



Minutes – 7.30 pm – on zoom

Monday 16th November, 2020

Present:

Sally Piper (Braunton Academy Staff and PP), Tracey Elliott (Current Chair and Parent), Karen Clee (Parent), Gideon (Parent), Carla Stocks (Parent).

Apologies:

Mick Cammack, Angela (Parent), Marie Anne Redfern (Parent), Paul Trueman (Parent)

Computer Appeal

Tracey and Sally outlined the need for additional laptops school children have due to COVID situation. If children had to go back into lockdown or had year bubbles isolating at home Mr Cammack emailed the following information:

The school have identified those students who do not have sole-user laptop access, as follows:

- Immediate need (Students without a laptop/pc) = 22 The school plan to meet this need by purchasing 20 laptops with school 'catch up' funding.
- Preferable need (Students who come from a Disadvantaged background who only have a single device in their household) = 16
- Overall need (for those families who only have access to a single device- that may be a phone or iPad and shared across family) = 68

Ideally, then, we would be looking to purchase another 16/20 to ensure we are mostly covering and supporting our families' needs.

Sally explained that computers are ordered through school supplier and are £350 each to school standard with 3 year warranty. Laptops are being used more in school and so these laptops will get lots of use anyway even if they do not have to be leant out to families.

Discussed grants applied for- Fullabrook grant already gained for some laptops earlier on in the year. **Katie and Tracey** to look into further Grant options but most things possible have already been applied for.

Discussion about how to best go about gaining additional computers- New laptops- if we raised funds for 20 would cost £7000. Group decided we would like to aim to raise this sum. The Rock pub have already fundraised £1000 which we recently received in a cheque. So that money will go towards this target. Gideon at that point pledged £1000 from his business – Dry Robe- Thank you so much Gideon, what a fantastic start! Sally said there could be quite a lead time on ordering so it was agreed to use the current balance of BAPP account and Rock £1000 to put an order in now and she will put further orders in as money comes in.

Outcome OF discussion was that it would be good to aim for:

- Launching a Community Appeal for £7000 for 20 new laptops
- Press release
- Publicise in Press, local magazines, social media, posters.
- Just giving page
- Put plea out to local businesses who might be able to support us.
- ? consider adding in appeal for second hand laptops

Carla highlighted how helpful 'Gift aid ' is, we do not currently get this, Sally will look into this again.

Teacher needs also discussed- There may well be additional computers needed that can be loaned to teachers who need to isolate at home. Currently many are relying on own personal computers that they may have to share with family. Discussed that there may be community members who have second hand laptops they would be willing to donate.

Second hand laptops – Discussed that if community donated laptops, they would need to be a good enough spec to support school systems and would need to be wiped. **Sally** will speak to school computer technician and find out what spec is needed so a plea could be more specific. Also it would be helpful to ask for trained computer technician support from community to help wipe/ PAT test any donated laptops to reduce workload for school computer technician.

Plan:

- Press release and how to communicate Community Appeal – **Paul, Katie and Gideon** to produce Copy
- **Katie** to check with the Rock pub that they are happy for us to publicise that they have donated £1000.
- Just Giving page – **Katie in liaison with Sally and Paul**
- School email to parents- **Tracey** to use press release to write something for school email out.
- Supermarkets- **Karen** to approach CO OP and Tesco to see if they have funds they could give or if we can advertise community appeal in their shop.

- Social media- Tracey to use press release copy to gain social media wording. **Carla, Marie Anne, Angela**, etc to circulate on Social media inc. 'Whats on' pages.
- Poster- **Tracey** to make a poster and **Karen and Tracey** and rest of team to put up if needed.
- **Tracey** to start 'whats app' group to organize and co ordinate way forward and see if other parents want to join that from BAPP FB page.

Christmas Appeal-Feedback from last year

Talked about how great last years Christmas Appeal was. Huge thank you to everyone who was involved with organizing it and the Quiz night. Sally and Tracey fed back how helpful in particular the visualisers have been in lockdown and now with teachers having to stay at front of classes to teach can show their workings.

FB Videos about school topics

Tracey still to discuss with Mick Cammack- to discuss again next meeting.

AGM

Sally reminded us that we need to hold an AGM no longer than 15 months after the last. Last AGM 11th November, 2019. Tracey and Sally to come back with date and plan at next meeting.

Date of next meeting:

Monday 7.30 pm 7th December on Zoom to check in where we are up to.