

**Date – 6<sup>h</sup> February 2023**

**Time 7.30 - 9pm**

**The Albion**

**Attendees:**

Carys (minutes)

Corina

Claire W

Clare R

Frances

Sammy

Sarah

Marta

Natalie

Financial figures from last term aren't available yet. Will share data next meeting.

**Plans for spend with current pot:**

Traversing climbing wall – want to get good quality wall that will last, will be raised slightly off the ground and have some higher sections for the older children (8 1x1m panels) – no mat/special flooring needed if it is below a certain height. Estimate of £2000. Voted for – we would like this to be installed in time for the summer term this year so year 6 get a chance to use it before they leave the school.

Sand pit – Chunky, good quality made with sleepers – being investigated – cost TBC

The wild grass area is already in.

Outdoor classroom needs a big budget to do it justice. Mr Bath putting more thought into it – deciding if it should be used for outdoor classes/mass or something smaller.

Mr Bath has asked us to fund 32 ukeleles for music lessons. These will need cases to be protected and should be signed in/out forms filled in by parents to make sure they are well looked after and returned. Cost will be £512 including cases. They will be used all year round in terms 1/2, 3/4, 5/6. Voted for.

School ipads are 12 years old and are outdated – can't run software. The school would like 16 new Samsung tablets to replace them which are £130 each + VAT + the bumper cases and cables. They will be stored on the same trolley that is used now for the ipads. These will work with the IT in the school that is now all on Chrome. Voted for.

The governors have agreed to fund new chrome books in addition to the tablets.

**Upcoming events:**

22<sup>nd</sup> February - bags2school

1<sup>st</sup> March – Key Stage 1 (Pre-school, Reception, Year 1 & 2) bedtime stories in school – plan to dress up hall with mats, gazebos, twinkly lights, children wear pyjamas and bring teddies, 4 teachers read bedtime stories in different areas of hall. Serve tea and coffee in Gens Room if possible – ask if After School Club can be held in another room. Ask if siblings can hang out in the library or year 2 classroom. No charge for bedtime story event. Timings – set up from 4.30pm and event from 5-6pm.

24<sup>th</sup> March - Family quiz – time TBC – Mr Bath will run the bingo, we'll have a bar and tuck shop and sell pizza for £10 each – special dietary requirements to be passed on in advance e.g. vegan

### **Other business:**

Can we use the board outside the staff room for posters and QR codes for events? – parents will see them every day and will be more likely to scan on their way past.

Gift tree suggested – to go up in school foyer – plywood or thick card in shape of a tree on the wall where teachers write what their needs are at the moment e.g. pencils, craft stuff, books, etc. and parents can take a label home and donate the items (new/used).

Discussion about whether we should buy gazebos ready for the sports week and other events – provides shade for children on very hot days – where will we store them? What types do we want? Is it worth it for a couple of events?

BBQ has not been looked after since it was bought a year ago – it is sitting outside at the moment without a cover on and needs to be cleaned – we need to keep it locked up somewhere so that permission is necessary to use or clamp it shut somehow?

**Summer fayre** – discussion about whether it should be Friday or Saturday – pros and cons as follows:

Friday after school - pros - parents are already at school so potentially more people will come, teachers' preference, don't need entertainment as it's a quick in out thing, less effort to organise (fewer volunteers needed)

cons - quick set up needed, rush of people at start so gets overcrowded,

Saturday - pros - more of a family day out, (feel that we have lost the community feeling in school a bit), can invite grandparents etc, more time to set up, fayre goes over lunchtime so people more likely to eat, drink

cons - teachers have to come back to school on weekend, need commitment from volunteers, need more entertainment to attract people and keep them busy during fayre, people might be away for weekends.

Suggested dates are 23<sup>rd</sup>/24<sup>th</sup> June, 30<sup>th</sup>/1<sup>st</sup> July, 7/8<sup>th</sup> July.

Carys to do doodle poll to check volunteers availability and opinions on Friday or Saturday.

If Saturday – could sell tickets in advance, could ask DJ/entertainer from school disco to help, bouncy castle, zorbing?

Programmes discussed – used to be a money maker but as lot of effort and seems old fashioned now. Perhaps we could do a billboard with sponsors on instead?

Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> March – world book day – instead of fancy dress, Mr Bath would like to run a book themed hat competition instead. PTFA will donate £50 then ask Max Minerva to top up to £70 for gift voucher prize for the competition - £10 to each year.

**Next meeting** – 6<sup>th</sup> March in the Albion/on Zoom again