



St Catherine's RC Primary School, Didsbury

Parent Teacher Association

Minutes for PTA Members Meeting: Wednesday 13 November 2019

7.00pm St Catherine's School

In attendance: Sarah Moister (Chair), Mrs McCormick (Teacher representative), Carrie Riches (Co-Treasurer), Antoinette Meskill (Co-Secretary), Anna Kerins (Co-Secretary), Vinnett Walsh, Kate Mackenzie, Amanda Zacharzewski, Jane Zacharzewski, Angela Johnson, Alannah Robinson.

1. Apologies:

Trisha McElroy (Co-Treasurer), Paul Wheeler, Angela Doyle, Caroline Rodgers, Sarah Hancock, Lorraine O'Hare, Claire Clay and Sarah Conlan

2. Minutes of the last meeting to be approved (2 Oct 2019)

The minutes were approved.

3. Finance Update

Easy Fundraising recently paid us £141.72

Current balance is £5083.64

4. Review of Recent Events

- **School Disco on Friday 18 October - raised £1147.18**

Feedback from the disco was very positive. 268 tickets were sold - the most amount ever sold, possibly due to the early start time. There was a discussion and agreement that in future we will not sell 'brain licker' sweets.

5. Forthcoming events

- **Non uniform Day - Thursday 28 Nov / Fri 29 Nov (Year 4 only)**

Due to year 4 being on a trip to Chester, they will have their dress down day on 29th Nov. Children will be asked to donate items for the tombola for the Christmas Party on these days.

- **Family Christmas Party - Sunday 1 Dec 1pm - 4pm (Community Centre)**

The event sold out quickly as usual. Entertainer and 'Santas' are booked. The bar will be open. John has confirmed we can use the shed for the grotto. Jane is go-

ing to make her usual fantastic cakes and treats. From feedback received at previous events, all agreed serving savoury items/ hot dogs/ cheese sandwiches and hot drinks would be ideal. At the moment the kitchen in the Community Centre is not in full working order so this will be reviewed again nearer the time, and we will do the best we can.

A message will be sent to those attending asking for volunteers to help on the stalls.

- **Mulled Wine and Hampers - Thursday 5 Dec (School Hall)**

Mrs McCormick will ask Miss Dewsnap if the school choir would like to sing at the event. Hot drinks and maybe doughnuts will be served.

- **Bag2School Collection - Tuesday 21 January**

Booked

- **Movie Night - Fri 24 January**

Vinnett is leading on this. Will decide a shortlist of films of similar length, and possibly let children vote for their favourite via parentmail. Idea of 1 film for infants and another film for juniors.

Tickets will be sold after the Christmas break.

- **Break the Rules day - Fri 14 Feb**

School to decide the rules eg, crazy hair, odd socks. Children will pay 50p for each rule they break.

- **World Book Day Costume Sale/ Swap - Fri 28 Feb**

Need a volunteer to lead on this.

- **Spring Ball - Sat 7 March**

Claire Clay is the lead. The venue and DJ is booked. Claire is looking for prizes.

- **Summer Fair - Sunday 5 July**

Intend to have a similar fair as last year. Alannah Robinson and Kate MacKenzie volunteered to help organise the event. Sarah will set up a WhatsApp group in the New Year and the plan is to have one person from each year group to be on the Summer Fair Committee and we will ask each year group to help organise and run 1 stall. Sarah is going to book Little Pigs for the BBQ.

6. Any other business

- Kate advised that as we are a charity we can apply to Forever Manchester for funding. Kate will forward the details to Sarah.
- Carrie mentioned that Easy Fundraising are currently giving £5 to the school for each person you nominate and who starts using Easy Fundraising. Given it's Christmas time many people will be doing Christmas shopping so if you know anyone who isn't already signed up - refer them using the sign up link.

There was also a discussion about just how easy 'Easy Fundraising' is to use. When you set it up on your computer, whenever you browse on a sales site, you automatically receive a reminder that you can buy via Easy Fundraising if you set up the reminder function.

- School Lottery - doesn't seem to be as many people signed up as previously - this is possibly because people initially signed up for a 3/6 month period. Idea to advertise School Lottery again - especially to new parents who may not be as familiar with it.

7. Date of next meeting

Mrs McCormick suggested holding alternate PTA meetings immediately after school drop off, or before school pick up, rather than in the evening. Suggested 9am on Friday 17 Jan - venue will depend upon space in the school to accommodate the meeting.

Next meeting FRIDAY 17th January 9AM - Venue to be confirmed.

EVERYONE IS WELCOME!