

## **Minutes of the meeting of The Buckland School Trust held on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> October 2023**

- Welcome.** Present were James Thorpe, Sophie Sheard, Sarah Le Maitre, SLM, Pauline Hawkins and Louise Warren. Apologies were received from James Wildman and Neil Jackson.
- Minutes of last meeting.** These were read and signed as a true record and given to SLM who keeps our records.
- Matters arising.** Installation of air conditioning in Beech class has been very successful. PC Mike came to school to talk about cyber bullying. Detailed plans have been drawn up for the pond but progress has stalled because the designer has been working elsewhere. A parent has been asked to liaise and, hopefully, advance the project.
- Financial report.** Our bank balance is currently £4,166. We have contributed to the air conditioning, coaches to the science labs and the woodland trip. We are lucky to have four regular donors but our level of expenditure is not sustainable. We may have to explain to parents that unless we receive more money we will be forced to cut back on our support. Sarah Le Maitre was thanked for her hard work keeping our accounts up-to-date.
- Headteacher's up-date.** School is full and we have many new parents interested and looking round. Staffing and governors are stable and educational outcomes in the summer were good. New LED lights have been installed throughout. New arrangements have been made for lunches at school. Breakfast and after-school clubs are held in school and organised by teaching staff. Mrs Warren was thanked for her contribution to our meeting.
- Way forward.** School runs some visits at a loss and it was felt that the Trust might contribute so that the school budget does not suffer, especially as these visits are believed to enhance the education of our children. The Trust will buy pens for leavers in the summer, help to finance the restoration of the pond and fund a drumming session in the spring – a high profile event which might lead to fund raising for the Trust.
- AOB.** There was no other business.
- Date of next meeting.** Please note, the next meeting will be on **Thursday** March 7<sup>th</sup>, at 7pm, at Glebelands Bampton.