

Minutes of PTFA Meeting

Monday 27th January 2025

Open morning meeting @ 10:05am **Open evening meeting @ N/A**

Attendees: see list attached

Welcome to Parents and Introduction

Conor Lyne thanked attendees for coming; Lesley Yeung taking minutes

Apologies for Absence – Nolan; Suzy; Joe; Raman; Steven H

Minutes from November meeting

Approved at meeting

Update from School

Mr. Dunmall gave thanks for the in-person meeting and discussed priorities for spending

- Close of the financial year is 31st March
- Consider request for PTFA funding for new Chromebooks for a whole year cohort
 - New gov't has announced big push for technology and AI in education
 - A lot already going on with AI for leadership management
 - Push would be more AI for pupils; integrated learning – areas of rehearsal, repetition; computer helps assess where child is at and what they need to do next (enhancing teaching); not replacing core teaching
 - Need to discuss with parent community – views on screen time; balance with other activities done at school
- Alternatively, PTFA funding could be used to renew play equipment around the school

PTFA will discuss what school community wants to get behind; get feedback to Mr. Dunmall within the next month

- PTFA funding is used to provide benefits that the school wouldn't otherwise be able to have (i.e., outside the core business of the school that is funded through the government)

It was also noted that, as part of the Leighton Road/Elthorne Park Road consultation, there was mention of consideration of adopting a school street for Fielding

Treasurer's Report

Justin reviewed the Treasurer's Report

Overview to date:

- Total income (2024/25) - £45,000
- Total expenses (2024/25) - £14,000
- Total contributions to school (2024/25) - £25,000

Currently have about £34,000 in the bank account, with £2,500 left to pay of our standard annual commitment to the school

Required to maintain a minimum balance of £5,000

Leaves about £26,000 for school bids as of now (not including amounts from summer fair and other events that will be run)

Annual commitments include:

- £500 each for 8 year group trips - £4,000 (£2,500 remaining to be paid for 5 year group trips)
- Bulk funding - £15,000
- Islington Topic Boxes - £7,200
- ARP - £500
- Year 6 Leavers - £500

Revenue from activities to date include:

- Christmas Fair raised £15,000
 - Raised slightly more this year than last year (£14,300)
- Tea towels raised £2,600
- Cake sales have raised £3,000 (9 cake sales to date)
- Picnic raised £2,231
- Mini Mile Sponsorships raised £1,829

Christmas Fair Earnings:

- Card transactions (can't be allocated to the individual stalls) - £2,700
- Raffle – £3,000 (cash sales)
- Silent auction – £2,800
- Grotto – £1,100
- Bottle tombola – £860
- Entrance desk – £600
- Candy floss – £400
- Other stalls – between £100-300

Would like to get more interest on the cash we have; if lock money in for 3 months at a time, can get a higher interest rate, so Justin is looking into that

The Treasurer's Report will be shared with the Minutes

Christmas Fair

- Made slightly more money than last year
- Bad weather; big thank you to Jateen for helping us move everything indoors
- Stall feedback
 - Bottle Tombola – more people needed to label bottles; heard a lot of good feedback about the stall though
 - Christmas Trees – sold about 40 this year; could sell around 100 if we announce the sale and make the trees available earlier
- Map was very helpful to see where things were; helpful to have it ahead of time
- Notes and how-to guides – Prashant will be contacting everyone to get the notes updated
- Thanks to Gina – a lot of work on the tea towels; did all of that on her own; everyone really appreciated it
- Thanks to Shoshana/Meredith – coordinating Christmas gifts for all staff
 - Need to plan ahead; Amon had lead it previously but need someone to volunteer to do it
 - Shoshana/Meredith will do for the summer and see how it goes
 - Suggest having one class teacher collection and then one pot for everyone else
 - Consider how to handle TAs so it is done uniformly
 - Start after half term in Summer

Update on Events

Friday Bake Sales

- Started again last Friday
- No Nuts!
 - “May contain” must also be excluded
- Feedback about healthy options; home baking vs. shop bought items
 - Suggestion to just say no to shop bought items, even if it results in less options to sell
 - Nuts tend to be an issue with the shop bought items
- Year 6 dates need to be changed because of conflicts at the end of the year

Second Hand Uniform Sales

- Next sale is 7th Feb. at 3:30pm
- More volunteers needed to help sort and run the sales

Shed Clear-Out/Seeking Help with Repairs

- The PTFA sheds were cleaned out recently on a Saturday morning; things got thrown in after Christmas Fair and have been organised
- Need a builder or someone handy at DIY; sheds need new flooring and shelves

Upcoming Events

Parent's Table Quiz

- 7th February in the Main Hall
- There may still be spaces available, if anyone is interested in joining
- Happy to have volunteers to help on the evening
- Remember to be respectful of neighbours when leaving the event

Movie Afternoon

- 15th March, time TBD
- Reception classes have volunteered to run the event

Mother's Day

- Wendy (Y2 Rep) has volunteered to do a Mother's Day event; need to coordinate with other Y2 Reps

Easter Trail

- Year 1 had previously volunteered to run

Summer Fair

- Want to get a date on the calendar as soon as possible
- If there are big group activities that a lot of Fielding kids are involved in (i.e., dance/drama shows, etc.), please let the PTFA know the dates as soon as possible so that we can try to avoid any clashes
- There are little bits that need to be done ahead of time, so the PTFA can always use volunteers to help with those (e.g., Giles does the licensing; parents help with the posters; etc.)

Summer Picnic

- Need to determine if there will be a picnic in the summer this year – last year it was held in September
- Need to look into dates

Other Events

- Need other class groups to take on activities
- Events run in the past that we may want to do:
 - Magic Show
 - School Disco

- Other ideas:
 - Stand-alone laser tag
 - Children's quiz
 - Chili cook-off

New event ideas always welcome; PTFA will support new ideas as much as we can

AOB

Ideas for Getting Volunteers

- Always tough to get volunteers; usually the same parents helping out
- One Y4 class – rep at start of year figured out how many tasks there would be for the year and allocated slots; if can't do your allocated slot then have to find someone to take your spot
 - Everyone is given at least one thing once a year
 - Didn't result in pushback; seen as helpful to have it laid out like that
 - PTFA will put together some notes on how it was done
- 3P at Christmas Fair – allocated slots for 30 minutes rather than 60 minutes; resulted in more people being willing to sign up

Seedling sales

- Julija can do again this year; around the beginning of May
- Will coordinate with Ellie about using the green house
 - See if Ellie can include planting the seedlings in her lessons
- Will ask parents to donate any old pots they have

Next PTFA meeting scheduled for 3rd March

Closing

Thanks were expressed. Reminder that anyone who has suggestions, questions, concerns or wants to volunteer should contact fieldingptfa@gmail.com.

Close morning meeting @ 11:12am

Close evening meeting @ N/A

Attendees AM

1	Conor Lyne (Chair) – 3P, 2S
2	Shoshana Bratton – 2F, Nursery
3	Julija Gulbinaite – 3H, RS
4	Mary Clark – 4P

5	Justin Rodger – 4H
6	Katie Goodrum – RF
7	Ioanna Manolopoulou – 2S, 4F
8	Blanka Horvath – RS
9	Robyn Nowers – 1H, RP
10	Mr. Dunmall
11	Lesley Yeung (Minutes) – 3H, 2F
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