## Minutes from Kelvindale Primary PTA Meeting Wednesday 25.01.23 Held via Microsoft Teams

Attendees - David Nicholls (Treasurer and Chair), Sanita Vetra, Clare Henry, Sheila Thompson (DHT), Mari Tunby, Sarah Watret (DHT)

Apologies - Sorcha Dallas, Joanna Pilarczyk, Nabendu Datta, Francesco Baldini

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David added two more items to the agenda, namely:	
<ul> <li>Football PVGs: school had action to follow this up</li> </ul>	
and Sarah reported that this has been done but that	Sarah to speak to Mr Roger and
it has been hard to get through to PVG and the	contact PVG
school will renew their attempts.	
Bee School: Sanita and Sheila were actioned to look into the notential backing locations. This has	Sanita to meet with Sheila over
look into the potential beehive locations. This has not happened because everyone has been very busy	next few months and discuss the
over the December and beginning of January	possible locations
period.	
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Treasurer's report	
David circulated the accounts before the minutes. PTA	
account is in great order with just under £11000 into the bank.	
bank.	
Debrief of Winter Market	
<ul> <li>Sanita mentioned that Tombola needs extra items</li> </ul>	
sourced by PTA, such as small sweets, juices etc	
when we do bulk shopping. This is to have more	
items for people to play tombola for longer.	
Tombola also needs winning ticket thinning, for last	
few years we have run with 1 out 5 tickets wins. We should go to 1 out 10 tickets wins. Again to	
allow people to play for longer. Silent auction also	
needs more streamlined organisation to reduce	
miscommunication on prizes.	
<ul> <li>The effort to disseminate prizes and communicate</li> </ul>	
with winners took several weeks and Mari still has	
a prize to give out.	
Mari had a good point that the prizes where  possible should be in a digital format such that we	
possible should be in a digital format such that we can email them out once bid has been paid for. We	
also should advertise the event early and approach	
possible sponsors early.	
Mari also pointed out that the effort in sourcing the	
items prior the event was considerable.	

- Clare pointed out that there were not enough people at the end of Winter Fayre to tidy up which left few people tidy up the entire school. Suggestion is to ask for specific volunteers who could tidy the school after such large events.
- Sheila added to Clare's point that it would also be good to have a picture on the wall in each class as to how the class should look in its tidy form.
- Sheila mentioned that Winter Card/present artwork dissemination worked well on the day and parents enjoyed going home with kids printed work. She also thought that as some kids had ordered, e.g., a large number of mugs then this format was good for passing the items over to parents.
- Francesco had passed details on Winter Cards. This described that the company had apologies for later order fulfillment which has been due to changes in how they operate and will work on improving this for next year. Francesco suggest we put the order in earlier next year. David was doubtful if this would made a difference this year since the company had issue with getting through orders in time. However, a point was also raised that some parents found 3<sup>rd</sup> of to be too close to Christmas for sending out cards and would like to get the printed goods sooner.
- David reported on Christmas trees which were very successful but as with the silent auction required David to devote more time than wanted/needed post event. David suggested that next year we should ask people to pre-order and possibly pre-pay for the trees and then buy as many as needed and hand them out at the event. This would eliminate a possibility of being left with unsold stock. The quality of trees this year should give people trust to pre-book and pre-pay for the trees.

## Spring disco

Sanita put this on agenda to discuss the possibility of the Spring disco. School was very positive and encouraging but commented that they felt that the best night to do this should be Friday so that pupils do not come to school too tired the next day. All agreed that Friday is best and that is should be a one evening event for all years.

Sarah commented that the DJ at the Halloween was too loud for younger kids and that the DJ was not very interactive. Clare replied that the DJ that was booked had to find a replacement as he had an emergency. Clare will be booking the same original DJ who previously has been great.

**Francesco** will follow up with the company and inform PTA on next steps needed.

Clare to work with school on possible Friday dates and to book the DJ

## Summer fayre

Present members agreed that we should run the summer fayre and that it should be on a Saturday between 2-4pm. Possible dates could be 3<sup>rd</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> of June.

Leavers' hoodies

Historically these are organised by a PTA parent who has a child in year 7 and so David has offered to lead on this.

Sanita reminded that there was a mention in the last PTA of last year that it might be great to have the hoodies ready a little earlier so that the P7 kids can enjoy them for a bit longer at the school.

**School requests** 

- All agreed to reimburse the school on class football purchase for P4-P7 with total of £59.90
- Sarah updated on the trim trail fixing efforts. The inspection had previously been done by Sports Safe company and they need to be paid for the inspection £109. All agreed that the PTA will pay for this. However, Play Safe was booked to come and work on the trail in December, but this didn't happen (likely due to the strikes) but Sarah needs to chase this up. The reason the school went with Play Safe company is as they are much safer.
- Sarah put out a feeler to see if PTA could possibly help the school to replace the current sound system which is getting old and unreliable. Sarah explained that this would be an expensive job and school budged is very tight now. She also explained that the school sound system considerably improves the school life and learning experience and outcomes including the variety of shows that children for all years put on, transition and welcome events, and many other activities which all increasingly use sound system to enrich children's learning. Present PTA members agreed without committing that this is something PTA could help with but because of the large cost it's something that needs further discussion.
- School asked if the PTA would consider paying (around £200) for a P7 leaver party ceilidh band. Sarah explained since the school is on a very tight budged the other option is to ask for additional fee from parents to cover the cost. While everyone saw the benefit to make sure all P7 children are able to attend the leavers party at the school, there were differing opinions on whether the PTA should pay

All to discuss this in the next meeting

**David** will speak to the school and Barl clothing (who we previously have used) to get the ball rolling and make sure we have hoodies ready in the needed timeframe.

**Mrs Readhead** is chasing Play Safe up for an update and booking them in to do the work

School and PTA to discuss this more, to understand the requirements and more detailed cost involved

for this. David and Mari brought to everyone's attention that the job of PTA is to ensure all children at the school benefit from the PTA money spending and that the ceilidh band should be in the future a cost that the PTA allocates each year. In the final vote it was agreed that the PTA will pay for the band and continue to do so in the future years.

- David asked if the school is looking to add to the recently bought couple of football goals since there has been a very positive feedback from children and school on their use. Sarah said that has spoken with Mr Rodger on this and Mr Rodger while very happy with the goals suggested to wait till March to fully assess the current goal quality in their capacity to withstand a winter at the school.
- Discussed point raised by Joanna via email: this related to if the school does any day trips away from the school, and if the lack in frequency of these trips is due to the cost and could PTA potentially sponsor some such trips. Sheila discussed that since the Covid a number of things have changed, the school budget is much tighter but also importantly the school no longer can book buses for free as it was a case before. The cost of transport now incurs a large additional cost in each trip. That said the school is ensuring that each year can have access to a trip a year even if it is a much more local outing. The point was again discussed that while the PTA in principle is keen to support the school it needs to make sure that it uses its funds to support the entire school and not one particular class.

**AOB** 

- Mari asked about the timeline for the trim trail, which Mrs Readhead is chasing up to book in again. Once this has been done the school would be able to give the dates when the work will be done and completed.
- Sanita mentioned that Glasgow Science Centre potentially could be offering free transport for schools and will enquire with GSC on this.

**Next PTA meeting** will be on 22nd February 7:30pm via Microsoft Teams.

**Sarah** to feedback Mr Rodger's assessment in summer term

Sanita will contact GSC