

- 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 3rd 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 3rd and 10th 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 budget 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 budget 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 Bar1 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