

PTA Meeting Notes 10/09/20 (via Zoom)

Attendees

Lizzi Hodgkinson
Amy Leary
Mrs Stray
Julia Milligan
Nadeene Stewart
Sarah Turner
Heather Birt
Marta Skotnicka
Julie Fernandes-Tansley
Abbie Hollick
Sam Busher
Reena Chibber
Nicole Ho
Susie Williams
Ayanna Resulska

Apologies

Sophie Ashcroft
Rebecca Balmforth
Sophie Attree
Fliss Dundon-Smith
Irina Crick
Richard Brown
Nicola Mongon

EVENTS ROUNDUP

Uniform Selling online

Worked very well and raised nearly £100. Suggested that Summer is a good time to sell uniform before September start and when people having a clear out. Mrs Stray mentioned there is a lot of lost property with no names, suggested that this be sorted into sizes and left outside school with an honesty box. It was asked whether unsold items should be brought into school for a future sale but decided best for it to stay at home for the time being.

Possibility of improving the online selling format in the future to be looked into.

Easy fundraising

Bit of money through easy fundraising - £96 for last quarter. Need to encourage more people to sign up.

UPCOMING EVENTS

100 Club

Something to push this year. Hoping for 100 people to sign up. More people might be willing to sign up as not many other events. Publicise a barometer to show how far from target. Julie is rebranding, and will make signing up a bit easier. Flyer going out tomorrow. Class reps to push, reminders etc. deadline 30th September. Big push before then.

Macmillan coffee morning

The plan was to have an outdoors event but the new restrictions mean we will have to postpone for now, maybe do it in the spring.

Christmas cards

Templates for Christmas cards arriving in the office this week. Early December, parents to order themselves. Takes a lot of time to distribute them, need to consider how to manage this logistically with restrictions. Need volunteers to help with sorting, and someone to help Julia with front end side of things as well – Marta has volunteered for this. Raised about £1300 last year so a good fundraiser

Autumn bake sale

Unfortunately unable to do this year

Year 6 run events

Previously Y6 have had cake sales, stall at Christmas fair etc – but difficult this year. Previously raised £400. Ice lollies in summer maybe? School provide leavers book. Pupils buy hoodies. Parents funded disco.

Susie and Mrs Stray to discuss.

Halloween disco

In person not possible. Zoom was good in summer, probably not the same draw now seeing each other at school and is quite expensive. Halloween non uniform dress up day suggested but Mrs Stray confirmed this might be too scary for younger children and some parents don't support Halloween so likely to open up problems.

Possible alternative could be a Halloween competition – dress up at home and take photo which is judged and prize(s) given out. Pay to enter competition.

Film night

Questioned if we could have one for all years, but would need to be limited to classroom bubble. Mrs S would need to check with teachers to see what they're prepared to help with, if any after school activities. PTA can still organise, we just can't be there. They may have ideas for fundraising ideas in classroom.

Odyssey takeover

Too difficult in practice, would need to shut the whole school if there was any outbreak as couldn't confine children to bubbles.

Sophie Ashcroft has taken over from Suzy.

Pantomime

Assumption that panto won't be on. Agreed it would be nice for the children to have some sort of fun event.

Suggested that we could organise the live streaming of a pantomime (or watch a prerecorded one). Could be instead of the film night.

Candice Conway is offering live workshops online so another possibility to look into.

Christmas Raffle

Normal raffle tricky, difficult times to ask local businesses given hard times. Julia suggested an alternative could be to do 14 raffle prize hamper with vouchers collated by the class reps. Encourage everyone to contribute say £2 to a paypal pool then Class reps buy £60 worth of items plus voucher – can arrange transfer of prizes without need for them to physically go into school

Also need to spend B&H sponsorship money and promote them for it - they could fund hampers themselves plus cost of raffle tickets (£60). Raffle normally raises £1200 so worth doing what we can and this would encourage more involvement via classes. No bottle tombola this year so cheaper than that.

Santa's workshop

Idea that parents donate gift(s) and children choose something for parents, we wrap it up. Decided it would be too difficult with restrictions. One for next year!

Ask PTA Facebook what others are doing

Other events ideas?

- Craft items left in cupboard – possibility for an online sale?
- Children could make creations in school and parents buy them?

Quiz

Normally this term. Appetite to do it again? 41 couples last time. Someone else to do quiz?

Could do a virtual comedy night. Lizzi to speak to Philip Simon

School wish list: tree planting scheme

Gordon Baisley discussed the school governors initiative for paying for trees to be replanted to offset the gas emissions produced via brown gas supplier. Parents have donated directly but harder to keep it going - important to have a regular donation as part of a commitment to the project. Nervousness about school funding it so makes sense for it to come from the parents via the PTA. One tree offsets $\frac{1}{4}$ tonne of CO₂, we use 15 tonnes per year = £360 per year.

Everyone agreed this is a positive thing for the PTA to support and we will add it to the school wish list as something to raise money for. Gordon expressed that a monthly ongoing donation would be far better than an annual one off contribution. Agreed that we will add to the wish list to donate the full amount for the year in January (preferably spread as a monthly donation), then will discuss in Jan if we want to make this a more long term regular commitment.

Also need to make it clear that parent donations are still very much welcomed.

Opportunity to involve the children via the eco committee, possibly Y6 take ownership of this – Mrs Stray said that as Eco committee can't mix across year groups, each will be taking on an eco project. Perhaps the children could create a video on the website to generate awareness beyond the newsletter?

Overall – PTA is very much on board, just need to work out specifics of how it is done.

Theatre plaque

No update as yet

Tea towel project

Heather Birt has volunteered to research options for this with a view to doing it in the spring

AOB

Auditor

Accounts need to be audited for the financial y/e 31st august. Nearly ready, need an accountant ready for AGM in Jan.

School facebook page

Mrs Stray explained how she can't run tours this Autumn for new parents. Hoping to increase social media presence via ACS facebook page – asked if parents can submit reviews to help prospective parents. Request will go in newsletter.

Class rep notes

Events are going to be announced in upcoming PTA newsletter so no need for class rep notes this week

Thanks to everyone for a useful meeting with lots of productive ideas given the tricky circumstances for fundraising this year!