

Minutes of the PTFA Meeting Wednesday 26th March 2025

Present: Sandee Poon, Mercy Latim, Aliya Sunderji, Cath Willingham (chair); Clare Burley, Siân Murphy, Carole Pielichaty, Hodan Sharif, Melissa Abrahams and Ekta Bhogal

Apologies: Emily de Marchi, Celine Magee, Durdana Razzaq

1. Update on accounts

Carole reported on Aggie's behalf that we have approx. £11,500 in our account, of which £3,500 is earmarked for a mural. PTFA have also agreed to pay for the Don Rae dance academy in July.

2. Vice Chair nominations

Melissa Abrahams was unanimously voted in as vice-chair of the PTFA.

3. Uniform

Cath reported that they had a small second-hand uniform sale during the 2nd day of Learning Conversations in the hall which was not very productive. She had ordered new rails to hand the uniform on but they were too big so she is awaiting a refund.

Mercy kindly donated 2 smaller rails which she bought from charity shops. These, together with 2 others we have in school, will be used on Tuesday 1st April to sell second-hand summer uniform to parents after the Easter Bonnet parade. Aliya and Mercy will come in to assist Cath on Monday morning to sort out summer uniform and put it onto hangars ready for Tuesday's sale. Carole has added this information to the newsletter and reminded parents to bring in cash as most items will be £1.

Next full uniform sale will be on Wednesday 23rd April at school pick-up time in the playground. Volunteers needed.

4. PTFA logo

Ekta reported that Nadia who runs the art club had come up with a new idea to replace the existing logo which was designed over 10 years ago.

5. Summer event – 4th July

Siân reported that the Don Rae dance academy has been booked for this – they will do workshops during the day with each class and then a performance in the evening at the Music festival. Cath has booked a large inflatable dartboard which is used for a football game. We will need plenty of volunteers to man it (suggest 1 members of staff and 1 volunteer for each hour) and prizes. We will have our usual stalls: hook a duck; tombolas; doughnuts; ice

lollies, fire pit; Pimms and BBQ as well as the Jumblebee online auction. These are volunteer-dependent – will need 2 volunteers per hour (total of 6 volunteers per stall). We are looking for more bands or musical items to share the stage. Siân agreed to ask Year 6 to sing a song from their performance. Aliya suggested we use children's artwork for a poster which could then be enhanced by Nadia from artclub.

6. Spending proposals

Siân detailed the KS1 library artwork project which will need £600 - £1,000 from PTFA to pay for artist.

Also requested £100 for plants in large planter by Year 1 and £150 for plants in troughs outside KS2.

7. Online meetings

Cath asked if we could make our next meeting accessible to those who cannot physically get to the meetings. We agreed to trial this with an online link. Cath to action this for 7th May meeting.

Action: Cath

8. Other events

A movie night was agreed to be held on the first Thursday of the summer term before clubs start. Ekta agreed to lead on this and it will be on 24th April. Cath will look at the Disney channel and she and Ekta will select 2 films appropriate for Nursery – Year 2 and for Years 3-6. Agreed to charge £3 per child with a discount for siblings of £2. Need to fix a maximum number of children and get enough adults to make it work (minimum 3 per group). Ekta looking into cost of popcorn and squash. Tickets will be available on Scopay from Monday 31st March at midday.

Actions: Carole, Cath, Ekta

9. Any Other Business

Volunteers needed to tidy up the allotment and garden area on Tuesday 1st April from 11-12 before our visit from deputy Lord Mayor on Thursday 3rd April. Siân is looking for ways to include children in future gardening projects – maybe encouraging them to plant seeds in one of our raised beds. One allotment could be replaced with wild flowers. One allotment to be made available for external management – Sian is in discussion with someone for this (potentially). Aliyah recommended her neighbours John and Daphne as volunteers.

Cath suggested a clean-up of the faded external signage and moving signs which cover visibility of school boards. School signage outside Nursery to be straightened. Clare suggested Revitalise may be interested in a new advertising banner. Cath to consult with Jo Wilson. **Action: Cath, Sian**

Date of next meeting – Wednesday 7th May Meeting ended at 10.10