

# SS Philip and James PTA

## AGM Minutes – 20/09/2018

Attendees: Rebecca Ekins, Carrie Heyward, Jennifer Watkiss, Anna Nileswhar, Ruth Dorso, Jaimie Miller-Friedmann, Joanne Bowlt, Wakako Takikawa, Oya Aydin Goktas, Yasmina Djohra, Mika Toyota, Adriana Obloj, Sam Jackson, Sarah Watts, Meaghan Thormath, Tret Jordan, Adriana Jacobs, Lisa Peto, Feng Feng, Leon Wainwright, Anna Lora-Wainwright, Angus Herto, Neo Topek, Chengbo Li, Yiyang Li, Zoe Banfield, Jo Reeder, Sarah Awuye, Bushra Alahmadi, Juanita Leon, Ruth Nossek, Milena Grabacic, Jacqueline Morrison, Julie Wedel, Eleni Stamou, Caroline Cartwright, Dan James, Louise Quarmby, Nick Wilson, Laura Craig Gray, Sarah Griffiths, Sofia Pascu, Peter Silcock

*Meeting called to order at: 7:20pm*

### Welcome and apologies for absence

- I. Welcome to all from Carrie. She thanked everyone for attending, reiterated that the PTA only works when many people pitch in to help, beyond the committee, and reminded the room that there are many opportunities to volunteer throughout the year. She also reminded attendees to please sign-up for Classlist.com as a key way the PTA communicates with parents within year groups.
- II. Apologies from 2017/18 Projects Coordinator, Emma Dadson

### Minutes of the AGM held 18/9/2017

- I. Minutes were circulated at the meeting. Printer cut off bottom of page 1; point 6 states “finace report” as a heading, which isn’t displayed.
- II. Otherwise minutes were approved with no changes

### Matters arising from the minutes

- I. There were no actions items arising from last year’s minutes

### Chair’s report for 2017/18

- I. The chair’s report was circulated at the meeting, and briefly reviewed by Rebecca Ekins. A copy of the report is attached.
- II. One highlight to note: please sign up to [easyfundraising.com](http://easyfundraising.com)! It’s a free way to raise a lot of money for the PTA simply by doing your regular online shopping.
- III. Rebecca also mentioned thanks in particular for their efforts this year:
  - i. Sonia Beksila for her time and efforts as committee secretary
  - ii. Emma Dadson for her time and efforts as committee projects coordinator
  - iii. Ruth Dorso for her time and efforts as committee treasurer
  - iv. Sarah Griffiths for her time and efforts running the Nearly New Sale, and fundraising for the Astroturf

### Treasurer's Report for year ending 31/8/18

- I. The treasurer's report was circulated at the meeting, and briefly reviewed by Ruth Dorso. A copy of the report is attached
- II. Points of interest
  - i. The Aristotle Cup raised much more than previous years thanks to Sarah Griffiths increasing the size and profile of the event, and adding a sponsorship element
  - ii. The Nearly New Sale also continued its trend of raising more money than the previous year
  - iii. The Fete had similar turnover as last year, but net profit was up thanks to extra effort to keep costs down
  - iv. There was approximately £15k raised from parents, sponsored run, ice cream sales, wonderful.org all in the last term of the year – phenomenal result!
- III. Payouts through the year to the school have been lower than previous years, as money was being held to pay for the Astroturf. Payouts for this coming academic year should be similar as past years

### Appointment of Independent Examiner of Accounts for year ending 31/8/2018

- IV. It was decided to again have the accounts reviewed by an Independent Examiner as a matter of best practice, and to appoint Nigel Johnson as examiner again this year
- V. The motion was put forward by Rebecca Ekins, Seconded by Ruth Dorso

### Message from Head Teacher, Sarah Awuye

- I. Sarah thanked everyone for attending, and gave her very positive impression of working with the PTA during her first year as Head at Phil & Jim:
  - i. Working with the PTA committee has been fantastic this year. The committee has been tireless about working for the children. Budgets are definitely tight, and funding anything over and above the basics is always difficult, so every little helps.
  - ii. Other professional colleagues can't quite believe how much has been raised for the Astroturf, and now we have a fantastic resource not only for the school but for the whole community
  - iii. Special call out to Sarah Griffiths, as someone who amazingly drove the Astroturf project and was a formidable fundraiser for the project.
  - iv. The Nearly New Sale was also amazing in terms of a strong community event and the work that went into making it a really positive and successful event.
  - v. She said she had really been spoiled during her first year, and is very happy with everything that's been done. Well done to the two chairs!
  - vi. A focus of the school this year is on creating a proper Library in the school for the children, moving the books from the hallway and

creating a library in the former 'music room.' School secretary Aoife Walsh is passionate about literature and going to become the Librarian for a day a week. She will train some of the children on being librarians as well. "We're going to give the Bodlean a run for its money!" Any support for this effort from the PTA would be very welcome!

#### Resignation of Officers and Trustees

- I. All of the current committee members and trustees of the PTA resign, effective as at the end of this meeting.

#### Election of Officers and Trustees of the Committee

- I. Ruth Dorso made the following nominations and all of the nominees consented to the nomination:
  - i. Co-Chairs – Carrie Heyward & Rebecca Ekins
  - ii. Secretary – Joanne Bowlt
  - iii. Treasurer – Adriana Obloj
  - iv. Class Rep Coordinator – Anna Nileswhar
  - v. Communications Coordinator – Jen Watkiss
  - vi. Fundraising Coordinator – Lisa Peto
- II. All nominations were seconded by Adriana Jacobs and Sarah Awuye
- III. All nominees were unanimously elected

#### Comments/Suggestions/Opinions from the parents regarding PTA Activities for 2016/17

- I. Parent Jaimie Miller-Freedman said her husband is a photographer and she can volunteer his services to do something like portraits for Christmas, etc.
- II. Committee Member Anna Nileswhar mentioned that we still need class reps for a few year groups
- III. Parent Sarah Griffiths suggested a Silent Disco as a social event
- IV. Parent XXXX runs an organization called Aspire Her (an initiative with Google); they teach mothers/daughter teams how to code, and can run an event sometime after April
- V. Parent Adriana Jacobs suggested an outdoor cinema or indoor movie night as a fundraising and social event

#### AOB

- I. There being no further business, the meeting was closed at 7:47pm. Thanks to everyone who attended!