

Minutes of the Parent Teacher Association Meeting
held at Kimpton, Thruxton & Fyfield School on
3rd October 2017 at 7.15pm

Present	
John Turner (JT)	Chair
Stuart Ashley (SA)	Vice Chair
Ruth Bullock (RB)	Secretary
Amy Hicks (AH)	Treasurer
Joann McDonnell Margaret Rome (MR) Pippa Bladen (PB) Caroline Watt Emma Thomson (ET) Julia Nerthercott Sophie Hunt (SH) Jason Cox Lisa Curtis Sam Curtis	Other Committee members Chair of Governors Teacher Teacher
Apologies	
Kat Odling Louise Chappell Stacey Newport	

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Welcome JT welcomed all. Thank you for attending.	

<p>Previous Minutes – Chair</p> <p>JT highlighted the forecast of events (sent home). This now runs until the end of the current school year. The only thing that might change is the day of events due to being forecast so far into the future (things happen and change).</p> <p>The new school year disco went very well last Friday.</p> <p>Summer Fete – this was a success. A lot of people have come back with how good the inflatables were. A lot of general good feedback and people offering different attractions such as donkey rides. Will take into consideration for next time, along with applying for a drinks licence for more events.</p>	
<p>Treasurer’s Report</p> <p>Disco made £194</p> <p>£2767 has been banked.</p>	

Future Fundraisers

Bob a Job to come. SA is producing the booklets. This could potentially raise £900 and classes can choose what to spend it on.

Mother's/Father's Day wrap up. JT will approach Lisa Forbes to head this.

Parents Coffee Mornings to be firmed up. Probably on Wednesdays 8.45 – 10.00am and will be held once a month/half term.

ET suggested the idea of a second hand uniform shop. JT agreed this might be a good idea.

JT also informed all that the lost property bin had been washed and is now located under the PTA shelter.

Our next event is the Children's Christmas Card making. The blank cards will be sent home next week for children to design and send back to school. Families can buy them at about £4.00 a pack, with £1.00 of each going back to school.

Music Magpie has raised £37. JT will remind parents of this on the next newsletter.

Astra Clothes recycling – received a cheque for £24 last week. It is ready to be collected now, so parents will be asked to bring any bags of clothes next week. We also plan a big fill for after Christmas.

Match Funding – out of 186 families, the same parent always offers match funding from Barclays – thank you, but there must be many more who could do this.

SA asked if the school had a record of the regiments that military families might be linked to. These could be asked for donations.

AOB

AH asked if there were plans for the spending of money this school year. She suggested that we have two accounts – one for long term money raising for large projects and another for quick access. It was agreed that it was not sensible to keep using funds to repair the play trail as it is largely rotten. The children are to be asked to give their suggestions for a new trail or something else that they would like outside and return ideas to PTA.

School has just applied for an MOD grant for use in school. It was agreed that any major money raising projects should be presented visually outside school on a board, perhaps in the style of a thermometer to show how much is being raised.

There is still £2000 to spend on Boundary Woods and ideas for improvement are welcomed. This will be actioned soon.

All agreed that an astro turf area would be beneficial to the outside area. It would be more weather friendly and increase the area of winter play. This would be approx £15000. This is a big ask and would have to be raised over more than one calendar year. JM voiced that parents need to see that they are raising money for something that is achievable. SA mentioned that it might be possible to obtain a grant for about £5000, so we would have £10000 left to raise.

The PTA are providing the cost of an M and M Production next June which is £799.

The PTA are paying for the staging (£3852). Will pay in 3 parts to the school.

The PTA will pay half of the cost for the new school reading logs. It was suggested that school could get some compensation for the errors in these copies?

Christmas Fayre. SA will ask for volunteers – a working team to plan and run on the day.

JT has produced a booking form for local businesses to attend the Christmas Fayre. The date of this may change to a Saturday. TBC

