

FRIENDS of BJS MINUTES 24th SEPTEMBER 2020

PRESENT

Committee

- Sarah Speirs
- Jackie Ahrens
- Lorraine Collins
- Steve Muir
- Katherine Carter

Class Reps

- Rachel Roberts and Rachel O'Brian
- Fi Kimbell
- Jill Govier-Blinder
- Kimmy Ramelli and Vicki O'Connor
- Sue Newman and Laura Bond
- Lorna CL
- Nicola Riley

Parents and Guardians

- Claire
- Lisa
- Justine
- Ben (thanks for offering the pro zoom account!)
- Delia
- Marvin

INTRO

- Sarah thanked everyone for attending and introduced all members of the committee, reps and parents / guardians.

TREASURERS REPORT

- Due to cancelling the summer fair and events, last year's income was down by £6.5k, compared to other years.

- The PTA still donated over 16k to the school, investing in the ITC suite, chrome books, licences and subscriptions.
- There is currently around £6.5k in the bank, £2.5k of which will be given to the school to complete the payment for the ICT investments.
- Covid could affect the 2020-2021 PTA income by £13-14k, so new ways of fundraising / donating needs to be looked at (see further down the minutes for fundraising proposals).

CLASS LIST

- Jackie has research and run a small trial with the app 'Class List' in order to centralise school emails / PTA emails / Rep emails / Whats app etc.
- Class List is GDPR compliant (no personal info is shown), everyone can sign up and all information is in one app.
- Events can be set up and ticketed for it, and different groups can be created to communicate relevant information.
- Class List is not just for PTA information, it can also be used to create a parent focused community.
- You can select how regularly you want to be notified, there are real time notifications as well as options such as daily digest or weekly digest.
- Sarah will add 'Class List' into the survey (see below for more information regarding the school survey) to gauge interest.
- Jackie has asked if all reps are happy to send their personal email to the chair email so everyone can sign up and run a trial.

FUNDRAISING

- Sarah is creating a survey that will be sent to all parents and guardians to get feedback on new ways / preferred ways of fundraising. This will go out ASAP. Y3 parent, Ben, has really kindly offered use of his pro zoom account so that we can have a PTA zoom after the survey results are in, to confirm what activities we will undertake and who will be running them.

Potential fundraisers

- ***Virtual Zoom Adults Quiz***
Y4 parents, Isabella, Hannah, KC and Ben can run this

- **Virtual Zoom Kids Disco**
Y6 parent Karen may be able to run this
- **School Lottery**
This is run by the lottery company, so little admin or organisation involved. 40p from every £1 ticket goes to the school, with the chance for each entry to win £25k each week.
Jackie is investigating this.
- **Christmas wreaths, raffle, hampers, puddings, cards and tea towels, online bottle tombola.**
Lorraine will speak to Gina and the Church regarding a wreath workshop
Delia will investigate the online bottle tombola.
- **Virtual workshops**
Sending a message to all parents and guardians to see if anyone has a talent or passion for running a virtual workshop ie cooking or artistic.
- **Movie night**
Sue is passing on information re the costs of licence for the school to host this (in a covid secure way)
Or movie night could be hosted in each home, with popcorn (or similar) being provided by the PTA.
- **Treasure hunt**
This will be looked at in more detail for next year.
- **Easter egg raffle**
Y6 parent Lucy has all the details on this.
- **Donations**
A lot of interest has been shown, in particular from Y3 parents and guardians, for the option to make donations.

Wish List from School

- Many parents said it would be very helpful to know what the school would like to use PTA money for this year. This will create fresh momentum to raise funds.
- The wish list from Mr Catchpole and Mrs Barker include:
Outdoor benches / tables
New raised beds in the garden
Drama / musical / theatre workshops
Big goals ie all weather pitch, to be done in tangible stages
This list will extend and respond to the feedback from parents.

DATE FOR NEXT MEETING

- To be confirmed once the survey results are back in.