

Minutes of the PTFA Meeting Held 5th October 2015

Present: Ann Easy, Noel McPherson, Jo Kift, Sandy Brown, Gail Holmes, Rachel Zeale, Allie Barnett

Apologies: Hayley Major, Lisa Davies, Abby Tappenden

Current Balances:

Deposit Account - £7036.34 Current Account - £28,833.20

Gail thanked the PTFA for funding the E-Safety workshop – 22 parents attended. The cost was £290 + £100 transport costs. It was agreed that, whilst it was well-attended, it was expensive and that future workshops for both parents and children could be done by teaching staff.

Miss West presented a poster that children from her Forest school club had helped make, showing what they would like to have in the environmental outdoor learning area, including:

- * Willow Fencing
- * Welly Rack
- *Wet Weather Gear
- *Fire Pit
- *Raised Beds

The PTFA agreed to fund as much as possible – it is a relatively low cost proposal that will benefit all the children, and can be actioned quite quickly. It was suggested that RGB may donate materials for this type of project, and it would be a good idea to speak to Nicola Oliver (St Johns Garden Centre). A Ground Force Day will be arranged.

The School Allotment is no longer in use, as it involves so much work, and there are a lot of restrictions.

The Lunchtime Lottery will be regenerated, continuing fundraising for the Canteen. So far, £6544 has been raised for the Canteen – it was agreed that the £7036 in the deposit account would be kept back for this project, and not spent on any other projects.

The first phase of the Swimming Pool project will be going ahead, funded by the PTFA (£25,000) – the pool will be made deeper and longer – subject to planning permission. It is hoped that this will be completed by Easter. Funding will be sought for the second phase (roof/solar heating), combined with PTFA fundraising – a further estimated £30,000. It is hoped that the whole school will benefit from the pool, and it can be hired out to the local community – proceeds from this can be ploughed back in to the canteen fund.

Plans for the Gift Evening are underway, with most stalls sold. Rachel, Jo and Clare are to meet up with Amy from Twitchen to discuss the event. A meeting will be held shortly after half-term to finalise plans. It was suggested that Abby, Gaele and Helen Troth would make a good team to organise the raffle, now that we no longer have Tanya. Rachel to speak to Abby.

Centenary: Gail has drawn up a time-line of proposed events to celebrate the schools' centenary:

Jan – Church Service, Cup Cakes for all the children (made by Helen Gray), School Song
KS2 Production (Peter Pan & Wendy)

Feb – Ball/Dance (to be organised by PTFA)

Mar – Centenary Quiz (Clare and Keith Brown to set quiz questions/PTFA to organise catering)

Apr – Art Exhibition/Photo Competition

May – Fun Run (to be organised by PTFA)

Jun- Picnic Tea Party at School

Jul – Summer Concert at The Landmark involving the whole school

Other projects: Time Capsule/ Centenary Mosaic