

St. Thomas' PTA Meeting Minutes

Wednesday 30th June 2021 at 8.15pm

Attendees: Rhian Greaves (Chair), Rebecca Judson (Treasurer), Sarah Morley (Secretary), Joanne Hayes (Corporate Funding Officer), Sarah Dixon, Catherine Meardon, Valentina (?), Jill Bronnert, Bec Till, Hayley Mayer



Agenda Item	Minutes	Actions
<p>1. School Wish List</p>	<p>Recorders</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> School have requested for the PTA to fund the purchase of 180 new recorders. Ms Loynes would like more musical involvement from Year 1 into Year 2 and at Juniors Sarah Morley works for Gear4Music and has managed to get a large discount for the recorders. School was going to source Yamaha recorders at £7.55 each from the local authority, total cost £1359. Sarah has managed to get similar recorder at £1.29 per recorder, total cost £240.55 (including delivery to school). <p>Greenery for playground – PTA Eco Group</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> PTA Eco Group is being set up by Sarah Dixon to cover Infants and Juniors. Joanne Hayes and Sarah Morley has offered to help. Sarah to advertise group and ask for volunteers and provide details of first meeting to be held in September. Greenery for Infants will be the first PTA Eco Group project. Clear plan being formed with Mr Campen to include trees/ plants to increase privacy and help reduce pollution, wellbeing area, gardening area for children to grow fruit and vegetables. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sarah Morley – ask school for a photo of 180 recorders so the PTA can inform parents and carers how PTA funds are being spent. Sarah Dixon – to promote PTA Eco Group, look for volunteers and work with school to form a plan for Infants as first project. Joanne Hayes to help with corporate funding opportunities for greenery for playgrounds

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<p>2. Corporate Funding Update</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rhian promoted all causes on the PTA video and Newsletter for new parents • ASDA Green Token scheme at Asda Reddish store. Voting open until 31st July. Most votes, we will win £500 to help fund planters and seeds. PTA and Ambassadors to promote this cause and encourage parents to vote. • Coop Local Cause - letter and leaflets given out for all children to take home in May. Less than 4 months left to run. Joanne suggested we could try to promote Coop branded items on Facebook – like pizza, beer etc particularly during Euros. Photo is still not on Coop screens in store, despite Joanne chasing this up several times. New Coop Pioneer in place but previous pioneer contact had not been that helpful to date. • Tesco Community Grant (Blue Token scheme) – can apply to be part of scheme to fund a Sound System for KS2 – First Prize = full funding for the sound system (£1387) second Prize = £1000 or Third Prize = £500 • Amazon Smile - up to 132 supporters (increase of 2 supporters since last month). • Easyfundraising – up to 111 supporters (no increase since last month). Of the 111, 61 have never shopped and only 37 people have shopped in last 12 months. Need people to promote big donations they have raised from booking holidays etc on our Facebook group. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Joanne to help school fund items or source corporate funding opportunities • Joanne to promote Arnold Clark grant on Facebook

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Arnold Clark – PTA have been successful and are being gifted £1000 towards iPads and laptops! • Joanne to investigate Grants for plants for school playground • Pip Organic – Joanne to provide details to Rhian as this could be included as a raffle prize in the Luxury Raffle. 	
<p>3. Summer Term Fundraising / Items funded by PTA</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 28 May: sports kit non uniform day and sponsored run – this raised an amazing £853.14 • W/c 14 June: father's day gifts – huge thanks to Becky Judson for organising gifts and seeking volunteers to sell at school. • 18 June: luxury raffle tickets sent out this week – no idea how sales are going so far. Reminders to be sent via Class Ambassadors and share prize list. Well done to Rhian and team raffle helpers for organising. • w/c 22 June Sports Day – Refreshments funded by PTA – Thanks to Sarah Morley and Joanne Hayes for organising drinks and biscuits for the children to enjoy during their sports day. • 9 July: luxury raffle draw – to be held on Facebook Live at 5pm – this will also help encourage people to join our PTA Facebook page. Chris Warburton to host the live draw. Only one prize (box of wine) has had to be funded by PTA, all other prizes have been donated by parents or businesses in the local community. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PTA to source photos of items recently funded or activities underway with PTA and promote these on Social media more!! We need to highlight what goes on behind the scenes and what funds are being used for e.g., Recorders, Father's Day gifts, Leaver's hoodies etc. • PTA Ambassadors to help promote Raffle. • Catherine Meardon to purchase wine for the raffle.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • UPDATE – Luxury raffle raised an incredible £6,000 and an additional £1,000 being match funded by Anita’s employers. 	
<p>4. Year-end celebrations</p>	<p>Year 2 –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Missing the usual end of Year 2 Performance. Picnic being arranged by school towards end of term. PTA to pay for ice cream man to visit (Toni Brokenbrow is arranging this and PTA will pay for all the children to have an ice cream). • PTA to pay for a keepsake present / party bag items – Hayley, Sarah M, Sarah D, Catherine and Bec have offered to source presents. Budget is £2-3 per child. <p>Year 6 –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Teachers in Y6 want to organise a mini-Festival on Juniors field for all the Y6 leavers and want support from the PTA. This will be a pilot for future years. • Mrs Boardman to organise glitter / face paint • Chillout zone, outdoor games, food etc to be organised. • PTA asked to fund inflatable music dome for £300, popcorn and food (to be agreed with school e.g., hotdogs, pizza?). This was approved by everyone on the meeting. School would also like to use gazebos used for summer fair. • 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Year 2 – picnic towards end of term as part of their visit to the junior site. PTA to arrange ice cream van to visit juniors as an extra treat for their picnic. Year 2 will be missing out on the usual Year 2 performance at the end of term – all to think of alternatives or could ask Y2 for ideas? Maybe a memento or a party bag could be provided <p>Year 6 – Rhian to advise school the PTA will pay for inflatable and food, and that school can use gazebos.</p>
<p>5. Road Safety</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • £50k Greater Manchester for school streets. Broadstone are ahead of us with regard this scheme. <p>Notes from last meeting to carry forward to next academic year:</p>	<p>Actions from May to be carried forward to Sept:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rhian to get back in touch with David Sedgwick

	<p>Rhian has discussed with school, and they welcome the PTA's support. They are planning a campaign for October 2021. School interested in Walk Ride Heaton's – Sarah Dixon to contact them again.</p> <p>Link in with council to increase parking restrictions, block roads off etc</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sarah Dixon has emailed Sarah at Walk Ride Heaton's • Discussed encouraging children / families to cycle or walk to school and give out stickers • Agreed we need the school to publicise any initiatives to help address parking issues / encourage cycling / walking to school / walking bus etc rather than this coming from PTA • Barriers needed on A6 and traffic calming measures 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sarah D to contact Walk Ride Heaton's again • Catherine Meardon to contact school about idea to have barriers on A6 • All to think of parking ideas and do some investigation work prior to next meeting e.g., walking bus etc • Bec Till to share Cale Green You Tube Video • Bec has sent Poster Competition packs to Rhian which could be used for the campaign in October
6. AOB	n/a	
7. Next meeting date	<p>Agreed no meeting needed in July, all actions to be worked through and just update committee on progress</p> <p>New Parents meeting to be arranged for start of next academic year.</p> <p>AGM date also needs to be agreed in advance of holding the meeting.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New Parents meeting to be arranged for start of next academic year. • AGM date also needs to be agreed, a couple of weeks in advance of holding the meeting.