



**NEWCHURCH COMMUNITY PRIMARY SCHOOL PTA
MINUTES OF COMMITTEE MEETING
HELD ON THURSDAY 19TH JANUARY 2017 AT 19.00 IN SCHOOL**

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

Welcome/Apologies

Apologies from Mrs Narraway, Jill Saunders, Stuart Carnochan, Keighley Boyes and others.

Treasurer's Report: Fund Update

We have £17880.66 as at 7th December but with £157.43 still to bank, bringing the total in at just over £18K. However, we still have to pay school £14636 for the playground which leaves us with just over £3400.

It's great to make money but also nice for reception parents.

£157.43 was the Christmas raffle. It cost £58 something for the production of the tickets. People didn't buy as many raffle tickets as in the past.

There was some discussion around how to do the raffle going forward.

We could have a summer raffle at the end of the year instead.

Some of the prizes were from the tree of surprises.

Christmas Feedback

It was a great success. Angela enjoyed doing the kitchen.

It was a good time of night for Y6s.

There were too many cakes. We had enough teddies. Maybe in future KS1 could bring teddies and KS2 bring cakes for own clothes day. The older children didn't mind the teddy stall. Y6s loved them – it was like a lucky dip.

The tombola was great and made quite a lot of money. Any leftover toiletries went to a local Girl Guides group.

The program/prize draw didn't work. It was a nice prize but could have made more. It needed more signposting.

The café was better in the hall – it made a lot of money. The Bailey's and mulled wine went down well.

There was some discussion around how to store documents centrally. Some 'cloud' type software options were discussed, such as One Drive, Dropbox or Office 365. We

could store everything centrally, have checklists etc. We could put flyers for upcoming events on the school website, and also have a calendar. We will look at setting up Office 365.

Forthcoming Events

Family Quiz Night

This will be from 6:00 'til 8:00. It's £2 per adult and £1 per child. There is no limit on the team size.

There was some discussion around ordering the pasties that we've had at previous events. The advantage is that we don't need to heat them up as they arrive hot. We discussed which bakers to buy the pasties from.

Angela will make a hotpot and serve it with crusty bread.

Valentine's Disco

This is Reception and Year 4 parents organising. Angela sent letters out to both lots of parents but no-one replied.

Stuart is to check what alcohol and drinks are left for the quiz.

We should sell wine by the bottle as well as the glass. Suzanne was thinking of inviting the candy floss people and the bang the hammer man. We could have a tin-can alley and maybe a slushy machine. Maybe popcorn? We could do the doughnut dangle game. We could maybe have a smoothie maker.

Fruit kebabs would be good. Possibly also a chocolate fountain? We could have chocolate to drizzle over the fruit kebabs. We have fun size chocolates to use.

Angela will speak to Sue Chinn regarding the limbo pole for the doughnuts.

Stuart will do hotdogs.

Maybe we could have a lucky dip?

We'll do tickets as presales like for the Monster Ball. We could sell tickets on the night but no guarantee of a hotdog.

Maybe do a letter to each child along the lines of "You're invited to a disco..." or "Reception and Year 4 would like to invite you..."

We HAVE to include that there's a licensed bar, that KS1 children should be accompanied by parents and that KS2 children are to be collected by parents.

Year 6 could decorate biscuits.

Any Other Business

Sainsbury's raised £195.65 from the last bag pack. The next one is scheduled to take place from 5th to 7th May.

Maybe we could have sashes saying Newchurch PTA.

We've heard nothing else about events.

We should write a letter at the end of the year to thank Sainsbury's.

We could get hoodies from Cactus Clothing.

We need more uniform donations.

There was some discussion around girls' hair decorations.

Suzanne to clarify if the 5p from the bags comes to us.

Every child who does the bag packing can go on the Friday newsletter.

The coffee takeaway wasn't successful due to the tree falling down on Warrington Road.

We can try again next month.

We could do one at the end of term and make it a big one. We need to get a big teapot.

Mrs Lawrenson said that the hall needs an uplift. This could be a joint project between the school and the PTA. We could do the floor and some air conditioning. A parent from school sells air conditioning units.

We want a bike shed. A chatty hut/gazebo will be about £3.5k minimum. The bike shed and chatty hut ideas have come from the children themselves.

Culcheth Community Day – maybe we could just give something. Mrs Lawrenson suggested we could maybe litter pick in our hoodies, an act of kindness for the community.

How many hoodies could you buy from the proceeds of a coffee morning or cake sale? We'd have to have different coloured ones to the ones that the school staff members wear.

We could do the tea towels again.

How about school dates on fridge magnets? It's £75 for 500 credit card sized ones.

This would be an ongoing cost though as the holiday dates change year to year. We'd need to decide if we're going to sell them or give them away.

Maybe water bottles would be a good idea, like the Twiss Green ones.

Tina has a catalogue that has pencils, pens, bags, mugs, pencil cases, pencil sharpeners, money boxes – all of which can be customised.

Keighley has a laser printer – she could transpose any image onto anything.

Mrs Lawrenson would like to pursue the water bottles.

It would be nice to give something back to the parents.

Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held on Thursday 23rd March at 19.00 in school.

Helen Buckley, Secretary

5th March 2017