



NORTH NEWTON COMMUNITY PRIMARY SCHOOL

PTFA MINUTES

Date: *Wednesday 14th November 2018* **Time:** *7pm* **Location:** *North Newton School*

In Attendance: Lee Jones (Chair), Rachel Grant (Vice Chair), Morni Gauld (Secretary), Kathryn Long (Treasurer), Nick Arnold (Headteacher), Nicky Contreras, Abby Taylor, Maria Wannt, Paul Warren (new Chair of Governors).

Apologies: Sally Haysham, Kirie Simmonds, Ali Crow.

The Chair opened the meeting at 7pm and the Minutes of the previous meeting were discussed and approved.

MATTERS ARISING:

None.

CHAIR'S REPORT:

Another fantastic year, raising between £10,000 and £11,000 (nearly £4,000 up on last year!).

The Chair apologised for not being able to commit as much time to events as he would have liked, but hopefully, if voted back on again this year, this can be rectified.

Paul Warren (on behalf of the Governors) thanked all PTFA for their tremendous efforts and successes. More has been achieved at this school than many others and it is hugely beneficial for the school to have us helping to boost funds. We welcome Paul to the meeting and the school.

Lots of primary schools don't have minibuses or go swimming, or do the other things we do, so that is great for our children. Thanks to all. A great team.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

The net income for the 2017/2018 financial year was an amazing £10,393.87 (£3,984.84 more than the previous year). This equates to approx £107 per pupil raised this year!

We have had another busy year. The most profitable event was the Christmas Fayre which raised £2,582.32, followed by the May Fayre, raising £1,920.22.

Movie Night & Sleepover remain very popular, raising a combined total of £1,047.62.

New events this year: Easter bingo organised by Morni, raised £400.35. Kirie made and sold gifts for the children to buy for Mother's Day, raising £165.46. Nicky organised personalised tote bag sales last Christmas, which made £264.85 and Rachel's new logo quiz, £256.00.

Rachel was also responsible for organising 2 sponsored events this year, raising a combined total of £3,054.25! This includes £561.75 in gift aid claims.

Other income from pumpkin sales, non uniform, Music Magpie, donations from old pound coins and parental donations from the sale of personal items.

We were proud to be able to donate such a lot to the school this year! The biggest was the new minibus at £7,950. We contributed £2,000 towards the new Power Maths resources. The children enjoyed class trips (subsidised by the PTFA) which totalled £317.41. We ran a First Aid Project with St. John's Ambulance, costing £306.10. The children, again, enjoyed presents from Father Christmas and Easter Eggs. Year 6 Leavers were presented with printed 'Hoodies'.

We also made a donation of £100 to the church roof fund.

Annual subscriptions to the National Confederation of PTAs and the renewal of the lottery licence, to enable us to hold our successful raffles, totalled £85.

The Treasurer reported an unexplained discrepancy of +£30.07 on the bank reconciliation and +£69.41 on the cash reconciliation (glad it's + and not -!)

We started the financial year with net assets of £8,256.87 and finished on 31st August 2018 with £7,369.42. With much more expenditure this year, we had a negative income over expenditure of -£887.45.

A hugely successful year - well done to all involved!

Thanks again to local Accountant Bryce Clark of CKA Consultancy for independently reviewing the accounts for the PTFA.

HEADTEACHER'S REPORT:

Thanks from Nick and all the Staff go to the PTFA Officers, and Committee as a whole, for such an amazing list of fundraising events this year. All donations are always amazing.

Christmas Fayre & Raffle, May Fayre, Freezepop Friday, Buy & Sell, Sleepover x 2, Movie Nights x 2, Non Uniform Days, Summer Festival, Marathon, Christmas Trees, Mother's Day gifts, Black Friday, Caption Competitions, Jungle Bus, Playground equipment, Pumpkins... to name a few!

There were also at least 8 non-fundraising events, so not always asking for money!

Easter Bonnet Parade, "If I were Headteacher...", Name the Minibuses, Royal Wedding Cards, Bottle Runs, Quizzes, Raffles...

The Inter-House Sing-Off was lovely - this will be done separately to the Green Christmas event this year.

Donations to the school (always with the children at the centre of our decision-making):-

Christmas presents, Power Maths, Leavers' Hoodies, Sports Day Cups & engraving, subsidising Class Trips, Laptops, £100 Class Gifts, Headphones, First Aid Training...

Power Maths - massive improvement - very successful in KS2, slightly less so in KS1, as very 'wordy', but this is being tailored to suit the children and they like it.

Thank You for the Headphones, which reception class are using.

Review of the Year:-

Pupils/Parents - Pupil numbers are currently at 97. Only 12 in Reception. Approx. 40% of our families live within the North Newton Community. 50% around North Petherton, etc.

We continue to be a GOOD school (OFSTED NOV'2017). We must commend our Staff for their continued efforts and the PTFA help to play a valuable part in this rating.

Staff/Provisions - Mrs Elkington is currently on Maternity Leave. Miss Jenny Moore has joined us in Squirrels & Mrs Anne Constable as SENco. No Forest School this year, with Mrs Elkington away.

We 'provide far more than many other schools' as shared from professionals who have the opportunity to visit a wide range of schools locally and nationally.

We aim to improve in all we do, with the tools we possess.

Hedgehogs swimming on a weekly basis - so reverting to 100% children swim weekly.

Governors - New Chair of Governors, Paul Warren being appointed, as Sarah Cook steps down.

New Parent Governor - Lynsey Irish stepping down and Helen Hunter being appointed in her place.

New Clerk to the Governors - Sally Haysham has been appointed, as Ros Hodge has retired.

Residential/Class Trips - Residential trips continue (parents consulted on their thoughts, as it is apparent that the cost equates to approx. £1,000 per child for the 4 trips over KS2. An overwhelming majority of parents wanted these trips to continue.)

Sleepover, as previously suggested, plays an important part for the new Year 3 children taking part, to help prepare them somewhat, for staying away from home when their first Residential trip arrives, which is lovely.

Thank You to the parents, staff and children for their support and achievements, as well as encouragement with writing, memory, entrepreneurial, etc.

Great successes also with sport (football, tag rugby, swimming, athletics, netball, rounders, cross country).

School have received £3,000 from the Newt Fest, which will be spent diligently. We are very grateful for this donation and to the parents/families who worked at the event on behalf of the school. We will no longer receive 50% of the profits, as we no longer supply 50% of the volunteers. This seems fair. We will continue to get a proportionate %, depending on how many volunteers we supply. Thank You to those who continually volunteer - we welcome any new volunteers too, to further boost funds.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS:

There were no new applications for Officer roles, so all existing Officers have agreed to 'stand' for a further year. There will be resignations at the end of this term of office, however, so parents must be made aware that new members need to be elected for the PTFA to continue to function.

<u>ROLE:</u>	<u>ELECTED PERSON:</u>	<u>PROPOSED BY:</u>	<u>SECONDED BY:</u>
CHAIR	Lee Jones	Nick	Morni
SECRETARY	Morni Gauld	Kath	Nicky
TREASURER	Kathryn Long	Morni	Abby
STAFF REP.	Nick Arnold	Lee	Kath
BADGERS CLASS REP.	Nicky Contreras	Lee	Kath
SQUIRRELS CLASS REP.	Amanté Griffith	Morni	Lee
FOXES CLASS REP.	Abby Taylor	Kath	Morni
HEDGEHOGS CLASS REP.	Maria Wantt	Nicky	Rachel
VICE CHAIR (Elected in Committee meeting after AGM)	Rachel Grant	Lee	Morni

Other Committee Members (without Portfolio)

Sally Haysham- 'Press Officer' and will liaise with the Village Hall for bookings for PTFA.
Kirie Simmonds - parent.

AOB:

The PTFA have made the decision that the majority of their communications will now be via the school office, as emails/texts, as well as information on the PTFA noticeboard and Facebook page. There will be fewer Newsletters, to cut down on printing costs and paper wastage.

Sally to send out the Elected Committee list in the next school newsletter and to inform parents that there will be resignations next year and new recruits are vital.

There being no further business, The Chair closed the meeting @ 7.40pm.