

PTFA Meeting Autumn term 2019 Minutes 19.09.19

Present: Karen Law (Headteacher), Hannah Worthington (Chair & 2S rep), Greg Allan (Chair), Jonathan Parr (Treasurer), Sophie Broadbridge (Secretary),

Stacy Shapiro (1C rep), Ab Shome, Hayley Beswick (RK/M rep), Linda Gonzales, Ana Vav, Alistair Martin, Gioia Caminada (RC rep), Lena Corner (Y3 rep), Ellara Wakely (Y5 rep), Asima Jakda, Emily Summerscale, Jeremy Hugan

1. Introductions. There was a good turn out of Reception staff

2. Summary of 2018/19 PTFA funded activities and PTFA events

Jonathan Parr, Treasurer, introduced the PTFA to new parents, and explained what we do. He summarized the PTFA fund raising from 2018/19, and the activities run by the school that were funded by the PTFA.

Highlights have been the Summer and Winter Fairs, which, after expenses deducted, raised £11,863. Others were Quiz Night, £1,306, the Quiz Night Raffle £2,019, and the Halloween Party raised £349. £800 was raised by the Location Location Winter Fair boards.

During 2018/19 the PTFA funded annual activities at the cost of £27,705, which included £6,000 for the Edible Garden, £10,609 for a Playtime Co-ordinator at lunchtimes (this cost covered periods of support in the previous Academic year). £2,000 for Animation and Clay time workshops, and £4,020 towards the Matthew Bourne, Dancer in Residence for Year 3.

3. Summary of 2019/20 PTFA funded activities

Karen explained the proposed activities she would like the PTFA to help fund: New equipment for the EYFS playground, Claytime for EYFS, which stimulates creativity, and Animation workshops for Year 4, which often relates to a history topic they are studying. The pupils make animations, which are then posted online. The school would like to run another dance project with New Adventures for Year 3 and one for EYFS and KS1 in the Spring term. They would like to continue with Play workers for the KS1 playground, and have an additional one for the KS2 playground. The GLA funding grant of £10,000 will cover the cost of cycle training for KS2 for 2019/20.

The group was asked if we agreed to fund these projects and all agreed to proceed.

The ideas for PTFA funded project for 2020/21 are Claytime, Animation, Dance workshops with New Adventures, Playworkers for lunchtime playgrounds and then the PTFA would help towards funding Cycle Training.

A parent asked about previous activities that the school had done that may have stopped. Jonathan Parr explained the Mural on Church Street, which had workshops running along side it whilst being created. Also he mentioned the Roof Garden, with its planting and raised beds. Clubs that had ended were also mentioned. The Clubs are not part of the PTFA's remit, but Chess Club was mentioned as well as Meditation and Boys year 3 football, as clubs that had ended. Meditation had been funded by the PTFA but take up was too low to justify the cost. Karen explained it had been difficult finding a teacher that was available and could teach Chess to a large group of children. The Board suggested a request was put out on PTFA facebook page to ask if anyone would be able to offer to teach this club.

A parent suggested the PTFA fund sessions during the lesson time on Mindfulness and meditation. Karen is going to look into the possibilities of this.

4. Clean Air campaign update by Lucy Harbor

Lucy suggested if parents were interested, to have a separate meeting about air quality that they could talk in more detail about the issues and current things being done. Then this feedback could be taken to the Council.

- Walford Road Area consultation is still open, (ends 25 Oct), but has some contradictions on it. i.e despite the research stating that pollution levels at schools in the affected area were not over the EU limit, 2 schools in their chart were shown to be over the EU limit.

<https://consultation.hackney.gov.uk/streetscene/walford-road-area/>

- Car Free Day on 22 Sept that will have several Playstreets in the local area.
- There has been a consultation for council lead School Streets Scheme on Dynevor and Dumont Road, where pedestrian and cyclist only zone at school start and finish times. No decision has been announced yet.
- Air purification was recommended for schools by the Mayor during the School Audit but there are issues with installation due to the age of the building at William Patten. Kings College is testing purifier systems, as there many coming onto the market, so will feed back towards the end of the year.
- Hackney Council have been awarded £500,000 towards a Low Emission neighbourhood for Stoke Newington, possibly Church Street, but this is in the early stages of planning.
- The TFL Stoke Newington Gyratory consultation, although now closed has not published it's findings yet, but we may hear at the end of this year. During their research, the impact was looked at for moving the bus stop outside the school, and it was estimated there would be a 5% reduction in emissions, combined with ULEZ (Ultra Low Emission Zone), creating another 5% reduction. But TFL have not clarified if the bus stop will be moved.

Karen said the metal covers for the school gates on Church Street, were installed by the council. They were not as expected and are quite ugly, it was suggested they be painted.

Karen said she is meeting with Andy Cunningham at the end of this month, head Of StreetScene, to discuss a number of the above issues, so will report back on her meeting.

Jonathan Parr explained that the PTFA had fund raised for the Green Screen, which the Council then decided they would pay for. He asked if we should consider using some of these funds to help screen Lancell St playground from the road. Karen said several willow trees from the roof top garden have been moved down and re-planted there, which will help to screen the playground.

5. Finding a new Chair/Co-Chair of the PTFA

Greg explained the role, and that Hannah and himself had Co-chaired the PTFA for just over 2 years. He had found the role very interesting, giving him an insight into the landscape of the school and it's workings. The work was sporadic and manageable, and only busy leading up to the fairs. Please contact the PTFA or school if you would like more information.

6. Class Reps: clarification of role, and confirming who the current reps are, and the vacancies

We explained to new parents that the role was to attend the PTFA meetings and bring forward ideas, suggestions and issues that arise from their child's class, on behalf of parents/carers, who couldn't make the meeting and also feedback to the class parents/carers. The aim is also to make coordination of volunteering at school fairs more streamlined. The role can be shared with another parent if needed. Reps should set up a Whats App or email group to help in this process.

Current reps listed below. We decided to ask the school to email parents from the classes that don't have reps.

Class Reps

Pre-school	VACANCY
RC	Gioia Caminada
RK/M	Hayley Beswick
1C	Stacy Shapiro / Fiona McClune
1M	Jenny Diprose / Dara
2L	VACANCY
2S	Hannah Worthington
3L	Lena Corner
3C	Lena Corner
4H	Esme Daly
4M	Stacy Shapiro / Fiona McClune
5E	Elara Wakely
5Y	Elara Wakely
6B	VACANCY
6H	VACANCY

7. Halloween Party planning: finding volunteers

The Halloween Party was very popular and well attended last year. It was not intended to be a fundraiser event but did raise money in the end. This year it will be on Thursday 31 Oct at the school.

Crafts on the first floor were very popular as well as the disco on the ground floor. The parent coordinators from last year, cannot do the event this year, so we are looking for volunteers. It was decided the party be broken down into sections and a parent to be in charge of each section, with a few overall coordinators would be best. The school will email parents asking for volunteers.

8. Bake Sale schedule

We would like to re-instate a cake bake sale every month on a Friday. Each year will take it in turns to provide the cakes and help run it. A schedule will be agreed, and emailed out to the parents. Karen mentioned year 6 would need to have theirs before this half term, so they will be first. Dates to be announced soon.

9. Christmas Fair: brief introduction

The school would need to change the fair date to 01 Dec, due to staffing issues. We should decide on a theme, we will ask Class Reps to feedback to us. All suggestions welcome. Previous themes: Narnia, Elfinland, Candyland

10. New ideas for fundraising & events

Parents suggested the following ideas:

-Silent auction: (written down bidding on donations/services that are laid out on stalls)

-Holi Party: a parent to research the possibilities, to be set outdoors, parents buy bags of coloured powder, and it's thrown over each other. Spring time best.

-Bird /duck feed sales for Clissold Park: to help reduce the amount of bread being given to wildlife and raise money for the school. Logistics to be looked at by parent.

-Jumble Trail: It was suggested one in the Spring would be a good time, after half term. They have proven to be successful in Clapton and London Fields and non school residents can also sign up. You book a stall and this money goes to the school. The money made selling the jumble can be kept as profit. Estate Agent Board scheme could also be used to advertise it and raise money for the school.

-Easyfundraising: a reminder to all parents to use it when shopping online, to raise funds directly for the school. A reminder will be in this week's Patten Pages.