

PTA Minutes 4th November 2015

Present: Rob Court (SLT Link), Jayne Owen-Jones, Suzanne Finlay-Bearblock, Kath Olivier, Donna Turpin, Debbie Goodrich, Louise Barker

Meeting Opened at 6.35pm by Rob Court in Alan's absence

Apologies: Tracey Jenkins, Liz Storey, Donna Turpin

Previous Minutes

100 club and School Fund accounts to be closed, cheques signed and paperwork completed at the bank. Missing cheques have been found and paid in with last credit for the Sponsored Walk, hopefully this will be avoided next year if we change to 'Just Giving'.

Treasurer's Report

Sponsored Walk total now stands at £4346.01, compared to £368.60 last year. Open Evening Raffle made £21.00.

Update regarding Christmas Raffle – SFB

Proof of the ticket passed round for approval. Black on white, Draw date Friday 4th Dec possibly lunch time. Agreed it would be too difficult to do four draws. On return to the printers they had misquoted us but Debbie pushed and they agreed to honour original quote.

An email has gone out to parents before half term and an article at the front of the Head's newsletter. Rob was thanked for the addition of the colourful pictures.

Asked if it could be advertised in Twitter, Jayne is awaiting assistance from Jake (IT Technician) to set up PTA Twitter.

JOJ will also arrange for slide to be put on the notices.

Can this be advertised on the ticker tape on the website?

Tim Pryce and Peter Scott local councillors to be approached for more promotion.

Can the House Captains promote in House Assemblies?

Staff need to be notified to give out house points for gifts handed in, RCO to explained to staff during briefing.

Can the gifts be kept in school and wrapped altogether to keep each basket level.

There will be one book per child, envelope and labels will be needed from school, PTA members happy to put together. Queried books back to school if students are unable to sell them, JOJ suggested that tutors give students a week before asking unsold tickets to be returned to pass onto those that are able to sell more.

Deadline for gifts and tickets 30th Nov, this will give time for latecomers and to pack hampers.

Last House Briefing before draw RCO to ask house to supply 2 or 3 names to assist with the draw, to include the most creative winner, who should receive extra house points.

Tuesday 1st December: In Development Zone 1 - Year 10 to assist on the evening of packing the Hampers, this will make them eligible for privilege points. Can we ensure the ticket stubs are available for folding on this evening? JOJ to arrange.

Licence discussed due to bottles in hampers, agreed that adults will need to collect hamper if it includes alcohol.

Head Teacher's Report

RCO commented that he wasn't sure what the committee would like him to cover at each meeting, but he would like to run through what he would like from the PTA.

Improve communication: Website, letters via resources and articles in the Head's Newsletter and in local newspapers via Caroline Aby. JOJ working with IT technicians will discuss the website and the possibility of a PTA email, this will remove the personal details as requested. SFB agreed to write articles for the newsletter on a regular basis, deadline Wednesday prior to the last week of term.

Parent's Events: Would like the PTA to man the refreshment stall or to have a presence while Year 10s man as part of their privileges. Refreshments will be provided by the canteen but at the moment any profit made is being used to pay canteen staff wages. Agreement that any profit made can be used by the PTA. Forthcoming events:

Year 11 Parents Evening	Wednesday 2 nd December
Year 11 Revision Evening	Wednesday 9 th December
Year 7 Parents Evening	January
Year 9 Option Evening	January
Year 7 Induction Evening	June – major event for PTA can we have good display ready?

JOJ will look into photos she has on file for money the PTA has spent and events supported. Also requested that we have letters/forms to hand.

Mufti: Children in Need mufti was requested by students, it was turned down for the same reason the PTA mufti day was turned down.

Visit to New Building: Apologies that this has not been arranged yet as RCO's diary has been tight. The only times after hours are between 4.30pm and 6.30pm.

Dates available:

12th Nov
18th Nov
19th Nov
26th Nov

Budget for Plants: JOJ asked for clarification on the budget that may be needed for the plants as they had recently been planted by the builders. Are we going to be expected to pay for these? RCO – No, hoping to discuss the plants with a consultation with the school council, looking to collect data to report to the PTA.

Goal Posts Profit: RCO has spoken to Sarah McElduff about the possibility of the PTA receiving any profit from the rent of the grounds to outside groups if these goal posts increase the rental availability. This was not agreed as the profit is so little. Discussion led to the increasing of rental to local football groups once the goals are in place and the pitch marked out.

Rewards

See Ben Morgan's report attached. SFB Proposed JOJ Seconded, all present agreed to fund the rewards this year and review again at the AGM to ensure funding available.

AOB

Query passed from Donna, she had passed information back to Tony Bishop (Head of) with regard to Laser Cutter, but had received no feedback. Unfortunately TBI has been absent from school due to a back operation, this was deferred.

Could a parent email be sent out before each meeting to encourage more members? Tracey to notify Sarah Walker (resources).

RCO to arrange for media follow up on the Hamper. Could they be present at draw?

Next Meeting 2nd February 6.30pm – Main item to discuss Chocolate Raffle for Easter.