



Dorin Park PTA Meeting

Thursday 20 January 2022

Minutes

Time and Location

7.30pm – Home via Microsoft Teams

Present

Amanda Hartley, Maxine Nevitt, Bridget Aldridge, Lucy Lee, Gillian Driscoll, Naomi Cowley, Karen Nash, Jay Hartley.

Apologies

Lesley Body, Helen Muggleton, Amanda Glennon, Lisa Robertshaw, Vicky Roberts, Graham Davies, Nicole Luijnenburg, Sarah Adam.

Actions from previous meeting

- Karen – Has applied for the CO-OP local community fund. Apparently, we have not been chosen but Karen will ask for feedback from CO-OP as she's not heard anything - Ongoing
- Lesley – B&Q have put a stop on 'community reuse' scheme for now, but Lesley will check again in the new year – ongoing
- Amanda – to share on social media how pro-active we are, to promote the PTA and recruit more volunteers – Ongoing
- Amanda to complain to the CO-OP about lost bucket – Actioned and received £20.00 gift voucher. CO-OP only supporting MIND charity from now on.
- Karen – will make a list of the top five earners for us are – Actioned
- Lesley has emailed Asda in Chester and filled in their application form to be put forward for their Green Tokens for Feb / March - Actioned
- Amanda – to push on social media to ask people to shop online via Easy Fundraising - Actioned
- Karen – to have a look at Just Giving to see how to set up different events on there so that people can easily see and choose who they are donating to - Actioned

Treasurer Report

Roberts Recycling

Lesley has managed to book some more dates for collections, she has kept them for the same months as last year as previously agreed.

They dates are:

Wednesday 16th March 2022

Wednesday 13th July 2022

Wednesday 16th November 2022

We decided to remove the 11th May 2022 collection as it was too close to the other dates.

Dorin's Fashion Boutique

Dorin Fashion Boutique will officially close down on 31st January 2022. Thank you to everyone who helped set it up. It was a hit or miss idea, but did give us some funds and enabled us to sell some of the Boohoo stock during the pandemic. From March onwards Lesley will be looking at organizing some Boohoo Sales hopefully at the Upton Pavilion, and she will also continue to look at Car boot sales too. She'll keep us all updated via our WhatsApp group and email.

PTA Events and Community Support

Amanda and Lucy explained that we need to be mindful how many / when we choose our fundraising and donations events as there are (especially in the run up to Christmas) so many (national) events happening already where people are asked for donations, and it can get quite costly.

Action – Lucy, will make a list with dates where school is asking for donations / organising fundraise events already and will try to fit in dates for the PTA to do the same so that it is all spread out a bit more.

Community Support

A discussion took place about this, and we decided to also try and support other charities as and when we can. A member of staff from the school approached the PTA about possibly doing some fundraising for a local charity who helps the school pupils that have been through a bereavement process. Elsie Ever After charity supports bereaved families, linking existing services and plugging the gaps where support is lacking in and around Cheshire.

The charity has already supported several of our pupils and families via our Emotional Health and Well-Being (EHWB) Mentor requesting SEN bereavement packs for children, these packs containing a bereavement workbook and a storybook about grief. As we were hoping to do an own clothes day this term, it was decided to host an own clothes day on Valentine's Day (14th Feb) and

call it 'Forget Me Not'. We will ask for voluntary donations and all monies raised will be gifted to Elsie Ever After Charity. Also a few staff members are going to crochet some hearts for a small donation.

Summer Fair

Summer Fair has been arranged for Sunday 3rd July 2022 at the Upton Pavilion

Action – Lesley to discuss fee with Darren

Action – Amanda and Lesley to email all vendors and advertise for more stall holders

Action – Amanda to access the licence permit from CWAC

A lot of actions to do on this but we can give people roles at the next PTA meeting.

Easter

Colouring and craft competition and Raffle. See what Helen Muggleton can source from Mostyn Garage for gifts to the children. Otherwise we will source some Easter Eggs etc.

All entries for the competition to be in by 20th April 2022.

Categories are

1. Early Years Primary
2. Upper School
3. Parents/Carers and Siblings

Action – Everyone to try and source raffle prizes.

Boohoo Sale

We discussed using Dorin Park School but with the covid rates it was decided to best look at elsewhere first. Lucy also asked if we could have a school uniform sale. The school have a large excess of school uniform and she feels for a small fee it could be better used by parents.

Lesley is going to do a small boohoo sale at the parent coffee mornings which are being held on:

- 16th February 2022
- 2nd March 2022
- 28th March 2022
- 27th April 2022

Action – Lesley, to find a venue and source clothing rails.

LC ENDURO

Event didn't go ahead in December due to unsafe weather conditions. Re-scheduled for March but the business has been proactive in raising funds for the PTA and are hoping to come into school in April on their bikes for the children to see.

Action – Lesley/Amanda to liaise with Sarah and Lucy for a visit date and any support they need for advertising their event etc.

Fundraising Ideas

Our regular fundraisers that keep us ticking over are:

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

Other ideas were:

- Sponsored swim within the school (Bridget) – We have put this on the back burner with having a lot of events this year to plan.

AOB

Gillian recommended that maybe we purchase our own Urn for events. She felt having our own catering hot drinks urn would help in the future and not have to rely on others. All the PTA agreed.

Action – Lesley to purchase

Next PTA Meeting

Next meeting is booked for Thursday 10.03.2022 at 7.30pm via Microsoft Teams, this is our annual AGM meeting. Amanda to email out in advance details about nominations and GDPR.

Amanda Hartley

Attachments: