

MARLBOROUGH SCIENCE ACADEMY PTA

Virtual Meeting, 7pm

Minutes from 25th November 2020

Present: Angie Cronin, Nathalie Johnson, Richard Atterton, Doug Eve, Jane Sullivan, Michael Cleaton, Angela Moffat, Terri Clarke, Nathalie Jagger, Salpi Gulbekian, Linda Wilkinson, Karen Francis, Alison Wildon, Juliet Voissey,

Apologies received: Chantelle Nassari

1. Welcome & Apologies

Angela Moffat performed the role of Chair for the meeting. Welcome to attendees and apologies received.

2. Review last meeting minutes

Committee reviewed minutes of last meeting 14 October 2020, previously distributed by email. No outstanding matters.

3. Funding requests

No funding requests received from school.

Jo Bustin from the School Art faculty sent an email of Thanks to the PTA for supplying the 30 Table Top art work stations for students to use.

The software marking tool 'Mark Mate' subscription (funding in part by the PTA), has been suspended from the beginning of the Covid-19 Lockdown period in March 2020. This will add further months to the subscription costs already paid for.

4. Finance update

The PTA Treasurer Michael Cleaton is to stand down from the Officer role. The Committee are to actively explore avenues to recruit a new Treasurer.

Angela Cronin to put together wording to send out via the Edulink platform through school to advertise the vacant role of PTA Treasurer.

Angela Moffat to contact the Chair of Governors (Jane Walker-Smith) at School to ask if they have any recommendations of a suitable candidate for the PTA Treasurer role.

There has been no income or outgoings from the start of the academic and financial year up (01.09.2020) until the date of this meeting. The closing balance for the period was £20,957.31.

5. Funding ideas

2nd Hand Uniform Sale – There is interest from parents/carers of school asking for a date for the next PTA Uniform sale. Due to Covid-19 Lockdown restrictions the PTA are unable to give a date for the next Sale. We would like to have the Uniform sales in Da Vinci Hall moving forward if the hall is available.

Date of next sale is TBC.

Virtual Quiz night – this was discussed and plans will be put in place for this event to take place in January 2021 and March 2021. Richard Atterton and Doug Eve agreed to be Quiz hosts for the event in January. Linda Wilkinson recommended an alternative Quiz Host for the March 2021 Quiz.

Co-op Local Community Funding

This is an excellent fundraising opportunity for the PTA. Students, parents, guardians, carers, relatives, friends are able to register for Coop membership and join the PTA Fund. There is a funding amount generated from a percentage of spend donations, plus a certain amount is also donated from the central Coop fund. The PTA discussed ways to promote the fund membership. Angela Moffat put together information for the school newsletter regarding the Coop Community Fund.

Christmas Toy Tombola – this is the normal Christmas event provided by the PTA but due to Covid-19 restrictions this event will not go ahead. The Committee discussed having a Virtual Christmas Balloon Race for students to take part in. The winner to receive a Voucher.

MFest update – The 2020 event was cancelled due to Covid-19 restrictions.

6. Date of next meeting

Date of next PTA meeting – 27th January 2021

7. AOB

The committee discussed requests from parents/carers of school through the PTA Facebook page, to put together a form of 'Thank You' for teachers and staff, during the Covid-19 circumstances. Angela Cronin to look at a form of Crowdfunding for this purpose.

School have permission for a new building in the current Jubilee Gardens area of school.