



**NEWCHURCH COMMUNITY PRIMARY SCHOOL PTA
MINUTES OF COMMITTEE MEETING
HELD ON THURSDAY 23RD MARCH 2017 AT 19.30 IN SCHOOL**

Present	Apologies
Angela Carnochan (Chair)	
Mrs Lawrenson	
Helen Buckley	
Debi Maloney	
Tina Shaw	
Suzanne Taylor	
Lisa Bielinski	
Kerri Shepherd	
Mr Duckett	
Keighley Boyes	
Vicky Beddall	
Jill Saunders	

Welcome/Apologies

No apologies.

Feedback

Family Quiz Night and Valentine's Disco

The quiz made a loss. Some stuff was kept back for the Valentine's Disco which made in excess of £400.

Kerri will put together a list of what was spent and what we made.

Maybe host the family quiz in June. Perhaps it's too much right after Christmas. There's no point running it if it makes a loss. We need it to make money, otherwise it's a lot of effort for no return.

The question was asked as to why we don't do a summer fair.

Maybe it's asking parents for too many things.

There's enough hassle from the Christmas fair.

Parents only have to pay for the ticket for the barbecue.

They're not giving money away left and right.

The barbecue is a nice way to introduce reception parents to the school.

Somebody mentioned about cutting oil drums in half, put on stands and make into a barbecue. Mr Duckett said that Y6 would love to do this!

Forthcoming Events

Easter Bingo

Kerri and Jill are going shopping on Saturday to get some last-minute bits. Everything is in hand. Mr Duckett will be there as first aider.

They will donate fourteen Easter eggs to school for the egg rolling competition etc. They have 180 for the Easter bingo so it's enough.

Fund Update

Kerri said that we're £400 richer than last time.

£124.17 was made today for Comic Relief.

Mrs Lawrenson had a proposal as to how to spend the funds.

Kerri said that she needs to pay for the playground at the end of March. There's about £5/6k in the account.

Mrs Lawrenson told us that she had received a quote for a chatty hut. She proposes that it goes near the amphitheatre.

It's the school council members who have asked for a chatty hut.

There is a cheaper version that doesn't have sides. The more expensive one has shutters and glazing to make it more secure and weatherproof.

It's bigger than Mrs Lawrenson thought you could get them. You could fit thirty children in. She would like to go for the more expensive one. It could be used for children who don't want to play sports, who just want to read etc. It could be either hexagonal or octagonal. We could have it with benches and cushions. It could even be used as an extra learning space. Having shutters would make it more secure. It could be locked when not in use.

Mrs Lawrenson's headship has been all about outdoor things. This would round off the outdoor projects nicely.

Mrs Lawrenson had looked at the possibility of a bike shed but this was expensive and couldn't fit in that many bikes. To fit thirty bikes in is about £20k!

A chatty hut with glazing is about £10k. We'd get more use out of a chatty hut. It has more longevity.

Mrs Lawrenson feels that the hall floor isn't great and hasn't been ever since it has been installed. It doesn't clean well. Perhaps a new floor could be a joint effort between the school and the PTA.

Mrs Lawrenson has so far only had one quote for a new hall floor.

Kerri isn't sure if we'd get much more than £10k this year. Mrs Lawrenson said the hall floor would be about £8k. She has a fund that needs to be used otherwise it will be lost. She thinks this is around £6k. We could choose the colour.

The carpet was installed at the same time, ten years ago.

Keighley suggested a talent show to raise money for the floor and/or chatty hut. This could be singing, dancing, telling jokes, etc.

Mrs Lawrenson said that at the sleepover they do a talent show. The ones who've done it before know it's coming.

We could make more money by splitting it KS1 and KS2. We could do it at the Village Club. People would pay to see their children perform. We could put refreshments on to make more money.

We should charge for Christmas play tickets and/or have refreshments for sale at the evening show.

Mr Duckett said that his wife does shows for her school over three nights which makes a few £100.

We could get children to sign up to it by having a list outside Mrs Lawrenson's door. The children at other talent shows don't rehearse, it's just done on the hoof.

Mrs Lawrenson said that at one of her previous schools they did auditions and let everyone through. We could have staff participate too!

Keighley and Lisa are willing to take a talent show forward and try to fit it in before the end of the school year.

Ladies night was another suggestion. We could use classrooms as treatment rooms and have stalls in the hall.

A fashion show would be another good idea too. The last fashion show was a joint PTA event with the other two primary schools in the village. If it was just us we'd have made a lot of money.

Helen Buckley to contact Shop2drop in Bury (the company that did the last event) to see about doing it again.

Any Other Business

Hoodies

Angela has been in touch with Cactus and has received the following prices:

£14.95 + Vat for an over-the-head hoody

£16.95 + Vat for a zip-through hoody

They would have to be black with the school logo. We just need any colour other than red so as not to confuse with the school staff hoodies.

It would say 'Newchurch Parents' or 'Newchurch Family' on the back, not PTA. They could also be used on school trips.

We could sell them for a profit but not sure how much we'd make.

Mrs Lawrenson suggested possibly using the Pupil Premium. The man at Cactus would give stuff to us for loyalty. If he gets so many orders would he donate uniform to school?

Jill mentioned a scheme of sending old uniform to Africa.

Water Bottles

Tina displayed a couple of styles of bottle that she'd ordered. One of them had had water in it for two weeks and hadn't leaked. This is the better option. We can have anything printed on it and can have any colour bottle and lid. Mrs Lawrenson prefers the bottles to be see-through. We could have clear ones with a red lid and the school robin logo.

To order 250 would work out at £1.25 per bottle.

It was suggested that on the back of the bottle there is a box with 'Name' and we could have a box of Sharpies to hand when the bottles are sold so that people can write the name on as soon as they buy it. The bottles should go home every Friday/holiday to ensure they don't go mouldy.

Term Date Fridge Magnets

PPM worked out to be quite expensive compared to other companies.

They'd be done as a gift for the September 2017 school year.

It's £300 for 230 at PPM. Other places are cheaper.

There was some debate around whether or not it was worth doing. On the one hand we're buying them and not making any money, on the other hand we ask parents for stuff all year that it's nice to give something back.

We can get the logo printed on anything – mechanical pencils, rubbers, bookmarks, etc. We could possibly get a selection of stuff to give people choice.

Labels

Tina found two places that give commission if you register. One gives 22%!

Kerri said she pays £12 for 60.

It's worth approaching the haberdashery in the CPS to ask where she gets hers from.

Mrs Lawrenson would like to proceed with the water bottles, sticky things and hoodies. She also likes Keighley's hairbows.

Sainsbury's

Suzanne gave an update on the plan for Community Day – we are going to litter pick on the common. Sainsbury's will help by providing water and snacks for the children while they litter pick. The children should wear their school jumpers with their own clothes.

Football Kit

A Y4 dad bought a full kit for over £500 and has had no matches since.

Mr Duckett said he's taking the team on now. Two staff members are now trained on the minibus so can transport to matches. Mr Singleton has designed a kit with the children. It's on one of the blogs on the website.

We're doing a sleepover this year. We had previously mentioned about having it the same night as the ball so that childcare is provided.

Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held on Thursday 27th April at 19.30 in school.

Helen Buckley, Secretary
25th April 2017