



Cavendish PTA



Minutes for Cavendish PTA meeting 15.03.2017

Present: Dawn Lappin (Chair), Catherine Mckinnon (Secretary) Janet Marland (Head), Rob King, Lorna Cook, Caroline McGillard, Leann Johnson, Michelle Threlfall-Smith, Terri Cloake, Seema Monaghan, Lindsey Bowers, Laurence Moule, Gary Ellison

1. Apologies: Jen Barnes (Treasurer), Laura Coleman

2. Financial update

The bank balance is approximately £10,654. Noted that there are still a few cheques to be cashed from quiz night. The float for Didsbury Festival is also put to one side and not included in this figure.

3. Update on Events Since Last Meeting:

Movie Night

After the success of the previous 2 Movie Nights, we decided to run 2 alongside each other covering KS1 and KS2 in 2 separate halls. Tickets were sold out for both. Again a great success raising £1,112 for school funds.

Quiz Night

Another great event with good support from both teachers and parents with 84 tickets sold, up on the last Quiz Night. We were very lucky to have amazing food platters supplied by Greens for free. The bar was popular and stocked by local businesses – Reserve, Epicurean and Burton Road Brewing Company on a sale or return basis. We made a profit of £815.

4. Upcoming Events

Disco – Traditionally we have done a Valentines Disco. This didn't happen last year as we did a spooky disco in place of missing bonfire night. Discussions were had over the best way to handle this with the growing size of the school. Half an hour for



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the younger years at the start doesn't feel sufficient. Discussed holding 2 for different age groups in different halls but this would be dependent on the number of volunteers. It was suggested that we could save money on a DJ by compiling a play list to be played instead but this would take a high level of organisation and time and is down to volunteers. Discussed maybe holding it as a return to school event in September. Needs to be spread out from other events due to the organisation involved.

Didsbury Festival – This has been brought forward this year to the 20th May so that it doesn't clash with Eid. The parade theme is still unknown. Agreed we should maintain a presence this year and go for a double pitch in the hope for good weather and being able to use the bouncy castle. DL to speak to Rhiannon Lewis to see if she is able to get a deal on a generator again. Talked about running a costume workshop in school to encourage more parents to take part in the hope we can win the cup again! Terri Cloake said she is happy to help organise this and drum up interest.

Summer Fair – Provisional date of the Friday 7th July agreed.

Bonfire Night – Provisional date of the Friday 3rd November agreed

Future Event Ideas

Local Traders Night- local businesses come in and pay for a table to be held like an adult only fair. PTA could have a bar to help raise extra funds.

Mothers/Father Day stall – sell small gifts in the playground prior to each, for children to be able to choose their own gifts for their Mum/Dad. Agreed too soon for Mother's Day but could look at for Father's Day.



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5. Teachers' Requests for Funds:

Mr Moule – Year 3 are going on a school trip next week to the Big Sing Along, cost is £7/child. Parents have subsidised £5. Request for the PTA to fund the balance at £180

Miss Cloake – The cookery room are in need of some induction pans, 4 x frying pans/woks. John Lewis is the cheapest at £168. Noted that these should be ordered via easyfundraising to get some money back

Mrs Monaghan – KS1 are all doing animal related topics next term. They would like to bring in Animal Magic Party to get the children engaged with animals. Cost is £330 for both years

Mrs Threlfall-Smith – Would like to buy some more sets of Bananagrams for years 5 and 6. Cost is £37.20

Mrs Threlfall-Smith – With the extra class in Year 5 they are short on topic books. Fund request for extra books, 21 books at £164.52

Mr King – Year 6 are learning about disability awareness, Manchester City came in last year to talk about disability in sport. Year 6 want this to happen again. Manchester City will provide 1 session for free but to run 2 sessions for each year 6 classes will be at a cost of £200

Mr Ellison – PTA notice board on the back-playground needs replacing at a cost of £200

Mr Ellison – With the new position of the kiln, Carla needs a specialised trolley to transport the children's work between the art room and the kiln. Trolley needs to be made to order at £300

Mr Ellison – School is now very short on storage and in need of a second storage container to sit on the school field. This will be fitted out with shelving for maximum capacity. The cost of the container is £1950

Miss Marland – Digital safe guarding is becoming a concern especially in years 5 and 6 and there have been some requests from parents for some education in this area. The school would like to bring in Beccy Lewis on the 16th May to hold a meeting on the topic. This would be open to all parents. The cost is £150



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Total Request £3679.72.

Agree to Fund the following:

Year 3 Big Sing - £180

Cooking Room Pans - £168

Animal Magic Party - £330

Bananagrams sets - £37.20

Year 5 Topic Books – 164.52

Disability in the City Session - £200

Pottery Trolley - £300

Storage Container - £1950

Becs Lewis Meeting - £150

Cavendish PTA have agreed to donate a total of £3479.72 to the school, to fund the above projects.

*We agreed not to fund a new static PTA noticeboard as it was felt that the board which needs updating (the one located on the back playground) is not in a good position to be effective. The parents attending the meeting said that they never looked at it/or indeed knew it was there. Most in attendance said that the white, movable board was good and therefore it would be beneficial getting an additional one of these so that we can cover the two main entrances/exits. It was agreed to look into the cost of a new board. It was also agreed to see if can source one with a film that goes over the top of the writing to protect it from being rubbed off by children and the rain.

It was also mentioned that there are 2 very large projects likely to require funding soon

- Nursery outside area needs astroturfing, will look for subsidising by PTA at around £2000



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- Plastic benching for playground to help create zones for the children, funding at around £1000

6. AOB

- **Co-op Project** – Still waiting to find out if we have been short listed.
- **Christmas Card payment** - this still hasn't been resolved, we were invoiced the wrong amount and still trying to rectify with the company
- **Christmas Raffle Thankyous** – Laura Coleman is heading this up and will get thank you letters out to all those that donated, with details of how the money raised was spent.
- **Website** – we have been approached by a parent who has said that they might be able to help update the website, **DL** to follow up.
- **Easyfundraising** – this still needs pushing, was discussed at previous meeting that it would be a permanent footer on the school newsletter and a message sent out via gateway to help encourage parents to get involved.
- **PTA Newsletter** - DL noted that she will endeavour to draft a PTA newsletter for the summer term to remind parents/carers of the good work the PTA does and the projects its fundraising efforts supports.
- **Manchester Airport Funding** - Caroline McGilliard mentioned that there is a fundraising scheme by Manchester Airport to support causes within 10mile radius. Janet Marland agreed to look into further
- Terri Cloake mentioned that there a charitable scheme with banks that if one of their workers are involved in a charity event that they will match funding. Message to be sent out to try and identify parents who work for banks.

7. Date of Next Meeting: Tuesday 9th May