



WOODSIDE JUNIOR SCHOOL PTA

Charity No.: 296361

AGM Date: Tuesday, October 4

Time: 20:00

Place: Zoom

Attendees

Attendees: Victoria Sant, Karen Buffett, Chloe Cripps, Simon Appleby, Claire Tandara, Lindsay Dixon, Emma Turner, Laura Sawyer, Michelle Catanach, Lara Dennis, Kate Reed

Apologies: Kate Dinwiddy; Catherine Wright; Kate Wagstaff; Dorota Milner; Kathryn Ferguson; Lindsay Powell

Minutes from last AGM:

Circulated, no matters arising

Chairs' Report:

The Woodside Association is a Parent Teacher Association with charitable status, with a committee. The committee meets regularly, with school staff and parents warmly welcomed to these meetings. All proceeds from events are used to enhance the educational experience of our children.

It has been a very positive year for the Woodside Association despite the challenges arising from restrictions and knock-on effects due to /from the coronavirus pandemic.

Regular meetings continued via online video platforms until the start of September 2022, when the first in-person meeting for over two years was held.

The Association has once again held many successful fundraisers over the past year, including the ever-popular raffles, non-uniform days, second hand uniform sales and Bag2School collections. The use of the Square card reader for payments, stripe payments over Classlist as well as the JustGiving platform have again been valuable tools to help. We continued to raise funds via Easy Fundraising, Amazon Smile, the School Lottery and Voucher Scheme. Our thanks go to Victoria Sant, who runs the Voucher Scheme so efficiently, and Ruth Wiseall for her work on the School Lottery.

We have continued to support Chiltern Foodbank via regular collections, and have received thanks for these.

In terms of getting together as a school community, we have been pleased to have put on a Christmas "get-together" (an after school "Christmas Cheer" experience) as well as a Summer Fair. This was an important way for families to get together and celebrate our school whilst raising funds.

We have been able to mark times of the year with our events and fundraising activities, including the Christmas Market /wrapping Room held in school, and Christmas card and gift designs. It was at this time of year we also had an opportunity for one year to raise funds to contribute towards their school trip, by parents donating when they attended the children's Christmas pantomime performance.

Spring led us to the Activity Challenge where children participated in a wide range of sponsored challenges from home, a “5p Challenge” coin collection, and the Easter event- Name the Bunny.

An enormously popular disco was held in May, again the first for over two years, another great step towards being able to get together.

In terms of where funds have been spent, we are very proud to have been able to contribute to a new school facility- a “Daily Mile” running track. We are looking forward to seeing this come to fruition in the near future. The PTA has also funded end-of-term entertainment for all children, including a visit from Mr Marvel, “A Midsummer Night’s Dream” performance (with texts for the school’s resources), and a visit from an ice cream van at the end of the school year. There has also been funding provided for library books in the re-stocking of this school facility, and further items such as music books for school use.

Our thanks go to all the current PTA members, parents and members of staff of the Woodside community, who have attended events and meetings; helped with the preparation and clear up of events; performed administrative tasks and assisted us throughout the year; and who have been able to spread the word about PTA events and support us and the school, by doing so.

Karen Buffett, Chloe Cripps, Lindsay and Tom Dixon

Co-Chairs of Woodside Association PTA

Treasurer’s report

It was another successful year for the PTA with several events taking place during the year. Alongside these events there is regular income coming in through the school voucher scheme, school lottery, second hand uniform sales, bags2school and Amazon Smile.

During the last financial year, we have donated £22,555.30 to the school, this included a £20,000 donation towards the daily mile track for school, Christmas entertainment and crafts, a summer theatre performance and related media for classrooms, an ice cream van (which the children always enjoy), books to restock the library and ice pops for sports day. All this couldn’t be possible without the ongoing generous support of our school community.

We ended the year with a good reserve of £2,873.23 in the bank account with £303.64 on voucher cards to use for future events.

Laura Sawyer

Outgoing Treasurer of Woodside Association PTA

Election of Committee Members

See nomination form attached

Outgoing chair **KB** noted how the PTA and supporters had been through a lot, it was a strong school community and she was excited to see what direction the PTA went in.

Treasurer **LS** agreed to stay in post until a replacement could be found.

It was noted we need to rerun part of the AGM when someone stands forward.

Upcoming events:

- **Bags2School Collection** – **LD** has sorted date for Nov 16th
- **Foodbank Collection** for Harvest – full week collection, **CC** posting news on ClassList

- **Second-hand uniform sale** tentative date - 10th October
- **Bake sale** – 18th October is parents' evening, so will now run after half-term
- **Break the Rules Day** – OK for 21st October, people to bring cash
- **Quiz Night** on 12th Nov – Mrs Carver can do it. **LS** said we need to do licence and planning and buying in advance – pizza, pudding auction. **LD** to put out feelers for a working group to help run it. £10 inc. pizza – go large if you want to
- **Disco** – 17th November – clashes with staff meeting, depends on how many parents we can get to help: ideally 6 parents and 6 teachers. **CC** suggested getting class reps to guarantee people who can be there. Need to check with disco lady for dates and then manpower
- **Xmas Cheer** – Fri after school – 16th Dec – need to contact Mrs Harrison about whether choir would like to perform
- **Summer Fair** date agreed for 17th June – PQA not there. **LD** suggested worth putting on ClassList now so people know when it is. **CT** suggested we need to let St George's and Henry Allen know for their reference.
- **Wrapping room/Xmas market** - **ET**: Children come class by class – pre-Covid, they came in over two lunchbreaks to buy their things, wrap them and go back to class. **CT**: it did work well – depends on manpower for coming in. Sarah Higgins has said she would be happy to come and do it. **CW** also volunteered to help. **SA**: it would change how they have their lunches, only half the tables should go out. Discussion over whether children should bring cash on the day so it's a secret present/ parents pay on ClassList: eg for a present for male adult, female adult without being specific. **KB**: having bags to decorate beforehand sped up the process, only allowed a certain amount per child. **CW**: male gifts didn't sell so well. **KB**: stock cupboard full of male gifts, see if they go, if not, socks work. **SA**: too much Xmas activity to do with bags to decorate, maybe take them home. **LD**: depends on manpower and amount of wrapping paper, find two lunchtimes, mobilise troops and do buying, Catherine, Kathryn and Sarah can advise on volume. **LS** to give an idea of the spend
- **Running track update** - **SA**: track booked in for 17th Oct, but waiting to see if they appear. **LD**: lovely to celebrate it with an event, cut a ribbon etc – to discuss more when it's there

Funding requests

- **Panto** – **CC** said £3,840 with coaches, so other requests more deserving
- **Xmas decs**: **SA** looking at a £290 Christmas tree – 10ft pre-lit, sustainable. Crackers – 250 – currently have 50/60 – want more as some children had several. **SA** asking the office where they were from
- **Chromebooks** - Another 6/7 Chromebooks which would give a full set with a few spares – Mrs Fox said that would be £1,050
- **Microphones** set of 4 clip mics for £124
- All requests to be spread over the course of the year
- **LS** said it's all doable with the money we have and with money from quiz, we could have an Xmas show come into the school. **SA**: might be better idea to do something at the end of the school year as there's a lot going on around Xmas
- £3,000 currently in the account, **LS** would like some spare to pay people back for wrapping room items

Next meeting date:

Tuesday, 1 November – in person