

Ubley School PTA AGM

Meeting Minutes

Monday 29th March 2021, 7.30pm, Online Zoom meeting

Attendees: Sara English (Chair), Lulu Batten (Secretary), Jeff Croot (Treasurer), Sophie Williams, Charlotte Whitchard, Laura Westaway, Caroline Hannowin, Louise Bagatelas-Allen, Jane Bailey, Cathy Brown, Charlie Baker, Saskia Aucott, Liz Harvey, Chloe Nettleton, Gareth Nettleton, Vesela Iliva, Megan Baginski, Emily Mabey, Helen Kingsland.

1. REVIEW OF LAST YEARS' AGM MINUTES

Last year's minutes were distributed prior to the meeting. There were no comments or disputes with the minutes taken from last year and were thus approved.

2. CHAIRS REPORT

SE reviewed the years' events (Sept 2019 – Sept 2020). "It was a year of two halves". We had lots of success in the first 6 months (pre-Covid), the next 6 months were really difficult. We asked if parents could make donations and we had overwhelming support. We used the money to help fund the building of the outdoor classroom.

During this year we set up a core committee for the PTA to help with the decision making and also appointed class reps to enhance the communication between parents, the PTA and the school.

3. TREASURERS' REPORT

By the end of the year, we had raised approx. £6,500 and our expenditure was also £6,500 (including £5,000 for the outdoor classroom).

Money in the bank was just over £8,000 as of 31/08/2020.

There is a long-standing agreement to have £2,000 in a savings account for emergency use (this is included within the £8,000 previously mentioned).

It was agreed the PTA want to continue to give £100 per class and £15 per head for trips.

4. UPDATE FROM JANE BAILEY

Mrs Bailey is amazed by the amount of money raised by such a small community.

She thanked the PTA for the funding towards the Early Years outdoor area. It is extremely successful – currently only being used by the Hedgehog class but will be used by older children when able to cross bubbles. Painting easels, chalk boards and mud kitchens have also been purchased. It enables the children to learn inside and outside which is what the early years is about.

The school have kept the old canopy, which will be put at the bottom of the garden where the old 'pavillion' was. PTA agreed to match fund approx. £350 for the cost of the build. This area will be used for playtime and as an outdoor classroom for all years.

Leavers hoodies – might be a bit more c.£200 as there are more children this year.

Life skills workshop was really worth doing – the funding for this was gratefully received.

Mrs Bailey thanked the PTA for the support.

Wish list – shelter at front of the school is really needed as currently there is no shelter from the rain or shade from the sun in the front playground. Contractors feel a rain shelter isn't appropriate where current bike area is. Sun shelter could work there – possibly sails. Jane has asked for a quote. It is likely to cost approx. £2,000. It would also be useful for parents at pick up time. Do we need rain shelter? Do the children mind getting wet? No. What about an awning? Jane to get some quotes.

Whole school event – probably not this year, more likely to in 2021/22.

Trips - £15 per head.

5. RESIGNATIONS AND NOMINATIONS

Jeff will be stepping down as Treasurer from the end of the current school year (31/08/2021). Sara thanked Jeff for everything he has done.

We need to find a replacement. Jeff will put a little summary together so we can share with class groups.

6. EVENTS

A sponsored run would be a new event for the school. It could be held at the Glebe and could be held in class bubbles. Children to get sponsorship. Active. Medals. The classes could decide. Personal achievement. Not too difficult to organise. A few parents.

Sports day will most likely be in bubbles but difficult to say at this time.

Garage sale – lots of people have had turnouts during lockdown. It was decided that there are too many risks to hold something like this at the current time.

Jumble sale – wait until all restrictions are lifted

A Plant sale or a spare veg sale was suggested as an event in the future.

Fete - don't know if they are going ahead yet.

Smartie challenge – suggested by Laura Westaway. Each child is given a tube of smarties to eat then they fill the tube with coins which they earn from friends and family by completing tasks. Non-uniform day to kick it off. Dairy-free alternative.

Raffle at the 1st Ubley-publey was also suggested. Liz Harvey has lots from the xmas presents. Parents can donate gifts/services.

Virtual balloon race – Megan has looked into this. It was felt that parents are under enough pressure at the current time so it was decided to hold that idea in reserve.

7. AOB

When is move up day reception kids come so we can have a pack ready for the new parents? Jane to let Charlie Baker know the date.

Classes will be decided after Easter when we have numbers for reception.

8. Date of Next Meeting

The core committee will arrange a meeting soon after the Easter holidays to take forward some of the ideas suggested in this meeting.

The next AGM should be held soon after the end of the Academic year, October 2021.