



Minutes for PTA Members Meeting: Friday 28 February 2020

9.00am St Catherine's School

In attendance: Sarah Moister (Chair), Miss Chwastek (Head teacher) Mrs McCormick (Teacher representative), Trisha McElroy (Co-Treasurer), Antoinette Meskill (Co-Secretary), Vinnett Walsh, Kate Mackenzie, Caroline Rodgers, Susan Weatherilt, Claire Clay, Lorraine O'Hare, Loaine Lopes Delgrade, Denise Bebbington.

1. Apologies:

Anna Kerins, Sarah Hancock, Angela Doyle.

2. Minutes of the last meeting to be approved (17 January 2020)

The minutes were approved.

3. Finance Update

PTA Account Balance = £14,522.98

We have given the school a cheque for £5000 and will give them another £5000 today.

Current balance is £4,522.98

Since September we have raised £8298.11

Since the last PTA meeting in January, we have raised £1528.39 from events, and including money from easy fundraising = £1684.30

Breakdown below:

- Bag2School Collection = £286
- Movie night = £641.89
- Break the rules day = £600.50
- Easy fundraising = £155.91
- Lottery win donations = £141.30

4. Review of Recent Events

- **Bag2School Collection - raised £286 (Sarah M)**

This event was such a success that another collection has been arranged for June 2020

- **Movie Night - raised £641.89 (Vinnett)**

Vinnett mentioned that there was a problem with the DVD player which would need to be resolved before the next movie night. The younger children were live-

ly, and juniors were quiet, and seemed to enjoy having a cushion. Moving the juniors to the yr6 classrooms and infants/yr3's to the Hall worked well.

We are grateful to the teachers who stayed for the movie night. Having a teacher presence encourages the children to be well behaved.

- **Break the Rules Day - raised £600.50**

A fantastic amount! There was a lot of buzz between the children about breaking the rules in the week leading up to it. Miss Chwastek mentioned that children respond differently to breaking rules, and some prefer structure. It was agreed that we would only do this event once a year. This will also mean it remains exciting for the children.

5. Forthcoming events

- **WBD Costume Sale/ Swap - Fri 28 February 2020 (Jade/Vinnett/Luisa)**

Costume sale after school today. Due to the bad weather, the location has changed from the playground to the school hall. Any left overs will be sold on Monday at the bedtime story event.

- **Bedtime Story Event - Mon 2 March 2020 (Sarah/Kate)**

PTA doing refreshments in the Hall during the Bedtime story event. Over 70 parents have said they are coming to this.

- **Spring Ball - Sat 7 March 2020 (Claire/Sarah)**

118 tickets have been sold this year. Last year 91 tickets were sold. Miss Quilgotti is making a video and Mrs McCormick will say a few words on behalf of the PTA. Claire confirmed everything is in hand. Miss Chwastek sent her apologies as she is unable to attend.

- **St Patrick's Day Event - Tues 17 March**

Lorraine suggested the Year 5 parents organise an after school Irish celebration (including Irish coffee and cake sale). The money raised at this event would go to supporting the Spanish exchange. All agreed this was a good idea.

- **Preloved Uniform Sale - Thurs 26, Fri 27 March and Thurs 2, Fri 3 April 2020 (Liz Riding)**

Sale taking place on the above dates. We have a good supply of nearly new uniform including summer dresses.

- **St George's Day Celebration - Thur 23 April (Sarah)**

There will be a non uniform day - children encouraged to wear red and white. There will be a cake sale after school. Antoinette offered to help on the day.

- **School Disco - Fri 15 May (Sarah)**

The DJ is booked. Bearing in mind that this will take place during the Spanish exchange, we expect more children to attend than last time. Capacity in the club is 180, and at the last disco 140 tickets were sold. We may need to limit tickets, and possibly consider a different entrance for parents. To be agreed nearer the event.

- **Bag2School collection - Tues 16 June (Sarah)**

This is booked.

- **Summer Fair - Sunday 5 July (Sarah)**

Intend to have a similar fair as last year, with each year group being in charge of 1 stall. Sarah will set up a WhatsApp group and is looking for 1-2 people from every year group to join this and help organise the fair. If you would like to be involved please get in touch.

We need to start looking for raffle prizes - If anyone knows anyone/ any companies who are willing to donate a prize or offer sponsorship, please can you ask.

We intend to try an online auction in the lead up to this years fair, so far we have

1. 4 hospitality tickets to a Manchester United game next season.
2. A large official Nemanja Vidic signed framed collection of photos.

Hoping to get something from Manchester City and could also ask Kat Kibble if she would like us to include the framed golf masters flag signed by Danny Willet.

6. Any other business

- Denise asked about Year books for Year 6 leavers. Ms Chwastek explained that in the past there has been some parent involvement but the teachers have contributed the lions share, and the teachers do not have capacity to do this. The school already do a lot for Year 6 leavers including a social evening, parties, a gift and arrange hoodies. It was agreed that if a group of parents would like to take this on, and 1 parent acted as the point of contact for school, the school could help. There are more considerations including permission for sharing photos, ensuring fairness with the number of photos etc. Denise is going to speak to Miss Simi as a starting point to see whether there are any templates that could be used.
- There was some discussion about whether it would be possible to modify the climbing frame. Mrs McCormick said that the Playground Company are coming in to fix the outdoor class room wall and that they will also look at the climbing frame to see if there are any modifications that could be made to it. It is a standard piece of kit so it may not be possible. There are 3 layers of shock proof underlay which means it should be safe.

Next meeting Wednesday 6 May 2020 7pm - Staff Room.

EVERYONE IS WELCOME!