

Fulford School PTA Meeting Minutes

Thursday 6th October 2022, 7-8 pm,

1. **Welcome:** Pauline Wykes, Helen Poulsen, Pamela Johnson, Lisa Wykes, Lindsay Walby, Kat Eastman
Apologies: Gary Hennigan,
2. **Minutes of the last meeting** - were agreed
3. **Finances**

Lindsay provided a financial update indicating £3349.71 in the bank, this included approx. £1500 of new payments for the 200 club. Therefore, this was excluded from the available balance, and it was agreed that there was approx. £1500 to consider for funding requests, which would leave a small buffer.

Pauline noted that the uptake for 200 club was positive with approx. 151 tickets played so far. Pauline was to chase the players who did BACs and see if they wish to play again this year.

The following people are winners of the 200 club over the summer and will each need a cheque for £68

| Month | Number | Name of winner |
|-------|--------|---------------------------|
| Jul | 87 | Mrs Sally Look (1340) |
| Aug | 108 | Ms Nina Wright (1500) |
| Sep | 7 | Mr Ian Weston (1050) |
| Oct | 85 | Ms Toni Littlewood (1338) |

Pauline has the letters for the Nov 22 and Dec 22 draws and will action these with Lindsay when the time comes.

Uniform sales - Adele Redman has stepped down as uniform co-ordinator. Many thanks to Adele for her work in support of the PTA. We now seek a new volunteer uniform co-ordinator - a critical role as this is the PTA's main source of income and without this, or any new source of income, the PTA will be unable to respond to further funding requests.

4. **Funding requests**

It was noted that we had approx £1500 free to spend and the requests were significantly above this amount. Pans and sewing machines were deferred last meeting with a request to go back to school regarding the relevance of these request to school budget – Gary please to action this.

New requests:

£280 for a STEM club to create and code some robots that play a musical instrument, a game that features music composed by our students and a keyword / definition game that supports students with drama terminology and vocab. – it was unclear what exactly the request is for - **Gary** to go back to Mr Dring on this. Further information required - request deferred.

£500- and/or £250 – to pay an external agency to provide for a Y7 sustainability day – a new initiative to provide Y7 with alternative curriculum opportunity foster sense of belonging to support transition and inclusivity. It was unclear why this request was specific to Y7 parents ,

when other years groups are also operating these days, the links to sustainability were also unclear. Not approved.

£1000 for the school ultimate frisbee team to attend up to 6 tournaments in the coming year (which are £100 and above each time), and travel to and from the tournaments (£50-80 depending on location). This is requested as this sport does not have free competition opportunities in the same way that other sport do. It was agreed that £300 could be donated to support attendance at tournaments over the year. Partially approved.

£700 thermal camera – to be used in physics across the school and feeder schools. Agreed to donate £350 towards this purchase and Gary will enquire as to whether there could be further support given elsewhere for this, possibly from the feeder schools? Partially approved

£1500 data harvest pH probes with Bluetooth facility (£99 x 15). It was agreed that this would a modern and exciting way for pupils to handle the data, However the cost is beyond the budget. It was agreed that we could donate £300 to get three of these as demonstration tools within the class, the benefit/use can then be explored and feedback given. Partially approved.

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For the 2 requests above there was a general action on **Gary** to seek feedback as to how useful partial support would be in these cases.

£400 - 32 dry eraser pockets for use in science – this was not supported for the money it was not clear of the benefit and what worksheets would not need to have a record for pupils to refer to in their studies. Not approved.

£100 Gunshot residue kits test strips for use in Forensic science BTEC. It was noted that this would benefit few pupils, with 6 currently studying this subject. It was considered that this would be interesting and give a real-life experience for the pupil on this vocational course and this was supported. Could the benefit of the kits be widened out beyond the BTEC class?
Approved

5. AOB

Pamela is looking for someone to take over the easyfundraising contact from her. This is just an admin oversight, all payments go by BACS to the PTA. It is useful to send emails to the school office for send out, maybe 3 a year, just reminding parents of the easyfundraising portal at hey times e.g. for Christmas shopping and booking summer holidays etc.

6. Next meeting

Thursday 17th Nov 2022, which will be the AGM. Whilst all committee roles will be up for election, the Secretary and Chair will be stepping down so we will need volunteers for these roles in particular. Action: Secretary and Chair to circulate role descriptions - Helen and Pamela.