

PTA Minutes for 03/10/11

Attendees: Carmel Hobbis, Collette Ryan, Sam Davies, Russell Learmont, Lynda Moore, Sharon Camkin, Sharon Craven, Sarah Smith and Sarah Platt.

Apologies: Lyndsey Harthill and Alison Mottershead.

Last minutes were passed out. The main issue discussed was the lack of parent support to be able to keep up with the school gala and fashion show, which has led to the money being raised dropping through the last school year. This is shown in the treasurers' report Sept 2010 to Aug 2011 which was passed out.

Following from these minutes CH brought up that Lyndsey wishes to step down as the main treasurer, Alison has agreed to step up for that roll, this was agreed by all.

The Lotto was discussed and it was stated by CH and CR that there hasn't been enough interest so far to keep it going again this year. The people who have shown interest in joining have not been informed of this as yet and their money has been kept hold of for now until this is either built up with more members or stopped completely. If the latter is decided then people will be reimbursed with their money. SD and SC to discuss this further and decide the best option to follow.

It was mentioned that the PTA weren't invited to the new parents intake evening last summer to recruit new members, RL to pass on this information to the PTA in the future so we don't miss out on that opportunity again.

The school discos were appreciated by most last year, however year 5&6 didn't get involved as much as in the past due to it not being split like previously into KS1 and KS2. New times need to be agreed by school and PTA and the possibility of moving it to a Friday night again. It was mentioned that keeping the foundation separate did work well, but also discussed as to whether it should be arranged like previously (foundation & KS1 together 5:30 – 6:45 and KS2 7:00 – 8:30) as long as teachers still got involved, maybe on a rota, split into 3 groups. RL to discuss this with Suzanne, and to discuss in the next meeting. RL also to get possible dates for Christmas disco from Sue.

PTA members feel a newsletter would be a good way of keeping parents informed, maybe 1 per term or half term. This would also depend on costs, and if school would support us with the photocopying of this. RL to discuss this with Sue.

S Camkin discussed about asking the local craft groups to support our gala's / fairs by donating handmade products to sell on a craft stall at the Christmas fair. Everyone in agreement with this; members to see who they could get to donate.

CH, CR and SP all wish to step down from their rolls within the PTA (chair, vice chair and secretary) they all wish to continue supporting and helping the PTA.

Sam Davies was nominated and 2nd to be chair.

Sharon Camkin was nominated and 2nd to be vice chair.

Sharon Craven was nominated and 2nd to be secretary.

Sarah Smith was nominated and 2nd to be the 2nd treasurer to Alison Mottershead.

SD suggested that the PTA should now be called PTFA (Parent, Teacher, and Friends Association), this was agreed by all, and it was also mentioned that we could do with some more teachers enlisting themselves as members as well as parents.

A 'meet & greet' evening to be organised Thursday 20th October, 7:30 start at Whitegate End School, S Craven to organise letter to be sent out in book bags asking for parents to inform us if they attend to come so we know how many to cater for.

S Camkin has also asked for all mobile numbers as well as e-mail addresses for all members so a text message can be sent to them regarding events etc.

SP to pass all e-mail addresses to S Craven.

Next meeting to be arranged after the meet & greet – new committee to inform members.