



Walmsley School PTA

Minutes of PTA Meeting

Monday 26th September 2022, Cheetham Arms

Meeting start: 7.30pm

Meeting end: 8.25pm

Attendees:

Alastair Catterall
Lily Grafton
Mukhtar Valli (Chair)
Kate Wicklen
Emily Robinson (Secretary)
Madeline Hargreaves
Leander Moore
Paul Blakeman
Sarah Talbot

1. Welcome Back and Introductions

Welcomes and introductions were done.

2. Apologies

Apologies were received from the following people:

Lisa Fairclough
Vanessa Mason
Clare Schofield
Lucy Binks
Helen Heywood
Gemma Gardiner
Rachael Cahill

3. Update Since Last Meeting

The Family Fun Day in July generated a net profit of approximately £3k, which is a brilliant achievement given that this is the first time many of this group of volunteers have organised this type of an event. We would like to thank everyone involved including parents, teachers, families and local businesses for their support and generosity.

The Doughnut Day before the summer holidays raised approximately £200.

The abovementioned successes contributed to the PTA successfully raising the £16k target to pay for the Infants Playground. Feedback from the children has been great; at playtimes the trim trail is normally packed with children from end to end.

From the £16k raised, the PTA will reserve approximately £2k in their account to help facilitate more fundraising for this academic year. School are happy with this.

The Committee met after the summer holiday to discuss the approach to fundraising for this academic year. This was followed by a meeting with the School Staff Leadership Team to agree objectives and some ideas in principle.

Post meeting note: The PTA sent a story book to each child in the new Reception intake as a welcome gift. This was not discussed at the meeting.

4. Objectives for 2022/2023

We would like to continue raising money to make school life more enjoyable for children and continue supporting our local community. The objectives for this academic year as follows:

1. **Juniors Playground** – Changes in the School Staff Leadership Team following the departure of Mrs Carr brings about an opportunity to realign the vision for the outdoor areas. The improvements could potentially entail improvements to the sloped cobbled area adjacent to the Y5 classroom (e.g. by incorporating a climbing net), building an outdoor classroom and redoing the markings. The PTA will start raising money to help improve the Junior playground and the School Staff Leadership Team will define in due course what these improvements will entail.
2. **Other Charitable Work** – continue supporting/ promoting support for the Walmsley Parish Hall and the Christ Church Walmsley.

5. Fundraising Ideas

The following preferences were outlined for our fundraising ideas:

- Enjoyable for the children/ end users and organisers.
- Low effort with high returns.
- Attract money from outside of the school community.
- Keep ideas that involve effectively asking *every* parent for money to a minimum. Parents shouldn't be made to feel like they must pay for something because every other parent will be doing so.

The following ideas were identified and agreed in principle:

- **Dress to Impress Disco** - 7th Oct 2022. This has been agreed with school and the PTA have started planning for it.
- **Xmas Fair** – This will be organised by school with PTA support. The event will be for children only. Date TBC.
- **Valentines Disco** – This will be organised by the PTA with school support and held in Spring Term 1.
- **Easter Egg Bongo Bingo** – Date TBC.

- **Summer Business Enterprise** – This will be organised by school with PTA support. Date TBC.
- **Summer Fair** – This will be organised by the PTA with school support. Date TBC.

Other fundraising ideas considered are mentioned below:

- **Doughnut Days** – The next Doughnut Day will be held at the end of January 2023, followed by another one in summer.
- **Saving Threads** – Raised approximately £370 last year. Saving Threads plan on holding another bag appeal in Autumn 2 followed by one in Summer 1.
- **Threads Objective** – Saving Threads suggested running a workshop where children make flowers out of scraps of material to sell them. This will be discussed further at the next meeting.

***Action MV/LM** – Consider the Thread Objective fundraising idea further.*

- **Local Business Sponsorship** – Agreed we would try and obtain sponsorship from local businesses in exchange for advertisement on our newsletter.
- **Natwest** – PB will explore fundraising opportunities with Natwest, including match-funding.
- **Carr's Pasties** – LM will explore how Carr's could potentially support us through her contact.
- **Grants/prize competitions** – The PTA are looking for a volunteer to do some research on the grants and prize competitions we are eligible for. It was suggested that we ask GG to see if she can help us identify funders that we can target.

Other charitable work included:

- **Samaritan's Purse - Operation Christmas Child (shoe box appeal)** – A Y2 parent and GG have agreed to support this. Info will be sent out via school very soon. We will be seeking volunteers to help transport shoe boxes from Walmsley to the drop off location which is approximately 5 miles away.
- Supporting fundraising for the Walmsley Parish Hall and Christ Church Walmsley.

6. Planning for the Dress to Impress Disco

The disco will be held in the main hall, with a tuck shop and chill-out room in adjoining classrooms. LG has obtained DJ equipment and is also able to source a bubble machine. KW will provide a Balloon Arch for the entrance.

The tuck shop will sell sweets, drinks and chocolate as well as light up/ glowing toys. The float needs to be £100 with the lowest coinage being 10p. Promotion on social media and in year groups is required. We will require approximately ten volunteers per session.

7. AOB

Monthly newsletter – The PTA explored the idea of sending out a PTA newsletter on a monthly basis to engage with parents and promote the events we are organising.

PTA Social – MH has kindly offered to organise the PTA social which we are all looking forward to.

PTA Annual General Meeting

The PTA Annual General Meeting will be held on Tuesday, 8th November 2022 at 7.30pm and we welcome ALL parents and carers to join us. Venue to be confirmed.

The following PTA Committee Roles will be up for election (current role holders stated in brackets):

- Chair (Mukhtar Valli)
- Vice Chair (Lily Grafton)
- Treasurer (Sarah Talbot)
- Secretary (Emily Robinson and Kate Wicklen)