

Minutes of the PTA Meeting

25th June 2015

Apologies: Tobias Morris, Sarah Mitchell, Sushma Kara, Jane Hillmen

Welcome

- The Chairs, Candace Brooks and Lorraine Phillips, welcomed all parents and carers.

Financial Report

Funds from recent events:

▪ Non Uniform Day (May)	£494
▪ Quiz	£1,204
▪ Music Evening	£150
▪ Cake Sale	£670
▪ Fete	£12,077
▪ TOTAL	£14,595

- Balance in bank account is approximately £39k with some small items of sponsorship for fete still due.
- Unexpected expenditure of £220 pre fete to buy BBQ since previous BBQ was badly rusted and was a health and safety nightmare.
- Merchant & Co accountants have just been paid £660 for preparing the PTA accounts for 2013–2014 which will shortly be submitted to Charities Commission since deadline is 31st July 2015.
- Mr Rai confirmed the regular activities that are funded by the PTA through the annual pledge – this includes storytelling, Reception chicks, Isle of Wight discount, shortfall in school trips, Athletics

Review of Events and Fundraising

- Easter cake sale: This year, the cake sale raised twice as much as usual – this is mainly due to the fact that people were baking ‘fancier’ cakes than usual that demand a higher sale price.
- Quiz: The quiz was very well attended; raised £1,300 profit.
- Pizza Friday: Approached by Papa John in West Ealing; they donated the pizza and raised over £700.

Action: Candace to investigate whether the PTA can buy elastic barriers to help parents to queue

- Fete: The fete coordinators were congratulated on the huge success of the fete this year

Options around the layout of the stalls in the playground were discussed; it was recognised that there was the opportunity to include more of the activities in the main playground.

Nada Mansour and Sushma Kara were announced as the Fete Coordinators for next year.

The provisional date for the fete next year is 16th July.

New ideas for fundraising

- There were a number of ideas that Candace presented to the Committee:
 - Ice cream sales after school in park – over the last two days, these raised over £200, it is proposed that these could be held once a week
 - Clothes recycling for cash 'bag2school' – well received by the committee, this would be held twice per year
 - Matched fundraising from banks – there are a number of companies that are willing to match fundraising; in addition, Candace is looking at how we can raise funds through gift aid
 - Online shopping donations – 'easy funding', parents purchase produce through the 'easy funding' website and a percentage of sales would then be donated to the PTA
 - Christmas card fundraiser – children design their own Christmas cards
 - PTA questionnaire
- The committee supported all of the proposals and Candace will progress all of them further and bring back to the AGM in the Autumn Term.

Head Teacher's report – Am Rai

- Mr. Rai thanked the parents present and all those who support the school through the PTA for their ongoing support.
- There is work going on to replace the MLE
- The nursery playground is being expanded
- For September, there will be a major push on parking around the school premises. Two children have been hurt near Montpelier School this week (one a Montpelier pupil). There are too many children who are not wearing helmets when using a scooter.
- Photo permission: currently parents may give permission for photographs of their child to be used by the school. Most of the parents do give this permission. When it comes to events such as assemblies, the situation becomes complicated. Mr Rai will be asking parents by consultation on their views.

Funding Requests – all

- Funding requests will be brought to the AGM in the Autumn Term