

Minutes of PTA Members Meeting Tuesday 16th May 2023 - 8pm via Zoom

Attendees via zoom

Lucy Cooper - Co-Chair
Danielle Brawn - Co-Chair
Jean Liao – Treasurer
Karin Adams - Bookkeeper
Michelle King – Meeting Secretary
Mrs Stray
Amy Leary
Ayanna Blackstock
Julia Milligan
Julie Fernandes-Tansley
Karen Francis
Martha Skotnicka
Sarah Boorman Fisher
Tania Douglas

Apologies

Helen Page
Lizzie Hodgkinson
Nicole Ho

1. Welcome

- Apologies
- Introduction and welcome new PTA member

2. Approval of Minutes from previous meeting – minutes agreed.

3. Previous events

- **Reception and Year 1 Film night** – the film night raised £172.16.
- **Easter raffle** – this went really well. The event was straight forward to organise, with the class reps packing the prizes. It was noted that this was a good time of year to do an event, as it didn't clash with any other events. The only downside was that one person won more than once – which we will look into, and make any necessary arrangements for next time. Amount raised was £1,147.
- **Bake sale** – Karin Francis helped with the end of Easter term bake sale, along with a couple of other volunteers. Received a good amount of freshly baked and brought donations, thank you to everyone involved, and for purchasing the yummy cakes. Amount raised was £220.

- **Y2/3Disco** – Went well, and all kids had a good time. One piece of feedback suggested we look at alternatives to providing the children with Haribo sweets at the disco, providing the children with healthy snacks instead. Mixed views were shared at the meeting, it was noted that cost also needs to be a factor, although the cost of the Haribo sweets is minimal, it is not added onto the ticket price. Agreed to look at a variety of options, including not offering any sweets or healthy snacks at all.
The use of the glow sticks was also mentioned, noting their one time plastic use. The glow sticks used at the disco were leftovers from the glow discos in 2022, and going forward consideration will be made to the environmental and sustainable impact of materials at future discos. The Disco raised £272.

4. Upcoming events

- **Quiz night** – now sold out, with a waiting list. We also have two teacher tables this year too, which is great.
- **Summer Fair** – 24 June. Plans continue for this year's Summer Fair, on Saturday 24 June between 12-2.30pm. It will be a fun and enjoyable afternoon. We will rent a BBQ, Karin is looking into options and prices. We will need volunteers to help with the class stalls, for short 45 minute - 1 hour slots. Further information will be sent via the class reps.
- **Sports day** – Friday 30 June. A suggestion was raised regarding having a snacks and soft drinks stall at the sports day, using any soft drinks left over from the Summer Fair and quiz night. It was noted that the day would be split into phase 1, 2 and 3, and each phase would last for 1-1.5 hours, we would need multiple sets of parents to run the drinks stalls, to enable volunteers to watch and cheer on their own children. Requests for volunteers will be sent out shortly.
- **School Community Day** – to help mark the school's 10th anniversary, the School Community Day is on Thursday 13 July, from 5-7pm. The PTA will have a Refreshment stall to help raise awareness of the PTA and to meet new parents. The pre-loved/nearly new uniform stall will also be available. If you can help on the stall, even for a few minutes, please let the PTA know.

5. **EasyFundraising update** – Lucy confirmed we did amazingly and smashed the £6k target. With thanks to Helen for her hard work and determination to beat our target. The focus to date has been on buying books for the school, this may change in the future. To be discussed.

6. 100 Club

- 1st prize – no' 62: Eleanor Corey
- 2nd prize – no' 26: Tania Douglas

7. Wishlist

- We have received a few updates from Mrs Stray, which we will look at and provide an update on at the next PTA meeting.
- **Aboyne Lodge Sports Field** – the use of the field on Fridays is going well (we just need some drier weather!), the children are really enjoying the space. Thank you to the parents who have helped with walking the children to and from the field.
- **Ukuleles** – have been a huge hit. All Ukulele's are now up on the wall, which is amazing to see. Mrs Dore is teaching all the children, and there is even have a staff Ukulele band on a Wednesday lunchtime!
- **Air Conditioning** - installation continues to be held up due to the roof replacement works. The units will be fitted once roof works are completed. Date tbc.
- **Planters** – The school has been award green flag for eco schools. Each class are developing and planning their class area in the playground, some planters have started, the rest are a work in progress.

8. Recruitment – why join the PTA campaign

- Sadly Danielle and Lucy will need to step down in their role as PTA Co-Chairs, when their time comes to an end in December. We will be recruiting for a new Chair or Co-Chairs.
- According to The Constitution, a new Chair or Co-Chairs would be appointed at the AGM in January 2024. Ideally the new Chair or Co-Chairs would volunteer by October to enable them to shadow Lucy and Danielle and attend meetings in order to aid a smooth handover if voted in at the January AGM.
- Please come forward if you are interested in this role. Lucy and Danielle would be very happy to have an informal chat if anyone would like more information. The role will also be advertised in the next PTA newsletter.

9. Ideas for future PTA events

- After school lolly sale – this has been organised before, if anyone would like to volunteer please let us know. Usually happens on a Thursday or Friday.
- Uniform shop - big shout out to the pre-loved nearly new uniform shop, and to all those who help out with this. We have received some really great feedback. We have plenty of stock, all organised (and on some new rails) in size order, there is something for all ages. Look out for the photos in the newsletter.

- The remaining ideas have been rolled over to the next meeting.

10. AOB – none for this meeting.