



St Catherine's RC Primary School, Didsbury

Parent Teacher Association

Minutes for PTA AGM Wednesday 2 October 2019 - 7.00pm

7.30pm St Catherine's School

In attendance: Sarah Moister (Chair), Nina Chwastek (Head teacher), Trisha McElroy (Treasurer), Vinnett Walsh (Secretary), Antoinette Meskill, Anna Kerins, Claire Clay, Mrs McCormick (Teacher representative), Carrie Riches, Miss Qulligotti, Angela Doyle, Lorraine O'Hare

Apologies:

Kate MacKenzie, Paul Wheeler, Caroline Rodgers, Alannah Robinson, Suzy Larkin

1. Reports:

Chair

Sarah prepared a report which is attached and will be uploaded to the school website which reflects on the last academic year and all the fundraising activities and achievements.

Treasurer

Total raised 2018/19	£24,308.92
Opening balance 01/09	£8,166.49
Cheque to school 2/10	£5,000

Balance of account for new year after cheque clears £3,166.49

Trisha thanked Claire Clay for securing match funding of £1,000 and Cathy Redford who secured matched funding of £250.

PTA accounts for 2017/18 have been submitted to the Charity Commission.

PTA accounts for 2018/19 will be audited and verified before submitting to Charity Commission and will also be made available on the school website.

Headteacher:

Nina Chwastek thanked the PTA for all of the work and the huge amount of money raised. She thanked all those people who work behind the scenes to ensure the events take place particularly those that take the lead in organising events and the

camaraderie amongst the PTA and helpers. Nina thanked the volunteers and wanted to highlight the fact there is a tangible difference the funds have made to the school for the children.

2. AGM Business:

Sarah Moister was voted in for a second year as PTA Chair

Patricia Mc Elroy was voted in as Treasurer for a second year and Carrie Riches as Co Treasurer

Vinnett Walsh resigned as Secretary and Antoinette Meskill and Anna Kerins were voted in as Secretary and Co-Secretary

Committee for 2019/20 therefore comprises:

Chair: Sarah Moister

Treasurer: Patricia McElroy & Carrie Riches (Co-treasurer)

Secretary : Antoinette Meskill and Anna Kerins

Also Mrs McCormick continues to be the teacher representative.

PTA Agenda:

3. Date of next meeting: Wednesday 13th November at 7pm

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Finance Update

Pre loved Uniform - £127.72
Family Social - £25.76
Bag2School Collection - £250

Sarah thanked Liz Riding for arranging and running the Pre loved uniform sale. Her hard work and organisation of these events makes them the great success they are.

A thanks also to Kate MacKenzie for the organisation and running of the Family Social. We had a lot of positive feedback from the event. It was great for us to offer many of the activities at the event whilst not aiming to raise money.

With regards to the Bag2School collection a few concerns from parents about the collection company being a profitable company rather than a charity; the donated items are

sold on abroad. We agree with the next collection that we will provide more information to the parents relating the company collecting the items.

Forthcoming Events

School Disco - Friday 18th October

Bar area will not be available for selling of the drinks to the adults; need to look at selling drinks elsewhere. Helen Finch and her mum have agreed to sell the drinks again. Carrie Riches and Trisha McElroy are going to get sweets and make up pick and mix prior to event. We plan to sell glow stick at event. Discussions we had relating to single use plastics and agreed that we get children to bring own water bottles again and consider making sweet bags in paper bags. Thoughts on left over fruit from KS1 could be donated for children to eat.

Non Uniform Day - Thursday 28th November

Day for the collection of bottles and chocolates for the tombola; volunteers needed for the following day for labelling of items

Christmas Party - Sunday 1st December

Antoinette Meskill to lead event. The entertainer and 'Santas' have been booked. Due to alterations at social club we will need to change access to Santa's grotto. Speak to John regarding using the sports shed again. We will do similar stalls to previous years.

Mulled Wine & Hampers - Thursday 5th December

Similar date to last year as many preferred this event earlier in December.

Christmas Movie Night (cancelled)

Great idea but agreed that there are already a lot of events in the school calendar in December

Movie Night - Friday 24th January

Vinnett Walsh to lead. Idea of letting kids vote for movie suggested.

Bag2School Collection - Tuesday 21st January

Possibly allow for Monday night drop off.

Non Uniform Day - Friday 14th February

Instead of own clothes the idea of break the rules day, 50p per rule. School to decide perhaps 6 rules e.g. odd socks, face painting, crazy hair. Agreed as an alternative.

World Book Day Sale & Swap - Friday 28th February

A great idea prior to World book day

Spring Ball - Saturday 7th March

Claire Clay to Lead. Booked at Northenden Golf Club, same as last year. DJ also booked

St. Georges Day - Thursday 23rd April

Event in playground and own clothes day.

School Disco - Friday 15th May

When Spanish Exchange is here

Bag2School Collection?

Perhaps do another end of June/ beginning of July. If so might not do one in September next year?

Summer Fair - Sunday 12th July

Mentioned again about change of day to Friday and decided that set up will take too long so decided to remain on Sunday.

Prosecco and Icecream - Friday 17th July

Same setup as previous years - hoping for better weather.

Pre-loved Uniform

Will continue to run these regularly throughout year.

Coffee Mornings

Not currently planned in PTA calendar due to current lack of facilities in Social club. Once facilities are back up and running will consider putting into calendar; will need volunteers to help run this event.

Frozen Fridays

Will start up again once the good weather is back. We invested in cool box this year. Considering a freezer for the school to help with storage so we do not run out at future events. Mention of potential donation of used freezer.

Aiming to start setting up Whats App groups for many of the events and aiming to ask year groups for volunteers for events to make organisation easier.

School Lottery

To be mentioned to Reception and Nursery groups to get more involved in the lottery.

Easy Fundraising

A reminder will be sent out to parents explaining Easy Fundraising and how it works.

Stamptastic

The promotion offered by stamptastic was discussed where we receive 20% of the amount purchased when the school postcode is mentioned. £25.67 has been raised so far.

Kit for School - Aldi

Discussions were had regarding whether the school is collecting the vouchers from this scheme. Nina Chwastek confirmed that they are and a message will be sent out to parents about the scheme.

Plans for Future Raised Funds

Money for the past two years has paid for all the current improvements to the school playground; children across the whole school are now using all the new equipment and enjoying it.

Provisions are made during break and lunchtime to ensure the equipment is appropriated supervised; concerns over inadequate supervision in a crowded playground before and after school including children younger than school age on the equipment has led to the decision of restricting use at these times for the safety of the children.

There are still more improvements which we would like to do the playground to improve the outdoor space further. Two possible options are:

1. Garden room/ outdoor classroom - a teaching space outdoors with the possible location being in the peace garden
2. Exercise machines/ outdoor gym and some other playground equipment for KS1.

It was agreed that these both would be positive additions to the playground and that it would be great for future PTA funds to be used to complete these additions so we can say that the PTA funded all the playground amendments.

NEXT PTA MEETING - WEDNESDAY 13th NOVEMBER - ALL WELCOME