

## Dee Banks Charity Association

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### **Minutes of the Charity Association 1st Spring Term Meeting held on Wednesday 23rd January 2020 at 9.30am**

#### **Present:**

Diane Robinson (Secretary)

Kate Hubbard (Treasurer)

Carline Cartwright

#### **Apologies:**

Kelly Roberts (Chair)

Jude McGuinness (Trustee)

#### **Outstanding Actions from Previous Meetings**

Action: Kelly to organise a Summer Ball in 2020 (it will be decided during our next meeting if this should go ahead or we should do something different for pupils and families).

Action: Kelly to organise and advise dates for a Bag Pack at Morrisons (Saltney).

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Action: Kate to advise what work needs to be completed around school which could be completed by volunteers from Tesco. This action is no longer required as Kelly is having problems contacting the Tesco champion.

Action: Kelly to ask Tesco (Frodsham Street) about being part of their blue token scheme and a Bag Pack. This may not be possible due to Kelly having problems contacting the Tesco champion.

Action: Carline has contacted Sainsbury's regarding getting on their charity list, unfortunately they already have a list for this year. Carline will contact Sainsbury's again regarding next year and ask about organising a Bag Pack.

Action: Carline to organise a Bag Pack at Aldi (Great Boughton).

**Trustees:** Mrs Judith McGuinness, Mrs Katharine Hubbard and Miss Kelly Roberts

Action: Carline to contact Waitrose regarding being part of their token scheme, a Bag Pack and Easter eggs for our Easter Hamper draw.

### **Easter Hamper Draw**

It has been decided after the success of previous draws to organise another Easter Hamper Draw. It would be appreciated if we could all try to gain Easter Egg donations from various supermarkets to be included in the Hampers. If we do this early, we can then decide if we need to host an 'Own Clothes' day in school.

Action: All to contact supermarkets regarding donations for Hampers.

Action: Di to organise Hamper Draw tickets and issue to staff/pupils.

### **Log Cabin**

As previously advised Kate has applied for Lottery Funding (before Christmas) and will hear back by end of February if we've been successful. This bid was for up to £10k but they may fund more, this needs to be for a build with community use. If this is unsuccessful Kate will try Children in Need to see if we can get the funding required.

### **Christmas Party & Hamper Draw**

We received £647 from the Christmas Hamper Draw which is an amazing achievement.

The whole school Christmas Party at the Mollington Banastre was a massive success. This event was joint funded by school and money raised from the Christmas Hamper Draw. As it was such a fantastic event it was decided to organise a Christmas Party again this year.

### **AOB**

We currently have £1,877.57 in the Charity Association Bank Account; this does not include the £5k donation we have received from the Duchess of Westminster (see later).

Mrs Avraam has completed a sponsored 5k run whilst on holiday and raised £652 for the Charity Association. This is an amazing achievement and thanks goes to Mrs Avraam for her continued support.

We have received a £5k donation from Duchess of Westminster who is currently our patron, she is stepping down from this position shortly. Kate will contact the Duke of Westminster to invite him to become our new patron. This fantastic donation will be used to purchase an achiever bed for our PMLD pupils.

A selection of Dee Banks staff are planning to run the Chester Half Marathon to raise money for an achiever bed, they will be asked if they will raise money for the Charity Association instead, this can then be put towards future projects. Kate is going to investigate getting match funding for the Chester Half Marathon from Santander. Kate would also like to purchase some vests with the Dee Banks Charity Association logo, these will be used by individuals during events when raising money for the Charity Association.

Action: Kate to order vests with Charity Association logo.

Within our last meeting Kelly mentioned about Co-op Membership Cards for use in store and online. Cards are purchased for £1; you then pick your preferred charity (i.e. Dee Banks Charity Association) and earn back a percentage of your shop which is forwarded to your selected charity.

Action: Kim to place details of Co-op Membership Cards on the website

Lloyds Banks are planning to visit again in the Summer Term to complete some jobs around school.

Action: Kate to contact MBNA regarding supporting the school.

The Summer Fair (Saturday afternoon July) was briefly discussed as it was felt this should be repeated due to its success. The following stalls were mentioned:

Bottle Tombola, Teddy Tombola and Chocolate Tombola (new stall for this year!)

Sweet Stall & Cake Stall

Beat the Goalie

Lucky Dip

Disco

Dog Show

Ice Cream Van

Band

Action: Di to include Summer Fair on the Agenda for our next meeting.

Kate mentioned it would be good to have a Family Night in School during May/June. This could include a film, bingo, BBQ, curry, disco etc. This will be discussed further at our next meeting.

Action: All to think about hosting a Family Night in May/June and what this could include.

Our next Charity Association meeting will be held on **Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> March at 9.30am.**

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