



Minutes of NPSA meeting
13th January at 7.30pm on zoom

Present:		Apologies:
Kathy Runacres	Lucinda Brook	Amy Osborn
Gill Simpson	Gill Kennaugh	Fiona Remnant
Neil Clews	Jan Bishop	Hannah Brownell
Anna Beeton	Ailie Steele	Kate Whiting
Katherine Wellings	Beth Hamilton	Laura Pincock
Louise Slowgrove	Charlotte Morris	Mim Wharf
Clare Moon	Helen Slade	Susan Brinkworth
Julie Box		Tamsin Smith
		Aimee Bates

1. Intro & Welcome (KW)

Lots to celebrate from last term – over £10,000 raised. Fireworks, the virtual quiz, Calendar, Santa’s Grotto, Winter Windowland and Puddings. Many highly successful fundraisers. The Raffle also raised just short of £2000. A huge effort and level of support – thanks to everyone involved. A request for class reps to pass on thanks to parents on this fundraising achievement.

2. Last term - brief review & our financial position (KW & KR)

Matched giving has been impressive. Three parents have matched their volunteer funding which has been incredible. We will keep raising awareness so others are encouraged to check if their companies support this.

We are registered with the wonderful.org platform and should consider using this for sponsorship efforts such as for the Bath half marathon. We can get 10 places on the marathon for 2023 – so worth thinking about whether we get a team together and ask people to raise a certain amount each ie. £250.

Nectar points – Kathy R looking into this as an additional fundraising tool. We have a number of these already but nectar could potentially appeal to those who shop at Sainsburys.

Gill K keen for all the £10,000 fundraising to go towards the outside play areas for upper and lower school. Now we have the funds it would be great to get a working party together and get the ball rolling on the project. Gill Simpson and Neil Clews happy to be part of this group. Neil is contacting Bath businesses via a network to see if any would like to support. In addition, we still have donations to use – the Medlock group gave £500 for outdoor use.

Plan is to have a meeting in the next two or three weeks. Gill K to speak with Jackie H and take this forward, and communicate out via the school newsletter.

3. This term, events & activities:

a. Bag2School collection Monday 24th Jan

Drop offs on the Friday before, and Saturday morning in addition between 9.30am and midday.

b. Second-hand uniform sale 29th Jan

Upper school hall – Saturday afternoon, timing tbc. Donation only and we will also have the card machine. Will look to have a one way system and make full use of all the space.

c. Quiz Night (date TBC)

The hope was to do this in February but date still tbc in the current climate. We would like to do before Easter, if possible. Continuing to follow PHE advice.

4. Finance update (KR)

Covered above.

5. Date for next NPSA meeting

After half term w/c 7th March. Plan to give plenty of notice to everyone on the date.

6. AOB

Hepa filter discussion.

This has been discussed prior to this meeting due to a parent raising the question. The scientific evidence is non-conclusive, and the cost is very high. Would be £4000+ and we would need to pay for the advice in addition. Also not a one-off cost, there is maintenance required. The machines are noisy and need to be central to the room.

Has been a discussion with Gill K and the governing bodies and the decision was to not take it forward or for further discussion at this stage. All classrooms have good ventilation due to the school design and we have quality windows in the upper school. Also now going into spring/summer so will get even easier. Sarah Cowey and Clare Moon have research they can send if helpful to back this decision.

NPSA vacancies.

In July we lose Mim Wharf as Secretary, Fiona Remnant as Online Ticketing and Katherine Wellings will be stepping down as Chair. Three essential vacancies to fill and we need to get the message out there and encourage people to think about it and have the discussions sooner rather than later. Links to the job descriptions were in the newsletter and are on the NPSA website. May be worth energising the campaign at an event such as the Quiz Night when the community is together. Another idea was to do a video campaign on the benefit of NPSA events by interviewing the children – potentially at the next JLT get together. Jan Bishop offered to film and put a short reel together. Katherine W to contact Jan in reference.

An event management connected parent with a professional timer contact is keen to organise a Guinness Book of Records event. May not make lots of money but could be a key school community event. Something different and exciting – probably for the summer. Katherine W to confirm further details when the plan has developed.

Donation to the school offer from an anonymous parent which Gill K would like to do via the NPSA. The parent would like the donation to go towards books for the school. Gill K will send Kathy R their name, address and postcode – all needed to do gift aid.

Discussion on a legacy for leaving year 6 parents who would like to give back to the school. Could connect with the outside play project. Gill S will speak with other year 6 parents for ideas and Gill K will also consider how this could work.