



Hawes School Parents, Friends and Teachers Association

Hawes Community Primary School, Hawes, DL8 3RQ

Registered Charity No: 1051024

Minutes of meeting held on 23rd March 2015 at The Fountain Hotel 8.00pm

Present – Katie Iveson, Hazel Thwaite, Sandra Bell, Mrs Dooley, Carol Hall, Anna Fagg, Jackie Smith, Emma Guy, Louise Cloughton, Kathy Lewin, Joanne Fothergill, Di Burton

Apologies – Lisa Baldwin, Edie Peacock, Louise Alder, Diane Sunter, Nicola Heseltine, Helen Iveson.

The meeting was called primarily to discuss the additional funding required for the Year 4, 5 & 6 residential to Robin Wood. Mrs Dooley explained how the cost of the trip is now significantly more per child than 1st anticipated due to a number of factors so she has requested an additional £1000 from the PTFA to help bring down the cost for parents.

Everyone present agreed to the request – bringing the total contribution from the PTFA for the residential trip to £1600. It was mentioned that the PTFA would appreciate more notice in the future with funding requests so we are able to discuss them properly at meetings instead of rallying round in the playground or having to call additional meetings as we have this evening.

Mrs Dooley mentioned that the school perhaps has a tendency to rely on PTFA funds and we discussed that they could maybe provide a more detailed plan of costs/fund request forecast so we are able to budget more effectively. Mrs Dooley also said she was happy to publish in the newsletter how much we subsidised trips by to make it clear to parents.

Concerns were once again raised about the lack of new, active members to the PTFA and the fact that we are currently spending more than we are raising. It was generally felt that the existing members give enough of their time/money through donations (and are very happy to continue doing so) but were unable/willing to schedule even more fundraisers each year. To ensure the future of the PTFA, we need more active members! Although the bank account is currently reasonably healthy, at the current rate of spending v's fundraising, it will be diminished within a few years. There is a concern that the vast majority of PTFA funds goes towards supporting the upper end of the school (residential trip, swimming, low mill outdoor activities etc.) Eventually the lower end of the school will move up, becoming the top classes and so all children will benefit, but ONLY if the PTFA continues. It was suggested that perhaps the older children could be encouraged to get involved with fundraising themselves through, for example, tombola's or pound stretchers.

It was suggested that perhaps we encourage a parent representative from each class to ensure a balanced decision on how/where the money is spent. It was also mentioned that having a member of the teaching staff at each meeting would be beneficial and would ensure the school was involved and informed at all times.

It has been brought to our attention that not all parents/teachers are aware of the current bank balance. This was discussed and decided that there is no secret about the PTFA finances – anyone attending meetings will be already aware of the figures, the full accounts are available to anyone who requests them and if parents wish to approach the treasurer, or any other committee member, we will be happy to discuss any questions or concerns. The bank balance will not be published in the general minutes.

Fundraising Ideas

It was suggested that we start off a Dates in the Diary – Katie has a diary we can use so she will set it off. 1st Prize - £100, 2nd Prize - £50, 3rd Prize £25 to be drawn at the KS2 Summer production.

Summer Social Evening – last day of term – 17th July from 6pm? On the field (weather permitting) rounders? egg throwing? Face painting/Glitter tattoos. The hall will be available if it's raining. Bring and share supper to avoid any wastage, eliminates the need to sell tickets to cover food costs. BYO alcohol (strictly no glass). Summer Raffle – prize a 'Barrow full of Booze' - different target market for selling tickets – tickets to be purchased by over 18's only. £1 per ticket. Sandra will price printing of tickets with Wensleydale Press. Carol will approach Carrs Billington about donating a wheelbarrow. Anna will put in the newsletter and ask for donations of bottles/cans of alcohol in the run up to half term. Katie will organise allocating one book of tickets per child to go out before half term. Anna will write a note to go in with them. We will assess donations at the next meeting on 16th June and hopefully photograph the full wheelbarrow to promote ticket sales further.

Any Other Business

The valentines disco was a great success raising £212.25 for funds. A big thank you to Ashley and Katie Iveson for donating the glow sticks which were a real hit!

Final preparations for the Easter egg hunt were discussed.

The next Bags2School collection will be on Thursday 11th June at 9am

Request for Funding

We have received a request form from Miss Caygill for £300 towards the cost of the Class 1 trip to Lancaster – everyone present approved.

Date of next meeting:

16th June, 8pm in The Fountain

Meeting closed at 10.10pm