

St Peters Academy, Alton

School Association General Meeting

Meeting Date & Time	04-November 2020, 19:00hrs	Meeting Location	Online
Meeting Chair	Heather John	Minutes Draft Date	04 November 2020

Attendees	Apologies
Anna Bennett AB Debbie Dodge DD Emma Bland EB Beth Flashman BF Helen Stone HS Jo Stringer JS Deb Green DG Heather John HJ Lyndsay Doubell LD Jess Harding JH Jade Power-Vaughn JP Helen Tate HT	Katie Riches Jo Steele Sam Kent

Item No.	Agenda	Details of Discussion	Action By:
2	Minutes of 27 th January and 24 th February 2020	The minutes of 27 th January 2020 and 24 th February 2020 were agreed to be a true and accurate account of the meetings.	
3	Fundraising in 2020	<p>The difficulties caused by Covid-19 has meant that regular fundraisers such as the cake raffle have had to be paused until further notice.</p> <p>The Mexican Bingo night needs to be held again when possible as it was fantastic fun and a great fundraiser. This could be continued with different themes.</p> <p>Given the difficulties around fundraising in the usual way, asking parents for a suggested donation £10/term per child was discussed. This amount would match that usually raised during a “normal” school year. This could be done as an amount in an envelope or a BACs transfer, anonymously to ensure those that are struggling in these difficult times are not put under further pressure. A sensitively worded letter is needed for this and the</p>	

		<p>situation kept fluid as regulations alter through the school year.</p> <p>AB agreed to take photographs of purchases this year such as the EYFS shed to illustrate how the money raised is spent. AB will also put together a list of “this is what the children and teachers would like this year” to help raise awareness and inspiration for fundraising.</p> <p>BF suggested other fundraising possibilities during Covid-19: Virtual pub quiz, quiz sheet – anagrams, sponsored readathon. BF also suggested specific fundraising efforts for specific items.</p> <p>JP-V raised the idea of “Our Covid Year” - a book with pictures and memories that the children produce. Rather than rushing it through for Christmas, it was agreed to look at it for at some point in 2021. To also have a parent representative for each class so it is not too onerous a task for one person.</p> <p>HS agreed to set up a second-hand uniform stall around the entrance to raise some more funds. To get a clothes rail and honesty box.</p>	<p>AB to take photographs</p> <p>HS to arrange second-hand uniform stall</p>
4	School Wishlist	<p>AB was conscious that the children would not have the same opportunities for trips and visitors this year. She advised that she wanted to look into a virtual author and online theatre/pantomime performances. JP-V advised that Alton Towers will probably do a pantomime and that she would contact them and ask. If so, would look at the possibility of seeing the dress rehearsal so the children know it is especially for them.</p> <p>The classroom donation of £100 per class per term to continue. AB discussed the birthday parties for children at the end of each half-term and advised that these donations would be gratefully received towards these. The teachers will also do a Christmas party for each class bubble as well. HJ asked if we could find a Santa. JS advised that she would ask her neighbour as he drives a horse and cart.</p> <p>AB advised that Miss Rogers said thank you for the EYFS shed and that the children love it. She has mentioned some other items that she would like for it and AB will confirm these for the next meeting.</p>	<p>AB to look into online opportunities</p> <p>JP-V to contact Alton Towers</p> <p>JS to ask re. Santa</p> <p>AB to ask Miss Rogers</p>

		AB would also appreciate more iPads given the current class “bubbles” necessary.	
5	Ideas to keep on agenda	<p>Ideas and events put on hold and to keep on agenda:</p> <p>Promises Auction – new date of Friday, 26th March. General: cake raffle, stall, ramble outside, non-uniform day. HJ - mens’ darts competition/social possibly at Blacksmiths. Another themed bingo night. Valentine’s disco Mother’s Day Stall Easter egg hunt, Easter eggs to food bank. May – Ice cream, Sports Day tea/coffee stall, potential event with The Valley School, Oakamoor – could be spring/summer music collaboration at The Bridge. Ramble, Adults’ disco, Car Wash. June – Open Gardens (tea/coffee, cake, sale, creche inside), Fathers’ Day stall, selling off any Veg Patch produce. July – Summer fayre, end of term party at Bridge, Pizza at Blacksmith’s. August: Some activities to be arranged for summer holidays when children and parents might appreciate getting together. “Lottery” to start in September 2021. Christmas Fayre, stall, cards and disco.</p>	
6	Date for Next Meeting	Tuesday 1 st December, 7.30pm. Zoom link to be set up.	Anyone available to attend