



Dorin Park PTA Meeting

Thursday 29th April 2021

Minutes

Time and Location

7.30pm – Home via Microsoft Teams

Present

Amanda Hartley, Lesley Body, Nicole Luijnenburg, Gillian Driscoll, Jamie Hartley, Sarah Adam, Maxine Nevitt, Bridget Aldridge, Amanda East.

Apologies

Kate Francis, Amanda Glennon, Karen Nash, Lisa Robertshaw, Helen Muggleton, Naomi Cowley, Graham Davies, Lucy Lee.

Items to be minuted

No items to be minuted currently.

Actions from previous meeting

- Jay has put the collection box in the Co-op, Amanda has collected it since. A bucket has been put there now instead of the smaller collection box.
- **Karen – Applying to the CO-OP in the spring for their charity from the community – Ongoing.**
- Maxine and Lesley have sorted out Easter, last year's competition was used. The response was really good and Easter went really well with the bags with cups etc. sent home.
- **Lesley was going to contact Soil Foundation. As their website is a bit complicated to find out about their grants and donations this will be ongoing for Lesley to see if there's a possibility to receive donations for example for gardening equipment, soil etc.**
- **Lesley also contacted B&Q community reuse, but they tend to give out grants for projects. So we would need to have a specific project where we want to use it for. She asked if school could look into this to see if we need anything like old bricks, soil, seeds, different**

plants, paint that's out of line etc. Sarah Adam will look into this and will ask staff – Ongoing.

- Lesley & Amanda – Grant applications – Lesley has seen something where they have £10,000 available for bigger projects. This amount is divided between so many schools. Amanda mentioned that for the grants she has come across school has to apply direct. So it's best with anything that we come across to forward it to Lucy Lee.
- Helen – To approach LIVE! Cheshire about their lost property and also give them some collection bags and see if they would also offer to ask their visitors to get involved – Ongoing.

Treasurer Report

Karen was absent from this meeting but her report is enclosed.

A few collection pots have come back in, two that Amanda picked up from Co-op, the smaller one contained about £30. Co-op's Manager said to bring in a big bucket that can hold up about £100, they seem to fill really fast. Nicole has dropped off a collection pot at the Co-op on Hoole Road and will keep an eye on it and Helen picked one up from a riding school.

Gillian asked if we have a list of the shops where we have collection boxes at the moment, so that we can target the shops we know locally where there's no collection boxes yet. At the moment we only have them at a post office and some Co-ops.

Lesley said we still have 4 collection boxes in the storage we can utilise. Amanda will shop around to see how much it'll cost to purchase some more.

Actions:

Amanda mentioned that Amanda East was going to ask the children in school to do some generic 'thank you' cards for the shops where we have collection pots / buckets, so that we have some in the bank. Maxine said we did send some to Starbucks, Costa and Moston Garage with Easter. If we could do one for Big Yellow storage that would be great – Ongoing.

Lesley – to research prizes to purchase more collection tubs and to double check with Claire. And to send a proforma letter to us all that goes with the collection tubs.

Roberts Recycling

Along with the support from Maxine and Lucy, Lesley has arranged the Roberts recycling dates for: May, July, September, and November 2021. The next collection will be on the 12th of May, text messages and letters have been sent out to the parents and there's a post on the PTA Facebook group. Sarah will check if we can use some of the minibuses again as storage.

Action:

Sarah – to check if we can use some of the minibuses again for storage after the 12th of May collection. Or ask Alan to use a part of his office.

The Boohoo shop, now called Dorin's Fashion Boutique

Lesley mentioned the name is a collaboration from different suggestions. Amanda mentioned there is another company called Dorin Fashion Boutique so we need to be careful with copyright but we can always add 'Park' into the name.

Lesley has put all the pictures of the clothes & shoes on the PTA's Facebook page and will try to put them all in albums. Any feedback is very welcome! We've had a few sales so far to get us started.

We still have quite a few boxes in storage. Birch class is going through one of the boxes, they will put outfits together to learn what to wear in which circumstances / situations as a life skill.

There are still about 10 to 15 boxes in storage. Lesley asked us if we can take a box home, take a photo of each item and send the photos to Lesley.

Amanda suggested for the people that are on Facebook to ask your Facebook friends to invite to like the Facebook page to try to advertise it a bit more. Lesley is looking to get some posters printed, one to put on the board in reception, one for the staff room. We can ask Birch to have a go at making a poster.

Actions:

Lesley – to send a message to our Whatsapp group to see who would like to take a box home to check if all the clothes are ok to sell, and for the ones who have time to take a picture of each item and send the pictures to Lesley. If something is not in good condition to put it in a bin bag for Roberts recycling.

Sarah – to ask Michelle Milligan for Birch class to make a poster for Dorin's Fashion Boutique.

Everyone – suggested was that people who are on Facebook could invite their Facebook friends if they want to like the Dorin's Fashion Boutique Facebook page and / or share the page.

Summer Fair

Amanda has tried to contact all stall holders – there was a few that she couldn't get hold off but they may have ceased trading. A few store holders have requested refunds back as some business have gone into liquidation or ceased trading due to the pandemic. The majority have all requested for their fee's to be transferred to 2022. There weren't many stall holders who wanted to enrol in a virtual fair this year so we have decided to leave this. We are now booked for 3 July 2022.

Action:

Amanda – to email all the stall holders with the new date for next year.

Fundraising Ideas

Our regular fundraisers that keep us ticking over are:

- School lottery
- Easy fundraising
- Roberts recycling

About 40 sweet bags and half a box of snickers were left over from Easter. It was decided in the meeting to sell them in the staff room, during schools' coffee mornings and to the drivers and their escorts. £1 for a sweet bag and £1 for 2 bars of snickers will be charged. John Driscoll will ask the drivers & escorts.

Bridget has received £10 so far for the virtual challenge and pupils around the corridors have said they are doing the challenge and are fundraising. A letter has been sent to the parents and there's a display up in school and in the staff room. Suggested was to post it on the PTA's Facebook page, so that parents can upload pictures what their kids have done so far, and to mention it in school's assemblies. Also suggested was to challenge the classes, to ask the teachers who can do the most miles. Gillian also suggested using an online platform for sponsorships to be paid too.

Action:

Bridget – to ask Owen to put a post on Facebook, to send out a Tweet / text message, and to ask the teachers to challenge the classes to engage in the virtual challenge

Amanda/Karen – To set up a Justgiving virtual challenge.

AOB

Raffle / Tombola: Maxine suggested just to do a tombola instead of a raffle. Lesley said there are things in storage that can be used as tombola prizes (there's lots of books and teddies) as there is nothing really in storage that we can make as a gift set for raffle prizes. Maxine was thinking of doing the tombola after half term, to be set up in the hall or the canteen / kitchen area.

Action:

Everyone – if anyone has tombola prizes please give them to Lesley / Maxine.

Amanda has spoken to Sarah and Lucy to ask if the IT department could put a video together as sort of 'a day in the life of the PTA' to share with the (new) parents. Is everyone happy to volunteer in the video? We do have lots of pictures of fundraising events etc. from the past we can use. The Jerusalem dance, which I had to google ;-), was suggested!

Action:

Amanda – to check with Sarah and Lucy if this video can be put together.

Gillian will bring in about 70 sunflower seedlings for school to use in the outdoor space.

Crowd Funding

Action: Karen to set up Parentkind crowdfunding page as the fees are smaller than Justgiving.

Next PTA Meeting

Next meeting is booked for Thursday 24.06.2021 at 7.30pm, most probably still via Microsoft Teams.

Nicole Luijnenburg 11.05.2021