

2014-09-17 AGM

PTA Minutes AGM - 17th September 2014

Apologies: Rashmi Patel, Mel Squire, Janine Neye, Finola Kendall, Zainab Al-Shalchi, Zubeya Ali

Welcome

Mr Rai welcomed all parents and carers attending the AGM. He emphasised the importance of the PTA to the school and explained how some of the funds raised are used – including the reception dance classes, drumming workshops in year 4, the school communications system, making up any shortfall with school trips and playground equipment.

Jane Hillmen (outgoing Chair) highlighted that there are about eight PTA events in the year which raise money for the school – this term events will include the Dicso on 12th December, the International Food Fair in October, the Calendar and non uniform day at the end of each half term where the children pay £1 to come to school in their own clothes.

2014-2015 Elections

All those present at the AGM were entitled to vote in the elections according to the constitution. The meeting was quorate, i.e. there were over 35 parents, careers and teachers present. Emma Gladwell and Jane Hillmen stood down as the Chairs of the PTA; Mark Phillips stood down as Social Secretary

The 2014-2015 Officer elections were held and the following appointments made:

Co-Chairs – Candace Brooks and Lorraine Phillips

Co-Secretaries - Jacqueline Shakespeare and Dina Polydorou

Co-Treasurers – Tobias Morris and Milena Bazelkova (shadowed by Aasiif Ebrahim and Anna Wood)

Co- Publicity officers – Mark Phillips and Rawnaq Faisal (shadowed by Jaspreet Puri)

Social Coordinators – Louise Beitverda and Amanda Ferguson

In the ordinary meetings, the PTA Constitution states that:

Officers and Class Reps are able to vote on decisions in PTA meetings

Shadow Officers are not eligible to vote

Where there is more than one Class Rep in a class, they hold one vote between them

A quorum of ten members entitled to vote is required at each meeting in order for the meeting to be quorate – this must include a member of staff

Jane Hillmen confirmed that Sarah Mitchell had agreed to take on the role of Class Rep Coordinator

Anyone who is interested in understanding more about the Class Rep role should contact Sarah at sarah@themitchellshouse.com

Mr Rai confirmed that he will ensure that the Class Rep opportunity is promoted to those parents whose children have just started Nursery

Financial Report

The Annual Accounts ending 30th September 2013 have been published and submitted to the Charities commission.

The Cake Sale made £450

The Non uniform day made £490

The Fete made c. £13k (one or two payments still are coming in)

Last year PTA revenue was just over £31k, profit of approximately £19k

Event Update

The Fete will be held on Saturday 13th June

Rawnaq Faisal will organise the fete together with Ysobel Easten, Ujwala Luthia and Barbara Faulkner

Candace will continue to organise the disco but as it is Janine Neye's last year at Montpelier, Emma Snookes will shadow

The Disco will be held on 12th December

The Calendar will be led by Delia Alfonso, sponsorship will be organised by Barbara Faulkner

Head Teacher's Report

School has embarked on a new curriculum, this has impacted on the tools and materials that the school needs

The PTA voted and agreed to pledge £20k for new playground equipment and £6k for new books (pledge ratified from last year's AGM where the committee also requested that the school look to purchase the books through Pitshanger Bookshop, the owner having confirmed that she will endeavor to match Amazon costs).

AOB

Mr Rai has taken the action to review whether MLE can be improved or replaced with a different system

The Government has decided that all children under the age of 7 will receive free school meals. Parents need to fill in a form, sent out by the school last week so that the School can receive the correct funding.

It was confirmed that the PTA would continue to fund the dictionary, balloon release and yearbook for the Year 6 pupils; no further items will be funded, even if a comparable cost. This expenditure is in line with previous years.