

AGM Meeting Minutes

Thursday 23rd Sept 2021

I. Attendees

Sally Bott - Chair (SB), Louise Higgins (LH), Joanne James (JJ), Lucy Stachurski (LS), Hayley Tallis (HT), Cathy Suett (CS), Dave Harding (DH), Nicola Johnson (NJ), Kate Clay (KC), Daniela Hughes (DH), Kinga Liszewska (KL), Carly Chamberlain (CC) Stacy Thomas (ST)

II. Apologies

Charlie Hill (CH), Katy Adcock (KA)

III. Chairperson's report

Last year was definitely a very quiet one in terms of the work that the PTA could do. Due to so many Covid restrictions and lockdowns it was not possible to hold any fundraising events. However, we were able to do a small amount of fundraising through the Christmas card company (Class Fundraising), this was once again very well supported with parents and carers purchasing lots of personalised Christmas merchandise. Then at the end of the year all the children created their own 100 challenges and raised a massive amount of money. This has now all be received and banked and will be split between the IslaStones Foundation and school funds. Although this was not organised by the PTA the sponsored event proved that with the right focus, motivation and energy the children and their families can raise a huge amount of money. A sponsored event of this kind would definitely be great for future years.

I look forward to seeing how the PTA can bring fundraising events back to life for this academic year and the future.

IV. Treasurer's report

Despite the quiet year the balance stands at c£7k – with the contribution towards the circus day still to be paid out. The majority of funds came from the sharing of the sponsorship event money. These funds will carry forward to projects this year but despite the quiet year, the PTA were able to fund science equipment, Y6 hoodies and fun for the kids through Christmas party bags within their class bubbles.

V. Committee Nominations/Elections

No change on the committee but great to see some new members getting involved with a view to change next year

Chair – Sally Bott

Vice-chair – Charlie Hill

Treasurer – Louise Higgins

Secretary – Joanne James

Additional Committee Support: Hayley Tallis, Lucy Stachurski, Katy Adcock, Nicola Johnson

A new Messenger group has been set up to keep all active PTA members aware of progress. Our Facebook page 'Hinckley Parks Fundraisers' will be kept up to date to spread message of events and the school website info will be updated

VI. Fundraising Project for 2021/22

With the focus within (and outside of) school on physical and mental wellbeing, the major project we will undertake is to invest in some outdoor gym equipment to be sited near to the tennis courts to give something more to the older children in the school and to build upon the success of the trim trail delivered previously. Costs are to be investigated but with a view to get some equipment as soon as we can with the area to be built upon in the future.

The Y1 and Y2 playgrounds will have additional play equipment purchased for the enjoyment of the younger children, (already sourced, JJ to take into school)

We will also look to add to and replenish the wet play boxes for the benefit of all of the school, first request from the PTA is to request donations. Will request to go as a parent mail

Following the success of the circus day, the PTA also agreed to fund a drum workshop day. DH requested financial help towards fence repairs which are being investigated.

Other ideas included racking for the lost property room and future development of quiet areas/sensory spaces. And as ever, we will consider any adhoc requests as they materialize.

VII. Ideas & Dates for future events

Confirmed Dates for PTA led events.. (all dependent on Covid restrictions but for now we are planning for no restrictions)

Spooktacular Disco Oct 29th

Christmas Fayre Friday Dec 10th

Summer Fayre/Jubilee celebrations Sat 11th June

Other ideas discussed but not yet finalised for dates..

School Uniform Sale (potentially linked to children in need day)

Mother's Day tea/cake event, potentially involving 'wellbeing' theme

Colour run – May time but need to investigate logistics

Also discussed potential for social nights at school – film or games night for children only where parents can drop & go. And also Bingo for a family event

Please see attached time-plan for further details and please do volunteer to take the lead in anything you are interested in.

We also need to contact Mr Farrell who led the sponsorship event in 2021 to identify what can be done again. The link to Islstones foundation will continue.

VIII. AOB

SB to receive a key to the 'shed' and sorting of resources is planned for after drop off on the mornings of Thursday 7th October & Friday 8th October – all welcome

PTA update to be circulated either through Parent Mail or alongside the weekly newsletter, JJ to draft.

IX. Next Meeting: Thursday October 14th 10am @ school