

Phil & Jim's PTA Open Meeting 16 May 2016

Minutes

Attendees: Jen Watkiss, Jen Ingham, Lara Stokes, Lisa Guppy, Ruth Dorso, Irene Conway, Ros Owen, Becky Chamberlain, Genevieve Atkinson, Katie Ronald, Sarah Griffiths, Deon Law

Apologies: Emma Dadson, Tania Wilson

Welcome from Jen & Lara

1. Nearly New Sale

The annual NNS took place on Sunday 8 May 2016. It was a great event and this year was bigger and better than ever!

- Seller list filled quickly - 103 sellers but 17 not end up selling.
- Baby stuff in another classroom which made a big difference.
- Lots of positive feedback from attendees.
- Cafe worked really well and sold great food.
- Great weather which helped.
- Chip and pin was a huge success – Pre-sale which lasts approx. 30 min, we took approx. £1,000 and in total we took £2,300 on chip and pin.
- Gross turnover - £10,000
- 320 adults through door compared to 295 last year.
- Queue back to the corner of the entrance to the allotments.
- Did really well on donations.
- Left over items we used “Bag to school” which collect clothing donations: £2.50 for each 5kg bag. Last year got £120. This year – still to be collected.
- 735 donations sold this year.
- Made £950 from donations.
- Last year’s surplus was approx. £2600. Current surplus is £3447 with various matters to be finalised eg “bag to school”.
- Lots of feedback to say that people came last year and was so good that they came again this year.
- None of the donated items went to land fill – Malawi orphanage take clothes, books went to the school and to a school in India

Huge thank you to all members of NNS team – in particular the 8 Committee members! Also, we couldn't have done it without all of the volunteers that help out. Special mention goes to the support from the school and for Ros, Irene and a few other teachers who attended.

Irene confirmed that from the school's point of view there are clear benefits – being involved in the community, fundraising, experiencing the great teamwork and how well the sale is run.

Thank you to members of the NCT who come along, let us use their equipment and volunteer.

2. Mound

Work has started! Outside Oxford is the contractor. Outside Oxford put together a plan and sketches which was approved by the PTA Committee and the School. Estimated work time is 3 weeks, so hopefully finished after half term. Variety of aspects to it - disable access, ramp going round back with stage area, big boulders that children can climb and jump, lower stage area. Can be a place where children can sit, hide, play, act. Sail over the top is going to be replaced. School replacing it.

Thanks to Becky for taking on project, finally getting it started and hopefully, seeing it through to completion shortly!

3. Suggestions for Spending

Once we have completed the mound, we will have used our surplus and just have buffer of couple of thousand pounds in the PTA bank. We will continue to raise more money for future but would like to have a focus for raising funds. We would like parents to provide ideas for spending which we can use as a focus.

Some of the ideas discussed:

- Squares in the middle of courtyards. Even to put fake grass? Use for picnics? Pink area has used it for gardening club.
- Fake grass near trim trail. Also put fake grass on mound.
- **Action: Becky to ask Mark (current contractor).**
- May need Boardwalk to be redone?
- AstroTurf may need replacement?? If it was upgraded with better lights, could potentially make more money. Still one-sided lighting. Can't run mains electricity easily until work on "triangle" is ready to start.
- School looking at sail shades to renew as need replacing. Ultimately like to do something more with blue and/or pink courtyard. At the moment, no long term solution. May need to do sail shades as short-term measure.
- Gazebo's - look at purchasing a few more. We currently have 4 in total.
- Sporting kit: North Oxford inter-primary football tournament. All other schools had a kit. The school had no kit.
- Money from Aristotle Cup: go to sporting equipment. Could have bibs?
- Sport shirt?? T-shirt or polo shirt? School is looking to put together items which can be ordered on-line with school logo and also "house" logo. Logo clothing - option to order t-shirts, jumpers, sweat pants, water bottles. There is support for this action, then the shirts could be used for any school teams and/or PE Kit. School is keen for PTA to get involved. **Action: Ruth to follow up with school and co-ordinate project.**
- Possible to make Aristotle Cup bigger?? Wolvercote? St Barnabus? Run cafe/stall? Need someone to run teams on that weekend. Definitely had enough coaches. Different schools run bar or cake stall etc. Share proceeds. **Action: Sarah Griffiths one of organisers and she will look at smaller scale this year, just inviting other schools with possibility of larger event in the future.** Would look to have different fundraising with proceeds shared between the schools.

4. Fete

Fete is to be held on 18 June 2016. Volunteers to help organise: Becky, Gen, Lisa

- Breckon & Breckon signs - need to contact people to have sign up. Start with people from last year. £10 a board.
- Strutt & Parker sponsored a ride. Try to get cups and saucer ride again this year.
- Plan is to start with what worked last year. Contact organisers and see if they would like to be involved again.
- Hayfield Deli wants to take part on a fundraising basis only. No profit.
- Missing Bean who supply coffee? But we always have an arrangement with Starbucks. They supply coffee for free.
- Hamburgers and sausages. Looking for someone. David Ingham will take on.
- Really need every family to participate - collect plant seedlings, collect books, need help to spread the word.
- Action: Jen has a letter which explains the fete. She will send this to EYFS and to class reps to pass on to any other new students. This year, we will look to have each class take responsibility for something.

- Talent show/ dog show / more competitions? Eg bake off
- Tombola - have 2 different tickets for adults or kids.

Some things to work on for this year:

- Games being too expensive. 30p for 3 goes is reasonable. Good to have a number of turns for one price. We will look to make pricing more consistent.
- Consider prices for food – some criticism that hamburgers were too expensive.
- Prizes? Too many sweets. We are ordering other gifts for prizes – erasers, pencils etc
- Borrowing money from floats of other stalls. We had put systems in place to make sure that this didn't happen. Will make sure we follow up.

Look out for further fete news in the newsletter and from class reps.