

PTA Minutes Friday 18th June 2021

Attendees via Teams - Chris Batchelor, Amanda Charles, Tony Humphries, Sarah McAllister, Emma Sheppard (part), Mrs Foad

Apologies – Stephanie Murphy, Charly Stelfox

Update from Chair

Another very busy month. Really good things happening and looking forward to the year end. Krispy Kreme doughnuts were very well received. Mrs Foad thought it was fantastic to see everyone walking out of school with their doughnuts. This could be a regular half term event, based on the uptake from parents. Really good event with people joining in socially. The Auction has had good engagement with parents.

We held our first face to face, socially distanced, informal meeting, resulting in new ideas and a relief to not be on Teams!

Huge thanks from CB to Emma, Sarah and Mandy for getting the auction off the ground! Thanks to Sarah for creating the website and putting together the whole package - a massive piece of work! Thanks to Mandy for chasing and organising prizes! And to Emma for her posters and creative efforts! Fantastic effort especially as Sarah and Emma are not actually Committee members!

We need to create new interest for next year. We spend a lot of effort trying to get parents involved and engaged but may end up with no Committee, so we're putting contingency plans in place. Parents enjoy the events but seem to be unwilling to participate behind the scenes.

Financial Update

We have received: Secondhand Uniform £79.00, AmazonSmile £35.75, Easy2name £9.95

All expenses have been paid and paperwork is up to date in the folder and on Google drive.

Stripe – we have received £436.50 in payments to the bank account.

We currently have £7,118.16 in the bank account as of 18th June 2021.

We may have to change account signatories to Governors Tony and Sarah if we have no committee next school year.

Summer Auction Update

Auction Launched! Great mix of prizes / lots, and variety of price points for everyone. 132 bids across 45 lots, totalling £413.50. Waiting for vouchers from Rickmansworth Gymnastics only.

Fathers' Day Gift

Mixed response to this event (43 items over 28 orders) even with extending the deadline. We're working to return unsold items. Mrs Foad didn't think it was expensive and a good selection of gifts. Sarah has put the can holders for sale on Ebay as they came from China and if they don't sell, she can ask other schools PTAs if they want them next year.

PTA Summer Raffle

Posters will go up on Monday 21st and info will be included in our weekly Parentmail. Nationwide PTA raffle, not run by us, but we receive £1.50 from every ticket purchased by someone linked to tour school. 12 chances to win £5K!

PTA Handover/Transfer of Funds

We have decided to open a PTA account with another bank due to the poor service we have experienced with making signatory changes to the Barclays account we have. We're planning to do this in readiness for the next committee. If no committee is forthcoming, then we will change the signatories to Governors Tony Humphries and Sarah McAllister. We will leave £500 in the bank account and donate the rest to the school to be used for future projects. Another scenario is all the money goes to the school and is

ringfenced and £500 is given back to the new account (Mrs Foad is going to talk to Mrs Mansoor to find out if this can be done).

Charly Stelfox (VC) to confirm current status of bank card and addition as signatory for the current account with Barclays.

Headteacher/Teacher Segment

Thank you PTA! You've kept going in difficult times. Auction looks fantastic. Thanks for everything you've done.

AOB

Movie Morning - Movies have been tested at school. Popcorn will be sorted into classes and brought into school before 2nd July. Mrs Foad will send a Parentmail to parents asking for a nominal donation to the PTA.

Matchfunding – We've been told that we can apply for another round of matchfunding for the Auction.

Ice Cream Fridays – Mrs Foad has had clear instruction from DFE. Its very difficult with making sure we don't hold events in school, so in this case we have to say no.

Keyworker Mufti Celebration Day – there is a keyworker celebration on 5th July. Mrs Foad is going to see if she can tie in with this.

Our final 2020/2021 Informal meeting will be Thursday 1st July 2021 via Teams (or possibly socially distanced, face to face depending on restrictions)

Our final 2020/2021 Meeting will be Friday 9th July 2021 via Teams.