundraiser. Date set for 21<sup>st</sup> November. Need to confirm quizmaster, selling tickets, promotion and other details nearer the time.

PTA has paid Pete Webb £800 for the installation of the multi-sport equipment relocated from The Birches school as previously agreed.

**Date of next PTA meeting – Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> November 2013 at 7pm.**