

PTA Meeting 12 July 2022

Attendees

Mrs Stray
Hazel Eccles
Danielle Brawn
Amy Leary
Helen Page
Nicole Ho
Lucy Cooper
Julia Milligan
Richard Brown
Gizem Erdem
Lizzi Hodgkinson

Apologies

Karen Goodfellow
Karen Francis
Ayanna Rezulska
Sophie Ashcroft
Julie Fernandes-Tansley

Circulate minutes from both meetings to approve after meeting

100 Club

July draw

10 Lizzi Hodgkinson
86 Joanne Hudson

Events roundup

Reception/Y1 disco

Really successful, well behaved, lots of fun.
DJ Mole was great.
80+% of year group.
Not too chaotic, right length
Later in the year works well as a bit older
Easiest one to get volunteers for
Glo theme works well for discos. Keep tattoos off faces in future, especially for very young children.
Sold 82 tickets, £272.43 raised.
Avoid food, don't really need it. Lots of haribo.

Uniform shop

Going well, need to push before end of term and new school year.

Remind about labelling companies for cash back. Thursday morning uniform sale for new parents on transition day. Open to whole school at soft start if we can.

Quiz night

£760.63 raised. Slightly fewer people there but very enjoyable evening
59 tickets sold, 2 teams of teachers.
Went well, quiz master was great.
Bit more lighting needed at one end.
Contactless card readers made it very quick and easy to take money at bar, possibly increasing sales.
50/50 raffle went well. Popular with working parents as a minimal effort way to donate.
Thursday instead of usual Friday but wasn't considered to be a problem.
Could have running leaderboard halfway through if not too much hassle.
Majestic Wine were great, good quality.
Free beer from White Lion gave a good profit.

Easy fundraising

Starting to see big donations coming in
130 supporters
37 have raised donations in last 12 months
10-12 who use it a lot.
£4911 raised to date in 5-6 years. Money for doing nothing.
Donation reminder flags up on phone, makes it much easier.
Also supermarket shopping. Ocado website.
Holidays.
Possibility of prizes for top earners, or those who sign up.
Remind it costs them nothing.
Link to book wish list
QR code at front gate next to Mrs Stray
Case study of top earner.
Raffle ticket for each month's users
£166.45 in June

Bake sale (Jubilee)

£245.73 raised.
Not ideal on Friday for working parents. Also means leftovers can be sold on Friday at coffee morning. Mostly sold out

Raffle

Best ever summer raffle £1667.49 raised.
Great set of prizes
Lucy did great job at marketing with Gizem promoting businesses on instagram and social media
70% of prizes came from parents
Buying online works well, much easier than paper tickets.
Raffle sales at fair - lots of small purchases, c £130 on the day
Big spread of £1 to £50

Easter raffle - maybe too close to christmas raffle, or do we have just one big one per year?

Hampers for one and raffle for another?
Decided it's probably worth having two in terms of funds raised.

Wishlist

Mrs Stray said the school has struggled to source netball kits at the moment, but is looking into it.

- Football and netball kits
- Air conditioning - quoted at approx. £30k (just upstairs). Prices may go up next year. Worth promoting now while it's hot. Charity set off in June, rather than paying to HMRC. Also Giftaid. Photos of hot children!
- Totaliser (thermometer!). Could us the back of old banners.
- Coin box with QR code to just giving link
- Phonics materials - new teaching scheme. Need new books - £5000. Books have to link to phonics scheme. Teaching materials, subscription, teacher training - big investment.
- Ukuleles - Miss Dore loves the chimes and would like ukuleles for a whole class (year 4?). £30 each - £900. Mrs Stray not sure - doesn't fit in with music curriculum. Possible one for MFG? Ukuleles from Tiger - Richard could speak to them, will try and get hold of one to see if they're any good?
- Gazebos! Pop up - metal. Write to companies to see if anyone wants to donate to us as charity
- Pay hire charge for Normandy Road playing field? PTA could cover costs of that. Head speaking to business manager to see which days they're free.

Summer fair

Amazing fair - so many positive comments, lots of queues, great atmosphere.

Lots of constructive comments for improvements.

Need smaller stallholders to add their comments.

Tokens - new thing. Worked really well.

Different classes owning stalls. Got the whole school involved. Need to be more clear on what's expected. Easier now all classes have seen the fair and know what's expected. Possibly didn't save much work on part of sub committee but involved everyone, hard to get them to get volunteers sorted. Can simplify, will be better going forward.

Keep control of bar and bbq next year.

Allow longer at end, token sales

Entrance - very stressful, not enough pre booked. Tokens and entrance at same table, people stressing about missing their performances. Long queue.

More card readers.

Use tokens on bar and bbq as well.

Circulate document to get feedback from class reps. Google form - standardised notes

Lots of parents from reception were new or working on other sibling's stalls.

Figures are provisional - £4100 profit, excl raffle.

Year 6 - financial cap agreement

Formalising fundraising cap for year 6 for trip and leavers event.

Previously £10 per child, need to standardise, lots of confusion as it stands. Every year 6 has the same cap. This year was a one off due to covid.

Need to agree cap. Hard cap £400 in addition to £10 per child donation for the trip which is separate. Just need to make this clear.

Share document with group, get feedback.

Year 5 getting money from stall isn't any different as all classes are running their own stalls.

No precedent as every year different so far

Whether we have a christmas fair impacts things.

Lolly sales raise c £100 each time.

Over £400 starts to take money away from the PTA.

Upcoming events

Halloween disco

20/21st October - DJ Mole available. Pilates lady needs enough notice. Preferably not Friday nights.

Y4/5/6 for halloween.

Halloween crazy hair the day of the disco. Scary Hair Day.

Christmas cards

- Has been delegated, slot booked

Christmas fair - should we do something else?

- Elfridges
- Bake sale
- Festive Fete as planned Christmas 2021 but cancelled
- Portable ice rink in hall?
- Carols, mulled wine. Decoration takes a lot of time. Bin external stalls
- Lucky dip.

Christmas fair does make a lot of money. Same as summer minus food sales/bbq.

Put it in the google form.

First weekend in December. Sat 3rd December

Odyssey Takeover

January inset days. All years.

10 year anniversary

All year events to mark it. School are doing something last Friday of September in school.
DJ Mole.

- Whole school photo
- Write a song.
- Tea towels - logo. Christmas card company - order directly.
- Water bottle personalised.
- Spring. 10 themed summer fair?
- World record attempt?
- Charity concert
- Alban City's got Talent show.

Vacancies

Secretary - immediate

Treasurer - Jan

Deputy, transition for a year.

Julie - to organise welcome pack for September.

42 new parents. First day - half in morning, half in afternoon.