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PTFA Meeting – 11.10.2019

Present-: Cath Tucker, Cathy Bartlett, Bethan Downing, Emma Payne, Maria Nash, Tracey Davies and Nicky Pedrick.

Cath Tucker thanked all present for attending.

Minutes from previous meeting were shown to the attendees.

- Cath Tucker presented to the meeting the new draft plan of the sensory garden. The attendees discussed how the plan could be improved and points that they thought were excellent ideas.
- The points for improvements were a shelter/ sheltered area, perhaps sectioning off the trampoline, (To phone other schools to see what they have done with their in-floor trampoline also about stagnant water collecting under trampoline) Shed will be needed to keep equipment in.
- The points parents' thought were excellent; the swing, caterpillar swing, the flooring, trampoline, buddy benches, and the inclusiveness of the garden with excellent wheelchair access.
- Cath Tucker discussed the budget she thought the whole renovation would cost £100,000, however the costing of the new plan was £54,000 not including any shelter / roofing, and the company Balfour Beatty have offered to do the ground work for free to support the school.

- Paint a Pumpkin- 23rd October, attendees agreed that £2 was acceptable price to ask parents to pay to do the activity, however parents need to aware it's a messy activity and wear appropriate clothing.
- Rag to Riches Last day is the 23rd October.
- Halloween disco 24th October -Nicky offered to get in touch with a DJ to see if he was free on that date 5-7pm. Emma offered her help as last resort (Kirsty also has volunteered)
- Bethan Downing presented a Christmas Bath shopping trip idea for parents and staff to attend. Nelson coaches have replied with costings for a 53-seater bus. Bethan felt that £15 would cover costs and give the school a small profit. Ideas to increase the profit on the buses would be raffle, hot drinks, biscuits, wine, mince pies. However, some parents discussed the difficulty of a Saturday trip and a mid-week for parents is easier due to childcare problems, Bethan is getting prices for a midweek trip for parents, family and friends. The weekend and midweek trip idea and costings would then be offered to parents for a number uptake.
- Amazon Smile, the statement that the company was using from the Charity Commission was out of date and did not reflect the changes in professional language used from Briton Ferry Special School to Ysgol Maes Y Coed. This statement and the new statement were read out to the attendees and all agreed that the changes reflected Ysgol Maes Y Coed ethos.
- AGREED – unanimously – wording to be amended to:
 TO PROMOTE THE WELL BEING AND INTERESTS OF PUPILS OF YSGOL MAES Y COED, ALL OF WHOM HAVE LEARNING DISABILITIES AND SOME ALSO HAVE PHYSICAL AND SENSORY DISABILITIES AND / OR AUTISM, IN ANY MANNER NOW OR HEREAFTER DEEMED TO BE CHARITABLE BY LAW.

Meeting closed 10.30am