

Minutes of Silsoe VC Lower School PTA Annual AGM

Wednesday 15th January 2020, 7pm at Silsoe Lower School

Agenda Item	
1	Chairwoman's report - Attached in email
2	Financial report - Attached in email
	Committee elections: Chair - Tracy Palmer/Claire Hazel Treasurer - Mel standing down from the role Secretary - Kevin Palmer Communications Officer - Rachel stepping down, Michelle and Aurora standing for election Voting process
3	Claire - nominated by Tracy and Kevin Tracy - nominated by Claire and Kevin Treasurer - Sam Stratford - nominated by Sara and Mel Kevin - nominated by Claire, Tracy Comms - Claire, Sarah - nominated by Sara and Mel Comms Aurora - nominated by Mel, Michelle Co-opted members - Sarah, Mel, Rachel - nominated by Kevin and Tracy
3	Head teachers report - attached in email

Teacher suggestions for PTA involvement - Ideas have been sent to Mrs Boyle.

Mrs Golder list for field. Very open and exposed, nice to have some shaded areas. Protection against wind and sun looking at hedging, trees, canopy's. Trees may be better long-term option. Two areas aside path, quiet garden and another area that is bigger with Forest School. Both could be costly, bid has been put into daises for funding. Mid-February could be the time to get an answer on that.

Climbing equipment may be an option for a trail to be created. Ask Jen Shields for extensive research she carried out years ago.

Woodland trust could provide trees and hedges, so they could be approached.

Miss Workman - Science week in mid-March, would like to have someone come in to lead classes. Costing to be given in due course.

Teresa Coles (teacher present) - Discusses trees, shade, canvas sails for open area. Look into permanent benching so we are not carrying table out to put drinks on. Consideration on water foundation, water coolers. Benches in shaded area may also be welcome.

Had someone in who did Junk Orchestra several years ago. Would like to get him back if possible. Estimated cost £400.

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Emotional wellbeing and mental health issues - one idea is subscription to Mindful Monsters. £75, get something every month to try with children. Exciting to see what arrives each month for the children.

Memory and listening games - have some children who struggle to remember instructions, some electronic games like Boppit can be helpful. Small box of activities that could help to stimulate memory.

Book donations - 2017 donation when school moved and again in 2018. Didn't do it last year, would be good to have a donation to provide fresh reading material. Book warehouse in Hemel that has 80% off for schools - 66 Book Club. £2 to join and all books are heavily discounted. Teachers to be asked what books could help and form to be sent out to parents for donations.

Sarah Evans - request for reconditioned iPads at around £150 each.

Discussion on parents who could help with landscaping and issues in the field. Three quotes required before projects are signed off. Ben Hoult's Dad a possible person to approach for help. Note on newsletter looking for help for potential projects on the field.

Competition for children to design flowerbeds as possible idea.

Any other business - Events for this term - annual quiz. Aim not to clash with village quiz in February. Do it later in the year, Claire Johns willing to be quizmaster. Maybe looking at April. Most lucrative event of the year.

Talk of spring disco, possible Valentines/Science/Easter theme. Mrs Boyle to provide dates, possibly in March. Dates to be suggested by Mrs Boyle, possible around Science week.

8 Sausage sizzler at pre-school Easter Egg hunt. Did well last year and looking into doing it again. Depends if Claire and Brad want to do it again.

Possible cake bake/decoration fund-raiser. Father's Day shop.

Sponsored event on sports week also lucrative and will be arranged again in 2020. Scooter race discussed, but considered to be too dangerous. Another activity will be arranged

Bricks at the front of the school - Need a minimum amount to make it worthwhile of around 25.

Next meeting to be decided in due course