



# Dorin Park PTA Meeting

## Thursday 16 March 2023

### Minutes

#### **Time and Location**

7.30pm – Home via Microsoft Teams

#### **Present**

Lesley Body, Lucy Lee, Amanda Hartley, Claire McKelvey, Sarah Adam, Maxine Nevitt, Jay Hartley, Nicole Luijnenburg, Gillian Driscoll, Jane Rowlinson.

#### **Apologies**

Lisa Robertshaw, Graham Davies, Amanda East, Vicki Roberts, Naomi Cowley, Helen Muggleton, Karen Nash, Bridget Aldridge, Yvonne Winstanley.

\*\* A warm welcome to our new PTA member Yvonne! \*\* Yvonne's son Winston is in Dorin's Willow class.

#### **Items to be minuted**

None

#### **Actions from previous meeting**

- Karen – Karen has had feedback from the CO-OP about the local community fund and has giving them the info that we need money to resurface the car park – ongoing (won't be before spring 2023)
- Lesley to sort out online banking to be able to be the invoice from Storyhouse – ongoing
- Lesley – will write on the next newsletter how much we've raised and where the money is being spent on, hopefully done by Easter – ongoing

- Lesley – B&Q have put a stop on ‘community reuse’ scheme for now, but Lesley will check again – ongoing
- Everyone – to keep using Easy Fundraising while shopping online.
- Lesley – will make a little booklet about Easy Fundraising, the school lottery and the Amazon Smile and Just Giving page, so that new parents will be aware of those too. The aim is to do this after Easter.

### **Treasurer Report**

See attachment.

### **Roberts Recycling**

New dates are 10<sup>th</sup> May, 12<sup>th</sup> July and 15<sup>th</sup> November.

### **Easter**

Raffle: We’ve got approximately 13 prizes and letters have been sent out in the meantime by Maxine to the parents. School is organising ‘invite your parents days’ to join Easter crafts and egg hunts, the dates are 28 March at 10am for Pear, Cherry and Maple class and 30 March at 1.45pm for Chestnut and Beech class. We will sell drinks and raffle tickets on these days too.

Lesley will get bags sorted again with Easter treats for the children.

Claire suggested to have a little PTA stand at the coffee mornings to promote us a bit more.

We’ll do a colouring competition again too. **Action – Maxine will send a letter out to parents on 24 March.**

### **Spring Fair – 14 May**

Lucy, Amanda and Lesley will hold a separate meeting with regards to the spring fair.

Gillian mentioned to ask Bridge Community Farms to come along to do some kind of spring activities (e.g. planting flowers and that kind of thing), <https://bwgardens.co.uk/welcome>

In the meantime Gillian has contacted them and they said they’re very interested in attending.

Lesley said we could use the banner / board that we’ve used before.

### **Fundraising Ideas**

Our regular fundraisers that keep us ticking over are:

- School lottery
- Easy fundraising
- Roberts recycling
- Our quarterly raffles

## **AOB**

**Open Orchestra:** Jane Rowlinson has joined us tonight to talk about the so called 'Open Orchestra', a very inclusive way for young people with additional needs to create, write and make their own music. Jane will send us prices of 3 different comprehensive packages we can choose from. The aim is to start with the pre-formal and lower semi-formal students. During the first term they will work one-to-one with the students, the next term will be working in small ensembles, and by the end of the first year there will be an ensemble within one class. And as time goes on more students can be added onto it. The aim is to start with Bay Class in September this year, 3 hours a week.

More information can be found on: <https://www.openorchestras.org/>

**Virtual reality headset:** Jane Delamere will have a look at the headsets we think we're going to order to see how they work – ongoing.

**Donations:** It was mentioned in the last meeting we can use the Just Giving platform for donations to the PTA. Lucy mentioned we can give parents a choice, either pay cash or pay via the link. **Action for Karen to create the link for our Just Giving page and send it out on different letters we send to parents and in the text reminders.**

**PTA charity meetings:** Amanda mentioned that she will contact our PTA members to ask if they wouldn't mind to attend our meetings a bit more regularly as we do need to hit quorum (which is the minimum number that must attend a meeting so that decisions can be made properly). We have to make sure we work according to the constitutions of the Charity Commission. Also suggested was to do our AGM meeting towards the end of the school year instead of March which everyone agreed too.

**PTA meetings:** Lesley suggested to hold one or two face to face meetings during the year instead of doing it online. We will look into a date for this after the spring fair in May.

**Storyhouse project in school:** Jane mentioned that from September onwards Storyhouse have worked with quite a few classes, going into the classrooms and it seems to be going really well, using music, art and imagination.

**Gillian** mentioned it would be good as parents to know more about what the school and the PTA organise, there's so much to celebrate what is being organised in school and how much work we as the PTA do but this is not always communicated enough. This would also give us an opportunity to get more people involved helping with the PTA. **Action – Lucy / teachers to put more pictures on our PTA's Facebook page.**

## **Next PTA Meeting**

Next meetings are booked for Thursday 20.04.2023 and 11.05.2023 at 7.30pm via Microsoft Teams. Hopefully we can arrange a face-to-face meeting in June / July before the summer holidays start.

Nicole Luijnenburg