



The Friends of Mill Water School PTFA

Minutes of meeting – Monday 14th December 12pm via Microsoft Teams

1. **Present:** Maria Scholey, Jennie Ames, Paula Harris, Sarah Steggles, Jo Smith, Beth Legowska, Charlie Palmer, Jikta Jakubcova, Georgia White, Sarah Pickering (joined for short time).

Apologies: none

Welcome – MS Welcomed everyone to the meeting and thanked everyone for their support in previous years. All attendees did a short introduction and explained roles where applicable.

2 Minutes of previous meeting & matters arising from previous minutes:

Previous meeting was before lock down so MS gave an update and reflection of past 10 months. MS pleased with the engagement and activity on the Facebook page during lockdown, lots of families using the page to share photos and resources.

3. Election of officers:

Chairperson – Charlie Palmer – Nominated by MS seconded by SS

Treasurer – Jikta Jakubcova – Nominated by MS seconded by SS

Secretary – Beth Legowska – Nominated by MS seconded by SS

MS thanked the above for putting themselves forward. No other names were put forward – the above replace MS, SS who both resigned with affect from today and LTC who left during lock down.

Open discussion following election regarding roles and how to move forward. CP asked role of PTFA in relation to school fundraiser, GW. GW said she saw communication between them as key to successful future endeavours. More internal events/fund raising opportunities e.g., the summer and Christmas events for the PTFA and external application of grants to be GW. GW role to raise profile of the school also which in turn will benefit PTFA when seeking help for prizes, volunteers etc.

It was agreed that further discussion was needed regarding different pots of money.

JJ has applied and been successful for the grant from Tesco.

SS suggested keeping the relationship with Waitrose stores Community Matters running, currently have links with both Exeter and Sidmouth stores.

MS was keen to stress the important role of the PTFA with the school community as we don't have the school gate contact.



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MS clarified the following financial issues:

- Big noise kitchen & swimming pool both had money ring fenced – **PH** to talk to relevant staff to inform them of this money.
- £500 for Early years swing would be put back into the main account.
- £500 for last summer's production which did not happen would be made available for next year.

JA thanked MS & SS for their hard work.

SP joined to say thank you to MS & SS.

4. Update from GW

Huge support for the school during lockdown from local business funding resources. There are currently lots of bids in, including cycling from Bikeability and British Cycling. Funding would be used for equipment, training and teaching. **GW & CP** to discuss where staff communicate requests for funds – previously gone through PH.

CP asked about online payments – SS suggested looking into PayPal for future online payments.

PH to send communication to parents regarding new committee. **CP, BL & JJ** to complete pen portraits to introduce themselves.

5. Date of next meeting

CP to contact everyone with details of next meeting. MS and SS expressed an interest in still receiving meeting dates. SS & MS left at this point.