

**Minutes PTA meeting
11th December 2017 7.45 - 9pm, The Zone**

Apologies

Lynsey Howarth, Mel Nathan, Louisa Simons, Nikki Cowan, Michelle S, Oli Cowan, Emma Wisnia

Attendees

Nikki Cohen, Sarah Small, Simone Baxter, Emma Scott, Estelle Myers, Naomi Cohen, Nicole Baker, Hannah Daly, Cath Taylor, Mandy Broch

Communication Strategy

Sarah Small attended meeting due to new communication platform on Facebook (fb). Parentmail is not always read however people tend to engage with fb. Sarah will be managing the new school private fb group.

The aim of the fb group is to:

- Ensure parents receive messages
- Use as an additional form of communication

The group will be carefully moderated to comply with new data protection regulations coming out in 2018. The page will be moderated, membership monitored and ensure only appropriately authorised individuals can see the 'likes'. Only members will be able to see posts.

All individuals added to the group will be checked to verify they are a parent or grandparent at the school.

Fb page is to be updated x3 per week to maintain engagement and awareness. Please ensure we 'like' things and make a comment if relevant.

Any ideas for facebook updates speak to Sarah or Nikki

Challah sales

Challahs have been sold for 3 weeks so far with an approximate profit of £160. The initiative has been well supported by school.

There are currently 10 members of The Link on the selling rota (2 members per week to sell) however ideally we would aim for 14 on the rota.

Rochelle Cohen will take over the administration of the challahs from January. Rochelle will liaise with Sarah Small in relation to media.

Doughnuts for Chanukah

A parent at school has kindly donated doughnuts for Chanukah for all the children at Brodetsky.

Discussion over whether The Link would sell doughnuts at the school Chanukah lighting on Monday 18th December. It was agreed doughnuts would be sold after school for £1 (36p would go to The Link).

Sarah has posted on the Facebook group to try to ascertain potential numbers from parents willing to purchase.

SB will check number of children in school to also help with numbers to order.

100 Club progress so far

16 people have handed in completed paperwork

Approx 15 have committed but not handed in paperwork

Please ensure we ALL take responsibility to sign up 5 people to the 100 club to ensure we get the numbers we need.

NC advised the minimum number we will start the scheme with is 50 people. This number can then be built on. Each member needs to work hard spread the word and engage friends/parents who we know might be interested. Grandparents can also be part of the scheme. We can email paperwork to them if easier.

Please send names of anyone who tells you they are going to do it to Nikki so we know who to chase up!

Movie Night

SB advised that Mrs Bhogal would prefer us to hold the movie night on a school night rather than a Saturday night.

Suggestion to hold it before February half term

Potential options discussed including:

- Continue with a Saturday night and accept that teachers are not available to assist. Although this raised some discussion re safeguarding, health and safety, control of the children etc

- Sunday night later on in the year with parent support and teachers if they can

- Week night during the year when teachers might be available to assist after school

SB feels teachers need to be there

Estelle, Naomi and Mel to liaise with Raina and the Zone to sort date options for a midweek event for the kids and the summer fair (midweek)

Ideas on how to spend the money raised

NC met with Mrs Jagger to discuss options for spending the money raised by the Link

Suggestions from Mrs Jagger and Brodetsky staff:

~ Minibus jointly funded with LJFS

~ Outdoor Play equipment

~ Help with the school library revamp

NC estimated that with all fundraising activities we could potentially have around £14,000 by the end of 2018

SB will get costings for library system that has been suggested

Cath to share playground equipment costings that have already been sourced and to bring to the next meeting

AOB

Volunteers for selling Doughnuts on Monday - Nicole, Estelle, Naomi, Mandy.
Please let Nikki know if anyone else can help.

Next meeting Thursday 11th January, new start time of 7.30pm