



NORTH NEWTON COMMUNITY PRIMARY SCHOOL

PTFA AGM MINUTES

Date: *Mon 16th November 2015*

Time: *7pm*

Location: *North Newton School*

In Attendance: Helen Coker (Chair), Morni Gauld (Secretary), Mark Grindrod (Treasurer), Nick Arnold (Headteacher), Lee Jones, Ceri-ann Whatley, Sue Stone, Helen Barham, Andrew O'Connor, Lisa Brogden, Lee Brogden, Ros Hodge, Kathryn Long, Helen Hunter, Eileen Tipper.

Apologies: Diana Shaw, Hannah Schwabe

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

MATTERS ARISING:

None.

CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT:

Welcome to all in attendance this evening - both 'new' and 'old' faces.

Helen's first year as Chair of the Committee has been both challenging and rewarding.

Thanks to Morni, Mark and all who have been involved in the year's fundraising events.

Thanks also to Mr Arnold & the Staff for their continued support, particularly for the Sleepover event, which was not only a great new fundraiser, but was also done with an amazing sense of Team Spirit.

We have raised an overwhelming amount this year (as can be seen in the Treasurer's Report), which goes to help support our children in their education, as well as other aspects of school life and hope we can continue the good work this year.

The New Parent's Evening went well and will hopefully encourage new members and further help at forthcoming events.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

A good year financially. Our financial year running until the end of August.

We have over £6,000 in the a/c.

We started the financial year with £3,400.31 and at the end of the financial year, we had £3,281.84 in the current a/c and £27.05 in the cash float.

A further £1,038.30 and a late banked expense cheque for £92.90, meant that the total balance was £4,254.99 on the 31st August.

We organised a number of successful events throughout the year:-

May Fayre - £1,358.68

Christmas Fayre - £906.08

Christmas Raffle - £602

Halloween Bingo & Easter Disco - nearly £600

Race Night - £311.27

Family BBQ - £476.40

Quiz night - £645.40 (with anonymous donation)

Non-uniform Days/Freezepop Fridays/Chocolate Bars - bought at least 1 ipad.

3 Peaks - £890 (£148.30 in gift aid), which went towards purchasing the new benches. Thanks to the 3 peaks team.

In addition to contributing £4,000 towards new ipads and ipad charging trolley, the PTFA have helped fund various trips and have bought items for the school, which children would otherwise not have from lack of school funding.

We contributed £703.54 towards school trips, £271.10 for Christmas gifts and £112 for leaver's presents.

The PTFA will discuss further ways to increase our involvement and contributions for these regular items, as well as new ones.

The Subscription to the National Confederation of PTA's and for a Lotteries Licence to hold raffles, as well as miscellaneous items, such as cheese/wine for AGM, meant that our running expenses totalled £175.24.

So, whilst we have an excess of £854.68 income over expenditure at the end of the financial year, the £1,038.30 has since been paid to the school to reimburse them for the benches.

Thanks to A. O'Connor and C. Whatley with their help with the accounts over the last couple of months and Thanks are also extended to Bryce Clark of CKA Consultancy for undertaking the independent check of the accounts, as Derek Norman was unavailable this year.

Overall, an amazing year financially for the PTFA.

HEADTEACHER'S REPORT:

Thanks given to Helen, Morni & Mark for all their hard work in Office this year and Thanks extended to all PTFA members, staff and parents who have helped with the various events.

The £4,000 challenge, to buy new ipads and an ipad charging trolley, which was set last year, was achieved 4 months earlier than planned and has been immensely useful to children and staff in their education.

A record year at the May Fayre and many successful fundraising events.

Freezpop Friday and the Family BBQ have both been good, the Quiz Night was great fun, but without PTFA and Staff, it would have been impossible to run. Further discussions on how to improve this for the future or whether it needs to be cancelled as an event.

Music Evening was lovely and the first School Sleepover went well and was very well supported (we were at maximum numbers for participants).

PTFA-funded donations to the school

- * The PTFA have match-funded with the school to purchase 10 ipads (& charging trolley) and 8 laptops.
- * Christmas presents for all children
- * Christmas-theatre trips for all children (including an icecream)
- * Leaver's photographs and frame
- * Sports Day Shields and engraving & Freezeps
- * Subsidising Class Trips

The focus for the year ahead will be to further-improve the school's technology (new ipads and hopefully a new IWB), as well as continuing to fund the annual donations, as above.

Review of the year

- * Pupil numbers are the highest ever - 97 - classes are totally full except for Badgers.
- * Staff changes - New Senior Teacher (Mrs Crow) and new SENCO (Miss Hudson - from Jan '16) Miss Richards is now working 4 days a week in Foxes and Mrs Pickford is working on the other day. Mrs Becher retired in July and Mrs Thompson will be leaving shortly.
- * Thanks to all Staff for their excellent efforts and dedication to ensure all children continue to receive a good education, especially with the Government changes to the assessment, expectation and curriculum.

Residential Trips

The visit to Cornwall and the visit to Magdalene Project went well. Thanks to all the Staff involved in those trips, especially as they are on duty 24/7 whilst away.

The rewards for the children make it all worthwhile in terms of what they gain from these trips.

The Open Day in June went very well and was really well supported by Parents, Grandparents and other relatives - great to see so many, even though it was raining!

Music at the school continues to go from strength to strength and although we sadly say goodbye to Mr Bowen, who is no longer working in schools, he has sent an excellent replacement to take over from him.

Thanks to Steve Godfrey, Rob Tribe and Frances Webb for their superb teaching of their musical instruments.

In Sport, we have taken part in many events and activities, including:-

KS1 Football - where our team won their first match 5-2 against Eastover

KS2 Football - where we won recent events and now progress to the town finals

Girls Football - which is always done with a smile

Tag Rugby - where we were 2nd in the recent Festival

Cross Country - we are currently 6th out of 17 in all the Sedgemoor schools

Netball - finishing 2nd in the league

Rounders & Inter-House rounders went really well.

In Art we have produced the wonderful school House Banners and the new House Point system in working really well and is a great incentive in encouraging the children to work harder.

MFL (Modern Foreign Languages - French) has changed slightly. Children used to go in small groups into the dining room for lessons, but with too much extraneous noise, they were finding it hard to concentrate and so, the lessons are now taking place within the classrooms and times have been increased from the 20 minutes previously.

Speech and Drama is still very well supported and excellent results are gained.

We received £6,000 from the Newt Fest this year, which is great. Let's hope this continues to be a success.

ELECTION OF PTFA COMMITTEE

The Chair 'stood down' and the Secretary called for anyone wishing to Stand for this role to put themselves forward.

Helen Coker was re-elected, un-opposed.

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Morni Gauld was re-elected, un-opposed.

The Treasurer resigned.

Kathryn Long was elected as the new Treasurer.

The Committee was elected and other roles within it were assigned by Vote. (see Table).

ROLE:	ELECTED PERSON:	PROPOSED BY:	SECONDED BY:
CHAIR	Helen Coker	Lee Brogden	Ceri-ann Whatley
SECRETARY	Morni Gauld	Lee Jones	Helen Barham
TREASURER	Kathryn Long	Helen Coker	Ceri-ann Whatley
STAFF REP.	Nick Arnold	Helen Coker	Morni Gauld
BADGERS CLASS REP.	Lisa Brogden	Morni Gauld	Helen Coker
SQUIRRELS CLASS REP.	Ceri-ann Whatley	Helen Barham	Mark Grindrod
FOXES CLASS REP.	Lee Jones	Morni Gauld	Helen Coker
HEDGEHOGS CLASS REP.	Hannah Shwabe	Helen Coker	Helen Barham

Other Committee Members (without Portfolio)

Mark Grindrod	(parent)
Helen Hunter	(parent)
Lee Brogden	(parent)
Diana Shaw	(parent)
Rachel Grant	(parent)
Sue Stone	(staff)

Ros Hodge will continue to be 'Press Officer' and Helen Barham will continue to attend meetings as 'Pre-school Rep.'

The Vice-Chair will be elected at the next Committee meeting, as per The Constitution.

After discussions, Mark Grindrod proposed we remove the role of 'Village Hall Rep.' as it was deemed an unnecessary part of the Constitution. Morni Gauld seconded and all agreed. Passed unanimously.

Ceri-ann Whatley will adjust the Constitution accordingly and will contact the Charities Commission.

AOB:

More help required for the Christmas Fayre next week. Any Committee members not already volunteered were asked to put their names down.

Lisa Brogden showed the Committee the fabulous new 'Inter-House Christmas Sing-Off' shield that Nicky Jones had very kindly made, on request from the Christmas Fayre sub-committee. Nick Arnold to showcase this in Celebration Assembly. Thanks to Nicky Jones.

The Leaver's Present was deemed to be fine, with no changes needing to be made.

After discussion about the budget for the Christmas Gifts, it was agreed to be left at a maximum of £3.50 per child, with encouragement to reduce this if possible, whilst maintaining a decent quality.

It was agreed that further discussion about a possible Easter gift would take place, as another way of rewarding the children and parents for their support for the PTFA throughout the year.

The Quiz Night is on 29th Jan '16 - disappointing parental turnout last year. Should we change the venue/advertise further or cancel this annual event?

Discussions about future dealings with banks resulted in the decision that online banking should be further investigated, with the Treasurer carrying out the actual transactions, but the Chair and the Secretary having access to view these, to ensure everything is in order and for 'peace of mind' for the Treasurer. This would cut down on the time-delays with having to get cheques signed. The Treasurer will meet with the Accounts Sub-Committee (Mark Grindrod, Ceri-ann Whatley & A. O'Connor) and will present their findings at the next meeting.

There being no further business, The Chair closed the meeting at 8.30pm.

NEXT COMMITTEE MEETING: MONDAY 11TH JANUARY 2016 @ 7PM