PTA Chair Report Annual AGM

Tuesday, 30th November 2021

Welcome everyone, thanks for attending this AGM, the last one was held virtually so it's good to have a face to face with you all.

The last AGM was in March and it was decided that it would be more useful to have the AGM closer to the year-end being August, thus giving us the chance to remember what has happened in the last year.

This last 6 months has continued to be a challenge for both the school, the children and us as parents. Whether it has been a terrible or wonderful experience, it certainly has been a time that we will never ever forget. Our sincerest and best wishes to everyone during this time.

As I'm sure everyone can appreciate, PTA fundraising was limited due to Covid 19 lockdowns etc. Although we know school remained open and teachers worked as hard if not harder than normal, we as a committee did not feel it appropriate to attempt any form of fund raising during this period due to concerns about the current financial climate and more importantly respecting worries over health of loved ones. We hope that everyone understands and respects this decision.

Objectives

The objectives of the PTA are to organise fundraising events and activities where possible and make these as much fun as possible, to involve as many people as we can, and to access funding and grants on behalf of the school where applicable.

As parents, grandparents, carers, teachers and TA's of the children of the school, we are automatically members of the PTA.

Committee

We have an elected committee who manage all aspects of the PTA on a day to day basis. Current committee:

Chair - Vanessa Mason
Vice Chair - Mukhtar Valli
Co Secretary - Kate Wicklen
Co Secretary - Rachael Cahill
Treasurer - Lisa Fairclough

This year there are 2 resignations, Rachael Cahill, Co Secretary and Lisa Fairclough Treasurer leaving the following roles available for re-election.

For the PTA to continue the role of Treasurer must be filled.

From a personal point of view, I have thoroughly enjoyed my role as Chair over the last 6 months, but if anyone would like to put themselves forward to take over the role I am happy to step down and let someone else take the lead.

We are now looking for input and ideas from members new and old who are also willing to help implement them, and in so doing, support our school. If you do have any suggestions, these can be made at PTA meetings, by email, or by finding us in the playground.

The AGM is the PTA's only formal meeting of the year, covering committee elections, and the treasurer's annual financial report.

Before we commence these formalities, I would like to take few moments to extend some thank you's.

- Firstly, thank you to the members of the committee who in any ordinary year somehow manage to pull together despite full time jobs, children, location, husbands and many other things getting in the way.
- Further to the committee, we would like to of course thank Mrs Carr & Mrs Cahill. We are extremely grateful for their continued support.
- It's been quite a year for donations but we are still very thankful, all who have donated have been individually thanked.

It goes without saying, that we would also like to thank those of you that have supported the school and volunteered your own time to help out whenever needed.

A summary of last year

At this point I would like to give a full summary, but I think Lisa will cover this in the Treasurer's report, suffice to say thank you all for continuing to support the school via Amazon or Easyfundraising.

There is a full Treasurer's report to accompany this report.

I hope this year that the PTA will continue to gain more support and build upon what we have previously achieved. I wish everyone well, especially at this uncertain time.

Best wishes

Vanessa, Chair