



# Dorin Park PTA Meeting

## Thursday 20 April 2023

### Minutes

#### **Time and Location**

7.30pm – Home via Microsoft Teams

#### **Present**

Lesley Body, Lucy Lee, Amanda Hartley, Maxine Nevitt, Jay Hartley, Nicole Luijnenburg, Gillian Driscoll, Yvonne Winstanley, Karen Nash, Bridget Aldridge, Helen Muggleton, Naomi Cowley, Amanda East.

#### **Apologies**

Lisa Robertshaw, Graham Davies, Vicki Roberts, Claire McKelvey, Sarah Adam.

\*\* A warm welcome to our new PTA members Yvonne and Sharon! \*\*

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

None

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

- Karen – Karen has had feedback from the CO-OP saying it's got to fund the local community. We'll try one more time as soon as it opens this spring with an email rewording our request – 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 – ongoing.

- 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 – ongoing.
- Lesley is now on the online banking and the playground has been paid – completed.
- Lesley has written and distributed our first newsletter – completed.

## Treasurer Report

See attachment.

Easter raffle was the only new income with a fab amount of £285. The grand total in the bank is £21.380 (and Storyhouse and the playground have already been paid).

## Roberts Recycling

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

## Spring Fair – 14 May – 12-3pm

We're keeping it low-key this year, a bit like our Halloween party. If the weather's good we'll be using our outside space too.

- Raffle prizes will be on display near the glass cabinets.  
**Action for everyone – to source more raffle prizes.**
- We'll have the small tables out where people can sit and have food and a drink.
- Lesley suggested afternoon tea type of food and hot dogs. But some of us preferred, if possible, to be able to sell (vegan) hamburgers, chips and hot dogs instead of making sandwiches ourselves. This will depend on the amount of volunteers / kitchen staff though, so once we know we'll make a decision on the food element.  
**Action for Lesley – to check how many volunteers and kitchen staff we have.**
- Suggested was to ask Dave Williams to come with his pizza stand, but we'll wait until it's been clarified if we will sell our own hot food.
- If Bridge Farms and Space would like to sell items we will ask them for a small donation.  
**Action for Gillian and Nicole: to check with Bridge Farms and Space.**
- Stalls: books, toys stall with some of the teddies, Birch class stall, sweets/cans/pop stall, creation station, face painting, uniform stall, beat the goalie.
- We'll have a cake stall too. We will have one or two own-clothes-days before the 14<sup>th</sup> and ask for donations like cakes for the cake stall and prizes for the raffle and tombola.  
\*\*In the meantime a letter has been sent out to parents saying the first non-uniform day will be on 28 April in exchange for a donation for a bottle of choice for the Tombola stall (toiletries alcohol, pop and sauces) and the second non-uniform day (sports wear) will be on 12 May in exchange for prepacked cakes for our Cakes Stall\*\*
- 'Willy Wonka' stall where people can buy wrapped up chocolates or other sweets and you can win a golden ticket (prize).  
\*\* In the meantime Helen has contacted Starbucks and they will provide 20 large Starbucks gold coins for the Willy Wonka stall and a voucher for the raffle (lunch for 2)\*\*  
**Action for Lesley – to let other PTA members know if we can help with wrapping Willy Wonka bars.**
- A teddy bear tombola, we've got lots of teddy's in storage.
- DJ / Disco, potentially Party Time Mascots.

- We will have a quiet area too where children can go if they need a bit of quiet time.
- Bouncy Castle, Helen may know someone who could sponsor.
- If the weather's good we will have the creation station outside, some games, tenpin bowling.
- The school choir will be invited to sing.
- We'll organise a 'Decide your King's crown' competition and a King and Queen Parade (teachers) with the designed crowns. Gillian suggested '*King Charlie and the Chocolate Factory*'.
- Amanda has secured a few mascots to walk around the spring fair and we'll have a photo booth where the kids can have their pictures taken.
- Amanda will also contact the ice cream van.
- **Action for everyone – if you like & have time to bake please bring a fresh cake to the fair on Sunday, or prepacked cakes would be great too.**

## **Fundraising Ideas**

Our regular fundraisers that keep us ticking over are:

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

## **AOB**

**Virtual reality headsets:** the ones school has chosen cost £399 each, the school will pay for the ongoing subscriptions. We have decided to order 5 headsets. We could let parents try them out at a coffee morning. Risk assessments will need to be done before children use them.

**Donations:** Karen has now created a link to our Just Giving Page which will be sent by text, email and social media to the parents.

We were talking in our last meeting about trying to arrange a **face-to-face meeting** in June / July before the summer holidays start.

**Boohoo & Regatta:** Lesley and Amanda will have a look in our storage to see how much we have left and we can then decide what we do with it in the near future. Amanda has been in touch with Regatta and had a look at their sustainability policy and they also donate garments which will not be sold. Amanda will wait to hear what they'll come back with.

Karen mentioned we will need to think more about **where to spend our money on**. **Action for Lucy – to ask the teachers if they have any ideas for the classes and that the PTA is there to help them.** Amanda mentioned we are also still considering a new car park and has put an application in for a grant and has been working quite closely with the school's Business Manager.

## **Next PTA Meeting**

Next meeting is booked for Thursday 11.05.2023 at 7.30pm via Microsoft Teams.

Nicole Luijnenburg