



Dorin Park PTA AGM Meeting

Wednesday 22 January 2025

Minutes

Time and Location

7.30pm – Teams

Present

Lesley Body, Amanda Hartley, Becky Hanna, Karen Nash, Gillian Driscoll, Maxine Nevitt, Jane Rowlinson, Yvonne Winstanley, Claire McKelvey.

Apologies

Jay Hartley, Sharon Marsh, Lisa Robertshaw, Naomi Cowley, Helen Muggleton, Sarah Adam, Nicole Luijnenburg, Jennifer Ellams, Bridget Aldridge.

Items to be minuted

Kat Hogarth requested funding for a karaoke machine. The one we agreed to buy wasn't available, Lesley found a similar (and cheaper) one which will be delivered soon.

Lesley mentioned that Emily Fletcher has left our PTA group.

Amanda mentioned that Parentkind (with whom we have our insurance) have offered our PTA a collaboration for fancy dress costumes. School has requested several costumes. Parentkind have requested a £1 donation for each costume ordered. Maxine mentioned that Emma, who is involved with the drama groups with Storyhouse, has ordered 9 fancy dress costumes (so £9 in total), we're just waiting to hear back if the sizes are available.

Actions from previous meeting

- Yvonne – to have a look at the CO-OP charity funding – ongoing.
- Nicole – B&Q 'community reuse' scheme – ongoing. Nicole will also look into the Wickes Community Programme and the Neighbourly platform. Amanda will first check with Sarah

A. and Jane if school still needs big wall stickers for updating the bathrooms and / or any other items.

- Everyone – to keep using Easyfundraising while shopping online – ongoing.
- Action – Amanda to send out a parents' survey to ask what they thought about the fair and to ask for suggestions. Sarah A. will draft a survey and will send it to Amanda.
- Maxine to check with Martin who is looking into the QR code and card reader

Treasurer Report

See attachment.

Karen mentioned there was an error on the last Finance Report, the toys sales was £408.60 instead of the amount mentioned in the last Finance Report.

Fundraising Ideas

Our regular fundraisers that keep us ticking over are:

- School lottery
- Easyfundraising
- Roberts recycling: 19 March, 16 July and 12 November
- Our quarterly raffles

Other fundraise ideas:

Action – Yvonne has submitted a funding application to her work's Charitable Trust Fund and is waiting to hear back

Gillian will check again with Morrisson's Community Manager to ask if they would like to donate for our gardening project or to be a long term supporter

Wishlists

*Kerry Attwood requested a wooden boat for outdoor use (£299) and a water wall bench (£714).

Action – Claire will ask with if the Men in Sheds community group are able and willing to build these.

*Notice boards (one on the side gate for the parents and one on the front of the school building for Transport to see). Action – Claire will check with Men in Sheds if they could build these too.

Gillian mentioned that we'll need to check the health and safety rules when groups of people make items such as play equipment. Action – Claire to speak to Men in Sheds about this.

Amanda mentioned that in future we will need to get back to the proforma forms we used to use for the staff to fill out when they have a wishlist, and for them to research and give us 3 different quotations. Action – Jane to relay this back to the staff

Easter

*Colouring competition, PTA to provide raffle prizes for this

*Raffle, **action – for us all to source raffle prizes (anything we can put in a hamper would be really good)**

*Gifts for the children. Lesley will speak to Helen to see what she can get from Mostyn Garage.

*Lesley suggested to put a request in to Asda in February to ask for the 'free from' treats they could donate

AOB

Maxine mentioned that over Christmas we were fortunate to receive lots of support from agencies that wanted to help families over Christmas, along with the HAF boxes that come with free school meals and ASDA vouchers. We also have received toys from Yellow Storage. So our school has been able to support more families than ever. Another agency offered hampers to families who need extra support, Maxine has identified 5 families for whom this support would be really helpful and welcome. Lesley said she still has food items in storage and in her shed to add to those hampers.

Amanda said she received an email of Jake about the garden project at school, he said it's going really well and the kids love it. The bulbs are coming through and there will be bird feeders too.

Gillian said Lucy loves it, they also make each other hot drinks 😊.

Own clothes day has been arranged in the meantime for the 14th of February, for a little voluntary donation for the raffle and/or tombola.

Becky will go to Sainsbury's to check if they are willing to offer donations to our PTA as a charity. Becky also suggested to share with parents on social media what we have bought last year with pictures. **Action – for Jane to check which pictures of which children can go on social media.**

Action – for Lesley to put a newsletter together with updates from June 2024 till the end of 2024 + what's coming up.

Next PTA Meeting

Our next meeting will be on Wednesday the 26th of February on Teams

Nicole Luijnenburg

Attached: Treasurer Report