

ALAMEDA PTA MEETING

Minutes of Meeting

Tuesday 23rd January 2018

Attendees:

Mel Hitchcock, Sarah Snoxell, Eva Hobson, Becky Kerr, Maxine Warner and Jo Harrison

1. Welcome and thank you for coming from MH.
2. Apologies from Stephanie Vincent and Mark Bingham.
3. Notes from previous meeting:
Second Hand Uniform – we will no longer be taking this in. Parents will be asked to take it to the charity shops.
DBS – everyone is now checked. References are required and don't necessarily have to be someone you have worked for but needs to be someone with significant standing in the community. If referees are struggling to complete the form they can telephone Alameda.
Accounts – Jo is meeting with Nicola re auditing the accounts.
4. Christmas Fayre – went well. We raised £1,700.00, this is less than last year which raised £2,124.00.
5. Events for the year – we don't have any planned at present. We will do an Easter event but would like to do something different so we need to have a think about what to do. Egg sale after school? Disco?
Summer Serenade – we provided refreshments for this. Mrs Cartwright to advise if she needs us to do this year also.
6. Year 8 Leaver's Party – discuss at the next meeting
7. Bids:
We currently have £9,187.00 in the bank account. We need to set £3,000.00 aside for the minibus so we can be sure this commitment is covered.
Last year we promised the Geography department their tablets and charging caddy. As the Fun Run didn't raise as much money this year we can only give them funds for 16 (not 32) tablets and a charging caddy which is £2,600.00. This leaves us with £3,587.00 to spend on other bids.
As a committee we would like to purchase something for the children that is not used during class time, e.g. outdoor games, skipping ropes, balls. MW suggests that we ask for some pupil feedback with suggestions on what to buy. Consult the school council and prefects. We have allocated £1,000.00 for this.

Matt Hague bought trophies out of his own money for rugby so we will reimburse him the £200.

Following discussion between the committee and MW the following bids were authorised:

Geography - £2,600 for 16 tablets and a charging caddy

Library - £180 for a magazine subscription

DT - £350 for 5 cameras

SEND - £150 to go towards various items

English - £600 to go towards software and tablets

Maths - £600 to go towards tablets

Last year we gave £800 for the Eco Pond. MW is not sure what this was used for so will look into it.

MW suggested having stickers made that indicate items have been purchased by the PTA.

8. AGM and moving forward – the AGM is set of Tuesday 6th March @ 6.30pm. MH and JH will be standing down at the end of this academic year as their children are leaving the school. We have to have a big push for new members otherwise the PTA will fold. MH will prepare a letter.

Maybe send out a letter to Russell, The Firs and Maulden Lower Schools inviting Year 4 parents to come to the AGM.

9. AOB –

Gift Aid – we should expect £642 from this following the Fun Run.

10. Date of next meeting:

Tuesday 6th March @ 6.30pm

Meeting closed at 8.30pm