

# Agenda - Montpelier Primary School PTA

Thursday 28 September 2017 7.30pm

## 1. Welcome – Chairs (Candace Brooks and Lorraine Phillips)

- Candace and Lorraine and other PTA members provide an explanation of the different PTA roles and those that need filling. They add that it's also a registered charity. There's a particular need for someone to take on a role managing the website.

## 2. Apologies

## 3. 2017-2018 PTA Elections

- Nominations for new roles at the PTA:
  - Chairperson: Nada Chowdhury (confirmed!)
  - Co-Chairperson: tbc – Post meeting update: \*Sabrina Gross came forward subsequently – she will be officially seconded and a vote taken at next PTA meeting\*
  - Co-Secretary: Catherine Dickie (confirmed!)
  - Co-Treasurer: Adele Golding (confirmed!)
  - Publicity Officer: Denny Jao (confirmed!)
  - Class Rep Coordinator: Sarah Mitchell, currently
  - Jo Goldsworthy is taking over calendars

## 4. Financial report – Treasurer

See attached report.

## 5. Review of last term's events and fundraising

- We raised less monies in 16/17 mostly not due to the Christmas cards fundraising not taking place. In 16/17 c.£11,000 goes towards regular events which take place during the year, £9,764 for the pirate ship. £11,208 includes 30% acoustic boards, enabling enterprise and Shakespeare.
- 1 April 2018 will be when the next set of pledging takes place in order to ensure

alignment with the school's financial year.

## 6. Forthcoming Events

International Food Fair – Friday 20 October  
PTA non-uniform day – Thursday 23 November  
Christmas Disco – Friday 1 December  
Quiz evening – 23 February 2018  
Cake sale – 23 March 2018

## 7. Head Teacher's report – Am Rai

Part of the PTA's purpose is to ensure children take part in extraordinary events at school and monies raised go to good purposes.

It will be clear that going forward trips will need to be cancelled if insufficient funds are not raised from parents as the PTA will no longer be funding the shortfall.

Mr Rai has concerns around whether the PTA can continue in the same format that it does. In particular, it is no longer clear what the purpose of class reps are for a variety of reasons. In particular, he believes there is scope to leverage from individuals who no longer have a formal role within the school (teacher or parent) and who are currently blocked from doing so under our constitution. He suggests rebranding the PTA and its constitution so that we can bring in these two groups. We could perhaps become "Friends of Montpelier" and they could be focused solely on fundraising.

Suggestions for parents and other role in place of PTA class reps are that we have task completion groups who are small groups empowered for a specific task. Graham Reid agrees to take this role on – he will look over the rules of the PTA constitution and produce a report for PTA and Mr Rai's consideration. He aims to do this for November so that by next term's PTA meeting we are in a position to discuss and agree his recommendations.

Mr Rai adds that it is key that in addition to the activities the PTA drives to raise monies, we also keep a focus on the fact that we are part of local community.

Mr Rai adds that the two key events for Montpelier Alumni are the Isle of Wight and Summer Fete. These two events are critical to keeping people connected.

## 8. AOB – all