



# Dorin Park PTA Meeting

## Thursday 26 January 2023

### Minutes

#### **Time and Location**

7.30pm – Home via Microsoft Teams

#### **Present**

Lesley Body, Lucy Lee, Karen Nash, Amanda Hartley, Claire McKelvey, Bridget Aldridge, Sarah Adam, Maxine Nevitt, Jane Delamere.

#### **Apologies**

Jay Hartley, Amanda Glennon, Lisa Robertshaw, Graham Davies, Amanda East, Vicky Roberts, Naomi Cowley, Helen Muggleton, Nicole Luijnenburg, Gillian Driscoll.

#### **Items to be minutes**

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)
- Sarah Adam – to chase Storyhouse up for an invoice so that we can pay them - ongoing

Lesley – will write on the next newsletter how much we've raised and where the money is being spent on. Karen has got her end of year report so she'll send the breakdown onto Lesley and Lesley hopes to send the newsletter out before 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.

### **Treasurer Report**

See attachment.

After the Christmas raffle, refreshments during the nativities, chocolate sales, regular school lottery, some kids going to Starbucks and a pupil’s donation we now have about £21.000 in the bank (we’re about to pay for the sensory garden and we’re still waiting for the invoice from Storyhouse.

### **Roberts Recycling**

We’ll stick with the bag collections. The first one will be on 8 March.

Maxine to send letters out before the kids finish school.

### **Easter**

Raffle: so far we’ve got a bit Winnie the Pooh, a Body Shop voucher, 2 large Easter eggs.

Lesley will get in touch with Ocado to ask for £50 vouchers.

Everyone – to try to source some more raffle prices.

Lucy mentioned we’ll probably do an ‘invite your parents day’, so we can sell raffle tickets again. And we can sell coffee, tea and treats again on the day.

We’ll do a colouring competition again too.

### **Summer Fair**

Nicole had the idea of holding a smaller summer fair in school where staff and pupils are more involved. I’ll attach my ideas for the day onto the email (Nicole).

Lucy said instead of opening it up to the public we can tell families they can bring their families, grandparents etc.

Everyone was happy with the idea and a 3 hour event was suggested on 14 May.

### **Elsie Ever After**

The charity Elsie Ever After are facing financial uncertainty and they asked if we would consider to do a fundraising event for them or any other support. Lucy suggested to offer the donations for Christmas jumper day to them. Gillian mentioned there are a lot of other good small charities that will need extra donations too especially during the upcoming recession, so suggested was to make it clear for parents why we have chosen this charity this time. Decided was to have a yearly

nomination by people in school to which charity we decide to donate to and why and to support Elsie Ever After this time.

## **Fundraising Ideas**

Our regular fundraisers that keep us ticking over are:

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

## **AOB**

**Virtual reality headset:** Jane Delamere explained about the virtual reality headset she has been looking into. Just like a game console or Xbox we could use it as an alternative enrichment for the children. It's a dynamic piece of equipment that will really engage quite a large number of children regardless of age or ability. It is seen as an educational tool depending on what apps you download for the VR headset, e.g. travel apps (where you 'go' to different places in the world), underwater life. Amanda mentioned some alternative therapies use it for core balance to build up confidence for children with low muscle tone or for relaxation. Karen asked if it's going to be available to all the kids in the school. Jane mentioned it's up to the teacher, if they think if it's beneficial for their class or certain children, but it has to be carefully managed. Jane also mentioned she is trying to arrange a digi-bus to come to the car park so all the children can have a look. It has virtual reality environments like a dentist's waiting room etc. The Meta Quest2 headset costs about £400 and the apps will be around £7 each.

**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.** Amanda mentioned there's also something out there called BOPP Payment Solutions with a QR-code. **Amanda will share the info on our What's app group.**

**Lucy – to do some research and discuss with Jane how many we will need to start with.**

**Night out:** suggested was Friday 24 Feb.

## **Next PTA Meeting**

Next meeting is booked for Thursday 16.03.2023 at 7.30pm via Microsoft Teams.

Nicole Luijnenburg