Radnage C of E Primary School Parent Teacher Association Meeting

Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 4th November 2021

Venue: 8:00 pm School Hall

1. Apologies and absences.

Apologies were received from Laura Morris and Jim & Becky Ford

Attendees: Sam Trueman (Chairman), Mark Sinclair (Chairman), Lisa Rockell (Secretary), Kate Maddix (Secretary), Sam Browne (Headteacher), Katie Sinclair, Rob Bushrod, Emily Bushrod, Karen Cronin, Nicola Merchant and Hannah Reclik.

2. Review minutes from the last meeting on 8th September 2021.

The minutes of the previous meeting were agreed; they were proposed by Katie Sinclair and seconded by Kate Maddix.

3. Requests & Updates relating to funding for the school.

3.1. Update from Mr Browne

Mr Browne requested £1500 to replace the wooden play equipment (log swing). Sam Trueman agreed that the request would be honoured. There are no further requests at this time.

4. Fund Raising

4.1. Rugged Radnage Update

Rob Bushrod informed the meeting that 145 entrants are confirmed at this time, currently approximately £2100 profit. Emily Bushrod advised that a request has been made to a local business for an additional £500 sponsorship, awaiting outcome of decision. There are sufficient marshalls signed up now but we still require some more volunteers to help in the village hall. The school gazebos have been offered for outside seating, some more may be required. There will be no marshall's briefing held this year, it will all be undertaken on-line and hi-vis jackets can be collected from school. Kate Maddix offered to apply for a food hygiene licence which is required.

4.2. School Christmas Disco

It was agreed that this would be held on Friday 14th January at the Village Hall. Kate Maddix and Emily Bushrod offered to help on the night. Lisa Rockell will ask Stephen Rockell if he is available to DJ. Katie Sinclair offered to organise the bar licence.

4.3. Movie Nights

These are planned for Friday 26th November for the whole school, in two sessions for KS1 and KS2. Snacks and drinks will be available and School Council will choose the films.

4.4. Christmas Cards

The cards have now started to arrive back and have made approximately £250/£300 profit.

4.5. Quiz Night

A date was proposed of Friday 4th March to be organised by Lisa & Stephen Rockell. We will look at holding this in the Village Hall, further details to follow.

5. Any other business

5.1 Car parking outside school – The current road signs (figures) have not deterred some parents from parking in an unsafe manner. Rob Chandler has offered to make signage – Mark Sinclair to follow up.

5.2 Katie Sinclair advised that the Scouts have borrowed the school chafing dishes, George Hayward has collected these from school.

5.3 Katie & Mark Sinclair offered to donate a large Christmas tree to the school. Karen Cronin advised that Laceys were providing a tree this year. Kate Maddix suggested that we could have one tree indoors and one outside; Sam Trueman offered that the PTA could purchase some fairy lights.

5.4 To encourage more parents to be active on the PTA a suggestion was put forward that we could try holding the PTA meeting at a different time of day i.e. after school pick up, with a crèche for the children. We need to advertise all the things we have raised money for this year so parents can see the results of what we do.

5.5 Emily Bushrod pointed out that the PTA section of the school website is out-of-date. Any changes/updates to be advised to Mr Browne/Karen Cronin.

5.6 A parent, Andy Foster has kindly donated £500 to the school which will go towards indoor sports equipment.

5.7 Karen Cronin confirmed that she will organise Christmas hampers again this year.

5.8 Sam Trueman will arrange for the PTA card machine to be reactivated so we can use at future events.

6. Date for next meeting

A provisional date was agreed of Thursday 13th January at 3pm, to be held at school.

The meeting concluded at 21:00.