



WOODSIDE JUNIOR SCHOOL PTA

Charity No.: 296361

Meeting Date: 06.07.2022

Time: 20:00

Place: Zoom Meeting Call

Attendees

Attendees: Lindsay Dixon, Karen Buffett, Laura Sawyer, Chloe Cripps, Kate Reed, Mrs Carver, Mr Appleby

Apologies: Emma Taylor, Chris Boobier. Mrs Tandara, Mrs Milner, Michelle Catanach, Catherine Wright, Paula Pereira

Minutes from last meeting

These have not yet been received. **PP to circulate as soon as possible**

Treasury Update

£22,715 in the bank

£1342 from the Summer Fair after expenses (including two random JustGiving payments)

£150 not received yet from St George's for buying the alcohol from us at cost – **LS to liaise with Kate Dinwiddy**

£52 from Bags2Schools

£65 approx from Transition Day's second-hand uniform sales

Raffle showing £410 sales on Classlist / £388 on Stripe

No invoice from school for the Midsummer Night's Dream payment (MSND) – **LS to speak to GN**

£16k agreed at last meeting to go to the track – **LS needs 2 x chair signatories**

Updates from events

1. Track

Planning permission was submitted but having community use of the track meant it had to be an oval shape. Sports England objected as they said that would mean that the school wouldn't be able to have two full football pitches (they had marked the school out as having to provide these,

previously). As a result, the submission was quickly changed to a daily mile track, which could be of any shape, allowing the football pitches to remain and Sports England have no objection. Therefore, the school are just awaiting agreement from the council.

As there will now no longer be any community use to the track, the funding cannot be gained from various grants. The school has, with Sports Premium Funding, half of the money, and **it was agreed this evening that the PTA would up there contribution from £16k to £20k** in order for the work to start asap upon approval.

The track will be an all-weather track, allowing the children to use it at any time of year, and will be available from the new school year, all being well.

2. **Foodbank**

This was a new event this year. Holding one, once every half term. Everyone agreed it was worthwhile and should continue next year. Provision may be needed if the weather is wet. **CC to arrange.**

3. **Bags2School**

This has become more streamlined and now all transactions are done online. **LD to book 3 more dates for next year.**

4. **Second-hand uniform for Transition Day**

VH ran this with another helper and all seemed to run smoothly. Will donations will be requested at the very end of term?? **PP/VH**

5. **Summer Fair**

All agreed it was very successful. Great to see so many members of staff helping. Classlist sign up worked really well and, although still a chore, it was less onerous this way. Need to think about recycling bins (foldable?) for future events. LD

Remaining alcohol was bought by St Georges.

Second-hand books, still in storage in the school. **Mr A is to recycle/charity what he can.**

Upcoming Events

1. **MSND**

KB has dropped off the books to the school – 10 in total. JC said that all the books had been distributed and the teachers and children loved them. They have been instructed to read them before Monday! Each book contained a book plate inside, celebrating the school's 65th birthday and mentioning that these were a gift from the PTA.

The theatre performances are all in hand – Mike from Splats is ready and the children are excited.

2. Ice pops for Sports Day

LS confirmed they had been bought and were currently freezing – ready for tomorrow!

3. Ice-cream van

Permissions have all been sought. LS has booked.

JC requested that they have a list of choices to give to the children before the day, as this made organising last year so much easier. LS confirmed this had been sent to the office already. **JC to follow up.**

4. Raffle

Agreed all need to push sales – **class reps (CC) and on Classlist too (KB).**

JC and CT to push sales at Sports Day – announcing prizes to be won. CC agreed to capture on the day sales by taking cash and recording names/child/number to be put into the draw

JC to let teachers know they can give money to office and office to email KB with name and quantity purchased

KB to ask CW for a full list of prizes to date.

5. Non-uniform day

To help boost funds for the track, it was agreed that 15th July would be a non-uniform day – wear your own clothes and bring in £1.

JC to let the office know and get in the newsletter this week.

Class reps to send communication too **(via CC)**

Message on Classlist next week – **KB/CC**

6. Newsletter

LD to get a newsletter out to let people know what we have achieved this year and through what events.

7. Welcome event in September

An event was discussed that could help new parents feel part of Woodside.

CC discussed a Pinewood Derby – blocks of wood made into racing cars that are raced on the day. A bar and food could be available on the day. LS said that they are great but require quite a lot of work from parents and tools are needed. It was agreed that this is something that needs more investigation and is not for September.

JC said that the Fun in the Feld event, from the school's perspective, was fabulous. A big cohort of children and families came so it was ll encompassing. It was a great way to welcome new families and it was non-threatening: i.e. people could come and wander around for as long a time as they liked.

KB suggested contacting the volunteers from the Summer Fair, before we break for the summer, to see if they would be willing to help again in September. This would then hopefully mean less organising after the holidays. **LD to pursue.**

Possible dates – 17th or 24th September

AOB

1. The Entertainer

Mr A said that Mrs Milner had been to pick up two car loads of donated toys from The Entertainer – which we could use for future raffles / tombolas / soft toy sales / prizes and so on. They are distributed throughout the school, so we may need to gather them together, once we can store them properly.

2. PTA cupboard

This is in dire need of being sorted out. PP/CC and any other helpers to agree a date to attack!

3. New Committee Members

Kate Reed and Chloe Cripps have agreed to join forces as Co-Secretaries for the new academic year – thank you. Paula Pereira will be stepping down.

Michelle Catanach has agreed to step forward as Co-Chair with Lindsay Dixon remaining in post.

Both Karen Buffett and Tom Dixon will be stepping down as Co-Chairs.

Laura Sawyer and Emma Taylor will be stepping down as Co-Treasurers, as may Eugene Pereira. This post still needs to be filled. **LS to write out some points** about what the job entails and **CB to create text** that can be sent out via Class reps, the newsletter and Classlist.

4. Thanks

Thanks were given to Mr Appleby and Mrs Carver for all of their help at the Summer Fair.

Special thanks was given to Mrs Carver for all of her support of the PTA over the years. She has been amazing and will be missed.

Date of next meeting:

Tuesday 13th September at 8pm. Via Zoom or in person - TBC