

The Trumpington Federation PTA Meeting Minutes
21 January 2020
7.30pm

Attendees

Carlos Quinterio - Chairman
Sophie Stockwell – Secretary
Jenny Klein – Co Chair Trumpington Meadows
Katey Turner
Emma Dunk
Robin Klein
Alison Taylor
Annie Cooke
Max Tattersall
Ray Valmoria
Mike Szabo
Mark Wade
Sarah Wordsworth
Sarah Buckerfield

The meeting was called to order and Carlos welcomed everyone and introduced Jenny who co-chairs for Trumpington Meadows. Carlos also introduced Sophie as the new secretary and agreed to add her to the PTA email admin.

It was suggested that the minutes of all future meetings and the constitution should be uploaded to the Federation website so that parents are kept informed regarding funding decisions and events proposed across both schools. The secretary agreed to liaise with Jenny Hefty at Fawcett to facilitate this via email once an approved format has been agreed.

The Chair asked for feedback on the Pantomime. Those present roundly agreed it was a success although it might have been too long for the younger children. This led onto a more general discussion on what the PTA should be funding and how this funding should be prioritised. Jenny Klein read the constitution regarding this and reiterated the funds should be for the further education of the children over and above that which the school provides. Parents concluded they wished to have more input from teachers and staff at both schools to learn what their funding priorities are for future investment. Discussion was had on the need to set funding levels for investment in several schemes i.e. play equipment and in particular wet play games.

It was proposed that funding should be provided for a Mobile Planetarium for the Federations Science Week. Various funding options were discussed but due to logistics it was agreed that this should be held over a four day period, with time spent at both schools.

Planned Events

The Chair informed the meeting of the proposed events for the upcoming school year.

It was agreed that all Movie nights will from now be held at Trumpington Meadows school.

24th February – Zootropolis Movie Night

28th February – The Greatest Showman Sing Along Movie Night

20th March – Non-Uniform day. The price for participation is to bring an Easter Egg for the Easter Bingo night to be held on:

27th March from 6pm until 8pm Easter Bingo

5th June – Big Bounce at Trumpington Meadows

19th June – Non-Uniform Day. The price for participation is to bring a Jolly Jar for the Summer Fair to be held on:

27th June – Summer Fair.

The Chair reiterated the need for more volunteers with a suggestion the Year 6's might be encouraged to run a stall. It was agreed that more discussion on this was required but the PTA would try to move forward with this.

Carlos also wishes to provide each Year 6 class with £40 to be used as an Enterprise scheme for the children to raise money as they wish, including at the Summer Fair.

Future potential activities were also discussed including a Climbing Wall, a school disco and a Trumpington Community event involving both Trumpington Community College and the Trumpington Residents Association.

The Readathon is also likely to go ahead but currently pending a start date.

A fun run was also discussed to be held sometime in May.

We have also had a request from Karen Colbert who wishes there to be an event to mark VE day although this falls on a bank holiday so would need to be held on 10th July.

The Leavers Disco was also discussed. The venue has yet to be confirmed but the PTA agreed to fund the disco for £500 to be used for entertainment purposes.

New Roles

Due to constitution rules Carlos will be stepping down as Chair from October 2020 and Jenny Klein (Co-Chair for Trumpington Meadows) will also be leaving at the end of the school year. A general discussion was had on how we go about recruiting more members who might be able to take on these vital roles and move the PTA forward in future years.

A new Treasurer must also be found, and the current Treasurer Annie briefly outlined what the role involved. It was suggested a parent with some accountancy knowledge might be able to do this.

Classlist has also become very important as the Federations primary means of communication with parents and school. The PTA and Class Reps agreed to encourage all parents to sign up to Classlist and ask parents to use this platform instead of Facebook, Whats App etc. Eventually the aim is for all parents to use the app and to make communication between classes much easier.

At present the Newsletter is how the majority of parents find out about school events etc. We discussed streamlining this as the current format is incredibly time consuming and doesn't work well on mobiles. More discussion was agreed between the schools and the PTA to facilitate this.

Further Funding Decisions

Both schools have requested funds for Wet Play games including indoor ball games and board games. Funding was approved on a per pupil basis. (£550 for Trumpington Meadows and £888 for Fawcett. Sarah will order these from House of Marbles and this was agreed unanimously.

The Mobile Planetarium for 2 days at both schools was costed at £1,175 or £1.85 per pupil and this funding was also passed unanimously. Dates to be confirmed.

The PTA also agreed to fund waterproof clothing for Trumpington Meadows in the amount of £200 in order for them to start the Forest School.

Any Questions

A question was asked as to what formal links there are between the PTA, school governors and the senior leadership team at both schools and Carlos and Jenny explained these.

Jenny reiterated her wish that more of the children become involved with the Summer Fair in particular helping to run stalls.

It was agreed that a Sub Committee for the Summer Fair should be formed, and the following members agreed to participate in this Sub Committee:

Max Tattersall
Annie Cooke

Alison Taylor
Emma Dunk
Katey Turner
Tatiana Noujes

It was agreed both Carlos as Chair and Sophie as Secretary would attend the subcommittee meetings in order to confirm actions agreed and delegate responsibilities for stalls and activities.

The meeting was adjourned at 9.30pm