

Irthington Village School PTA
Monday, 24 February 2019 9.00am

Attendees

D Bryant, F Todd, J Storr, R Coulthard, N Roddam, M Ewart, S Patterson, S Ackerley, L Harrison

Apologies

R Smithson, L Lawson

Questionnaire Feedback Response

We looked at the results of the recent questionnaire that Diane had produced. Feedback was positive.

We could possibly look at doing more children organised events – e.g. games night etc.

Diane has sent round a questionnaire to the staff and asked for these to be returned by Friday, 1 March.

A suggestion was made to make a children's questionnaire for pupils in Class 2 and 3. This would be sent home in book bags to complete at home to complete. Diane will organise this.

We discussed how to try and make more parents attend the meetings, suggestions were to try and tie in the meetings with an events, make the meeting more of a social event in the pub to try and boost attendance, could we try and set up a WhatsApp Group as a way of communication.

Also a discussion around dividing up events into classes to organise, for example, Class 1 parents to organise the summer fair or could we have sub committees organising different events.

We need to ask the parents for future events if they are happy to be put down to run an organised stall or would they prefer to organise and run their own stall at events.

Identifying Possible Funding and Spending Goals

Diane would like to set up a budget for each year. Could we also set a long term budget spend?

Mrs Harrison said that the £3,000 the PTA gave to her was very much appreciated and she has booked the Life Bus for the whole school, Year 6 have purchased some play equipment for the playground and she has also purchased some books. She is looking at trying to organise an Easter/Spring Pantomime for the whole school. She wondered if the PTA could help research events e.g. Pantomime, dates, prices etc. She also mentioned if any of the PTA knew of any visitors that would be of benefit to the children to come and talk to them, please let her know.

Finalising details for upcoming events

- Easter Coffee Morning – Friday, 29 March
 - Fiona is to do the Easter Egg Hunt. She would like some help to do this so that they can take over for next year. Diane will ask for helpers to help put the eggs out.
 - Diane will ask for help from anyone new willing to help out at PTA events to serve tea/coffee and to help run the Chocolate Tombola. It was mentioned could a rota be put in place so that people helping out could join in with the event and not be just doing their job.
 - Emma will run the cake stall.
- Air Ambulance – Monday, 29 April – same people as usual to distribute the bags around the local area.

Improving Communication

Possibility of setting up a WhatsApp group to keep parents informed about events. Members of the PTA to ask parents who aren't already on the PTA if they would like to be involved. We could do with more parents attending from Class 2.

Mrs Harrison mentioned that it would be good to have someone present from the PTA to be in attendance when she does her new starters induction to inform the new parents what the PTA does in supporting the school.

Constitution

Diane is looking for the most up to date version of the PTA Constitution as she doesn't have a copy in her file. She will contact them and ask for a copy of our form that they hold on their system.

Meeting closed 10.35am