

# Meeting minutes 19/05/2022



## ATTENDEES

Jen Walper-Roberts, Sofie Hirschstein, Sophie Reynolds, Lisa Lee, Nicola Smaje-Rosenbloom, Laura Mason, Cath Taylor, Nomes Goldberg, Sagi Yechezkel, Rachel Levy

## AGENDA DISCUSSION

### *Summer fair -*

- The practicalities of the summer fair going ahead at short notice were discussed. suggestions by JWR to postpone till next year September time or do in a different way e.g. music festival, circus with a possible need for sponsors.
- SY mentioned that there is a Y6 community care fair where the Y6's arrange a fair during the school day and the money goes to support their chosen Charities.
- Vote to do the summer Fair this year : No one in favour: Summer fair not to take place and will be planned and resumed next year.

### *Spending requests.*

- **Book bags:** SY is requesting funding for new book bags to be bought for all children so there is no need for bag storage in all years. The practicalities were discussed and it was decided that a new design should be investigated to better suit children's needs
- **Reception book bags:** SY requesting that bags are bought for reception to be filled with information and given to parents at open evening. PTA all in favour.
- **New Reading Scheme:** Government policies have changed and a new reading scheme needs to be used requiring new books to be purchased. It is called Essential letters and sounds. This was chosen as it was the closest to the previous reading scheme and can therefore make use of some current resources. Old books can be sold for reading support for children at home which will help funding new books.

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- **Painting the school:** SY requests funding to buy paint for school and for the repainting of the school following the roof work. All will be done in neutral greys and will be the same across the site.
- **Hessian boards:** SY requested that new boards are bought when the old ones are removed for building work. These will then need to be backed in hessian to look better, last longer and reduce the need for backing paper.
- **Outdoor seating:** SY explained that the 2 sheds outside the early years building are to be removed so that Y5 & Y6 can use this area for brain breaks. New benches/bean bags requested for outdoor seating. These will be added to the woodland quote. Gaining donations for these from grandparents was discussed
- **Class Ipads:** The current school Ipads are 10 years old. SY has requested funding for new ones as many apps cant be used on these as the software is too old. Only 1 needed per class.
- **School equipment:** SY is requesting new sports and science equipment and updated maps as maps on the walls are from 1991 and are outdated. If OFSTED came this would not be good.
- **Revamp of the Library:** SY asked for funding to revamp the library to create a space for a static desk with computer as there is currently no space to scan books properly.
- **Bins:** new bins are required especially in outdoor areas. It was suggested that funding this should be shared between LJFS and the Zone.

### *Funding & Budget*

- Currently the PTA Link has £12,000.00.
- The possibility to raise funds through classroom sponsorship was discussed
- Unspent Chanukah funding was to be re-allocated to similar areas
- Votes were made on the funding requests: funding was agreed for:
  - The reading scheme
  - Maps
  - Reception book bags
- Paint and painting of the building is a high priority - accurate costing to be sought before putting this to a vote

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**AGENDA** *New secretary nomination - Voted on and agreed for RL to take this on.*

**DISCUSSION** *Other items discussed:*

- A re-opening ceremony for the school e.g. a morning open-day with breakfast and meet the teacher event. PTA in favour of this.
- Considerations moving forward:
  - Difficulty with donuts for Chanukah
  - Introduction of baking events - Due to Kashrut this isn't a possibility.
  - Increasing the use of parent volunteers
  - Support looking for Grants and applying for these would be helpful.
  - Using the community building scheme to get free work done to the school building
  - Engaging with Donisthorpe funds to develop and strengthen links with older members of the community
  - Broken fencing needing replacing requiring £8000 which is vital for school security.
  - Considering how we want to operate and have a more regular schedule ready for next year
  - Items for the next agenda

- Review of Budget
- Thinking about how we want to operate and getting more regular schedule ready for next year
- Updates on current projects (planners, trees, lotto, challah, etc)
- Plan for summer fair
- Sponsorship to raise future funding
- PTA welcome (September)
- Recruiting volunteers

PTA BUDGET	
Current budget	£12,000.00
Funding agreed	
Reading scheme	£4,325.00
Chanukah Library divert to above	£ 175.00
Reception book bags	£ 160.00
New hessian boards	£1,000.00
Class maps	£ 250.00
Woodland landscaping	£1,450.00
Chanukah divert for benches	£ 50.00
Science days allocation	£ 440.00
Laptops/Ipads	£ 185.00
<b>Total spend</b>	<b>£8,035.00</b>
<b>Balance remaining</b>	<b>£3,965.00</b>