



# Dorin Park PTA Meeting

## Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> June 2021

### Minutes

**\*We wish Lesley, Naomi and Claire speedy recoveries!\***

#### **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, Karen Nash, Helen Muggleton, Lucy Lee

#### **Apologies**

Kate Francis, Amanda Glennon, Lisa Robertshaw, Graham Davies, Vicky Roberts

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

No items to be minuted currently.

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

- Karen – Has applied for the CO-OP local community fund. They will let us know in the autumn, and if we have been successful it will start in October.
- Lesley is 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 – to check in the summer if B&Q will donate us some stuff through their 'community reuse' scheme, we can use things like wood, plants pots paint etc for our playgrounds.
- 'Thank you cards have been made.' They look great and they're ready to be used e.g. to send them to the shops where we have our collection pots, Mostyn Garage etc.

- Collection tubs: Lesley has ordered 6 more collection tubs. We now have tubs out at the following locations: Coop Hope Farm, Coop in Hoole, Starbucks Greyhound park, post office in Dodleston, the Pavilion in Upton, Queensferry HiQ, **soon in Chester market (Helen will take action on this)**.  
There's about 3 spare which we can use, and one in Karen's wardrobe ;-)
- **Amanda – to share on social media in September where the PTA money has been spent on this year, to promote the PTA and recruit more volunteers.**
- **Lesley – to check with Asda in Chester if we can be put forward for their next Green Tokens in store in August.**

## **Treasurer Report**

Update Karen:

Received: £9.60 Coop Hoole, £182.30 through the school lottery, £30.50 Boohoo in the last 4 weeks, £64 chocolates and sweets, £10 on books, £10 rucksacks, £782 on the Just Giving page through the virtual challenge!

Spent: £61.70 on new collection tubs and regular invoices for Just Giving and Big Yellow Storage.

£16.015 currently in our accounts.

## **Playground remodelling**

In January we agreed we would donate £5000 for the playground remodelling. Staff was asked what they thought was most needed and a sensory area, sensory items and a covered outdoor learning area came out as most popular. £3937 is what school asked the PTA to donate to build a sensory area in the main primary playground but we all agreed to pay the extra (so the original £5000) to do up both playgrounds (incl Beech & Chestnut). The projects Lesley emailed through looked amazing!

## **Virtual Challenge**

The virtual challenge has been a huge success and at the time of this meeting money was still coming in, well done to Bridget for organising this! In the meantime on 16 July the challenge has 'finished in Disneyland', Mickey Mouse visited school and Helen received Haribo football sweets from Mostyn garage for the children and Flip Out has donated 2 sessions. All the kids' names were put in a hat and 2 names were pulled out who won the Flip Out vouchers. Bridget has nominated school and staff for a sports award, so hopefully we will win that and get a trophy!

Lucy suggested an archway as a finishing line on sports day as a celebration ceremony of the challenge.

## **Roberts Recycling**

In the meantime Nicole has collected 2 bags from Live! for Roberts Recycling and Lesley has collected bags from us, family & friends.. Roberts has collected 203kg from us worth £60.90 (which will be on the next treasurer report).

Lesley will cancel the September collection and the next one will be in November 2021.

## **Dorin's Fashion Boutique**

From the time it went live on Facebook we have sold £94.94 from 7 orders (we only paid out for one postage of £3.20). Nicole, Gillian and Lisa have taken pictures of Boohoo clothes which have gone live on the facebook page in the meantime. Birch class have done really well with putting outfits together and taking pictures too.

In the meantime Lesley has been to a car boot sale and has sold for £80 minus £5 pitch fee leaving us £75 (which will be on the next treasurer report) and one box less in storage.

We will now need to make a decision what we do with the old stock and get new stock in for the next fair we're organising.

Action for everyone - it's all about promoting the page so let's keep on doing this through our social media.

## **Summer Fair**

Amanda has contacted the stall holders to give them the new date (3 July 2022), about 4 asked for a refund, but the majority seem to be all up for next year. We will need to look at the list of stall holders, start advertising in January 2022 and get sponsorships.

Action – Karen to arrange all the refunds

## **Fundraising Ideas**

Our regular fundraisers that keep us ticking over are:

- School lottery
- Easy fundraising
- Roberts recycling

It's come to the end of term so no fundraising activities have been arranged. A smarties challenge was suggested by Lesley. Smarties tubes will be sent out to the kids, they take a smartie out of the tube, they will need to do a little job and put a coin they have earned for the job in the tube. The smarties tubes (with the coins) are then sent back to school. Or a raisins challenge, bit healthier and the boxes are cheaper. Lucy suggested to do a smarties or raisin challenge in the autumn term.

## **AOB**

The summer raffle has been done in the meantime after this meeting (proceeds which will be on the next treasurer report). There were some great prizes to be won! Kate Connor donated a gin box for us, school staff, drivers and escorts.

Bridget mentioned we now need items for the rebound therapy like bean bags for around the trampoline, parachutes, pictures to put around the trampoline, lighting etc. Bridget will get her wish list in.

A PTA and family get-together on the race course was suggested by Lesley and others for 1 August, Breast Cancer Awareness Day. And Maxine suggested to raise money for breast cancer during the first coffee morning in September.

Amanda mentioned that the PTA has been nominated for a National Diversity Award, a shortlist will be drawn on 14 July.

## **Next PTA Meeting**

Next meeting is booked for Thursday 23.09.2021 at 7.30pm, either by getting together or still via Microsoft Teams.

Nicole Luijnenburg 19.07.2021