

Minutes of PTA Meeting on Thursday 5th October at 2pm

Present: - Fiona O'Reilly, Kirsty Henry, Deborah Johnson, Donna Nicol, Tricia Welsh, Elaine Melville, Katie Evans, Sarah Gallier, Mrs Forster

Apologies: - Sylvia Campbell, Rachael Eglington, Ruth Walker, Andrea Fraser, Alex Pritchard

Approval of minutes from last meeting: - all present approved the minutes and no amendments were required.

1. Sponsored walk: - the sponsored walk has been re-scheduled to Sunday 29th October, due to concerns regarding traffic on the Queensferry crossing. Mrs Forster will promote the event at the church service on Friday.
2. Boden party: - Katie said we raised around £90 and was a well attended event, and thanked all those that helped.
3. Autumn tidy up: - Fiona said that it was a well supported event with lots of helpers and Mrs Forster said that a really good amount of work was done. Fiona said that there is still some work to do, especially in the nursery and Amanda has offered to come in and help us with this.
4. Hoodies for P7's: - Anne has been in contact with a new company and some samples are being sent out. Once the samples have been received Anne will take them into school to get the sizes of jumpers to order. Anne said that we should be able to get them ordered soon after we return from the October holidays.
5. Halloween disco 26th October: - Kirsty said that the DJ and the hall let are booked. Anne and Kirsty will get the snacks and prizes, and Katie mentioned that there should be a fancy dress winner for each class. Kirsty will send an email asking for helpers. An email will be sent to inform parents about the disco and the upcoming events. We will also

send a text reminder on the Monday that school returns. Sarah will make a poster to put up in the notice board for the Monday that the school returns from the October holidays.

6. Christmas jumper swap: - It was discussed and decided that the best time to sell/swap Christmas jumpers was at the parent contact evenings. We will ask for donations the second week back, after the sponsored walk.
7. Christmas cards: - Fiona said that Alex Pritchard's father in law has offered to take the photos and we will try to get the photos done during the first week back after the October holidays. We would like to keep the children in the nursery involved and Fiona said they could have a separate card but along the same lines as the school card.
8. Parent contact days: - They are to be held on the 13th and 15th November. It was decided that during the two evenings we will have a second hand uniform sale, Christmas jumper sale and sell Christmas cards and Christmas trees. We will also promote easy fundraising on the evening. Katie suggested that to help promote Easy Fundraising that we could get a large banner that could be attached to the railings outside the school. Fiona will look into this.
9. Christmas trees: - Fiona and Elaine have spoken with Kilted Christmas trees, the deal that they have offered is slightly different to last year. Where customers will get 10% off everything that they purchase, and 20% of what is bought will go to the school. Kilted Christmas trees will also donate a Christmas tree to the school again. The flyers should be ready by the first weekend in November and we will have 300 to distribute for people to use to purchase the trees.
10. Shopping evening: - Katie has offered to organise the Christmas shopping evening, there has been a problem getting a date sorted, due to previous bookings already made at the hall. The hall is booked on Thursdays but Katie said hopefully we will be able to get the hall on the 30th November. The raffle and the made in Fossoway stall made the money last year, and it was the baking that made the money from this

stall. A few people have thought that it would be a good idea to have a children's room out the back of the hall, where we could have art and crafts, face painting etc. Elaine will look into the face painting, and Kirsty will look into craft ideas. Anne suggested making fresh waffles on the night and everyone thought that this was a great idea. We will discuss further at the next meeting.

11. Gift wrap: - To be discussed at a later date.

12. Before and after school club: - Tricia said she has been looking into before and after school clubs in the area, and had been in contact with someone regarding having a club at Fossoway Primary. Mrs Forster said she has no objections for the people to use the building but there are a lot of rules that have to be adhered to in order to run an after school club. It has also been tried previously and the charges set out by the council were quite prohibitive.

13. A.O.B: -

- OSCR: - The accounts have been audited and were submitted last night to OSCR.
- Midyear social: - After the last PTA social evening in June we thought it would be nice to have another one in January. We shall try to organise a date at a later meeting.
- Games markings: - Deborah said that the markings cannot be funded with a grant, due to rules regarding the helpers that would have to run the lunch time clubs. It was also mentioned that we could buy the paint ourselves and paint the markings on the playground. Elaine said she knew someone that might be able to do this, and she will get a price and the PTA members will decide whether to go ahead with it or not.
- Gardening March/ April: - To be discussed at a later date.
- Sainsbury's bag pack: - To be discussed at a later date.
- Summer event: - To be discussed at a later date.

Date of next meeting: - It was agreed that the next PTA meeting will be held on Thursday November 9th at 2pm in the Fred room.