

6th Honeywell Schools PTFA MEETING Minutes

Wednesday 12th June at 7.30pm

At Honeywell School



Minutes

Present: Some Class Reps. PTFA Committee (Sarah Richardson, Rachel Mukherjee, Mina Dorontic, Lou Kizwini) Jane Neal, Duncan Roberts

1. Welcome & Thank yous

- Quiz Night – the Pastors, Everests, Coggins & Morgans & sponsors: Hamptons & The Bolingbroke Pub
- Yoga Night – Year 6 & Jane Wooley
- Spring Bake sale – 4B

2. Beer Tasting – Thursday 13th June

- Starting promptly at 8pm at The Eagle
- Class 3L and Dave Law
- Tasting of 4 beers and food

3. Summer Fete – Saturday 22nd June 12-4pm

- Summer fete team – Sophie Gordon, Holly Williams, Anna Blomqvist & Kat Carr
- Please be there on time. We will be there at 8 in the morning.
- Raffle Tickets on sale now, 50 prizes. Top 20 prizes will be announced. Sarah will check the raffle rules, how it should be done.
- Neon Disco & Zorbing Tickets on sale on Classlist.
- Think plastic free – see requests for Lucky Dip ‘Save Our Seas’, Jumble Jars & Plastic free bottle tombola, Toy Tombola.
- Things available in the basement. We would like to use as much as we have there. Also please organise your donations.
- Cakes, the day before to be delivered in the Music room. Home-made food on the day before 12.
- Match Funding, please remind your classes.
- Sale of Honeywell Gear and Tea Towels
- **Please have dedicated Clear up crew. Please allocate lots of time. Please bring Recycling bags and Non recycling bags. Everyone should bring a water bottle to save plastic waste.**
- Blurb in the newsletter.
- First Aiders needed.
- Cash: Floats can be picked up on Friday. Please inform of prices beforehand. These need to be agreed to keep pricing fair and consistent. Also at the end of the Fete, each stall needs to provide 2-3 people to count, and you will need to count other stalls takings. The more people you can get, the quicker the process is. We do not accept £50 notes.
- iZettle on Honeywell Gear and the BAR **only**.

4. Parenting Practice Talk – Tuesday 25th June, 6.45-8pm

- Free event – ‘Creating Connection, Confidence & Co-operation’
- Suitable for parents of toddlers to teens
- Sign up on Wisepay please by logging into your child’s account.

5. Summer Bake Sale & Oddono’s Ice-Cream Sale

- Nursery & 5JW respectively
- 05.07 Bake Sale, 12.07 Ice cream Sale

6. Amazon Smile - Reminder

- Register with Amazon Smile & choose Honeywell Schools PTFA
- Use the Smile.Amazon.co.uk website
- Also the Giving Machine for other websites. The same amount of Money from both. Benefit of amazon smile, is that it works for Amazon, where the Giving Machine doesn’t pop up on Amazon website. They have opted out of that, to launch Amazon Smile.

7. Lollipop Campaign – September 2019

- Lisa King & Florence Brocklesby, 3rd time.
- Council stopped funding in 2012, and since have been funded by Savills and Us.
- We are the only state school in Wandsworth that has the service.
- Seeking volunteers to shadow and take it on in future
- Fundraising Target = £12,500.
- Savills Board sign-up at the end of the term. Boards to go up in September.

Good news: Clean air day:

Mia Sarjeant, has been campaigning with the council to put ‘no idling’ signs in front of the schools and she has been successful. Just in time for clean air day next week. Irene: Planning on having kids and parents standing with signs. Will be posted on Classlist.

8. PTFA Committee & Volunteers for 2019-2020

- Nominations are Rachel Mukherjee (Chair), Mina Dorontic (Secretary), Stewart Tan (Treasurer), Tara Dale (Sponsorships), Claudia Casey (Communications), Thomas Gyga, Irene Haberli (Environment)
- Maya Watson (Bookkeeper)
- Christmas Bazaar – looking for two volunteers to assist Dina Shoukry & Angelica Dyer, 2 year commitment
- Class Reps for next year – please message Mina with the names of the reps for your classes for next year. For Year 6 we have great guidance notes and need to give kids a good send off!

9. Treasurer’s Report

- Quiz Night - £3,140 (TBC)
- Yoga Night - £198
- Spring Bake Sale – £490
- Disbursement of Funds – see note sent today via Classlist and school website.

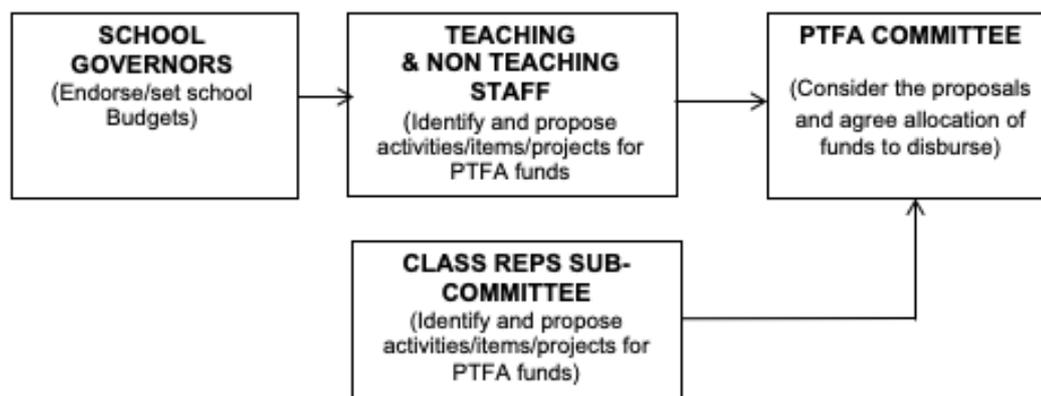
If you had a chance to see it – on Classlist:

3 bullets: essence of PTFA:

Our time, money and everything should be linked to these three Charitable objects below. If we are not doing that we are acting outside our objects. Charitable Objects are:-

- foster more extended relationships between the staff, parents and others associated with the Schools;
- engage in activities which support the Schools and advance the education of the pupils attending them; and
- provide and assist in the provision of such facilities or items for the education and welfare of the children at the Schools not normally provided by statutory funds, as the committee shall from time to time determine.

In terms how we come to decision:



We would like people to think how they input into this spending process, which makes them engage in the process of fundraising.

The reason for this paper is that we have generated a lot of income. Target was 70K, but promises auction smashed the aspirational target. We don't know how much over the target. This was a trigger to decide on what are we going to spend all this extra money on. There has been a few ideas and issues raised in section 5. (from the document)

Factors for consideration

The 'nice problem' of such a successful year raises some items and questions for further consideration such as;

- The level of reserves that can be accumulated by the PTFA.
- Whether the PTFA reserves can be allocated/donated to other organisations or beneficiaries external to the school.
- Whether there are other activities within the school that the PTFA can fund that it has not considered previously. Potentially are.
- Whether the level achieved this year 'turn off' some parents from future fundraising activity. We hope that is not the case.
- Whether we should review the practice of making equivalent payments to the Infants and Junior schools. It is therefore proposed that the practice ceases of necessarily sticking to a 50:50 split and that donations will be made on a needs basis but within a ratio of 70:30 between the two schools.

Lou: The thinking process starts at the beginning with the Heads, looking at the needs of the school going forward, thinking what they can fund and what they cannot fund and would be nice to have. Then they come to us. The PTFA committee, 4 of us and Jane and Duncan, will come to a decision on what we think what we should fund, which then goes to the PTFA members, not only reps but all the parents. We look to ask you to talk to your classes. We think we got it right, but also looking to your input.

Sarah: This year we went to Jane and Duncan and they have requested- STEM equipment and the playground. Then we have told everybody that that is what we are fundraising for this year. There will be additional requests because we have the extra money.

Anna Jones: Has it been considered with extra funds to fund the lollipop campaign? Under the banner of welfare?

Sarah: We would like to keep it separate. It was funded by the council not the school. There are commitments to salaries. If we are going to bring in into the PTFA spending, rather than a separate account it would eat into things we need for school. People see them as different things. Some don't want to give towards the lollipops. They are outside school.

Lou: final section is that there are activities we can fund: various bits and bobs for classes, and special competitions. We think we could widen the scope of what we could fund going forward. There are things that should have been funded by the school, but with budgets cut, they are not able to. There could be things that we invest in to enhance the events, ie sound system.

Discussion that we had with heads recently is that it would help to have a longer-term view on the needs. For argument sake, if we had a 3 year program, we would not be at the stop point here, saying we have money, but do not know what to fund. Also there is a sink fund. We can guarantee that junior playground will look fantastic, but in 5-10 years it will need work, so we could start building the pot now. We have never done that before.

Specialist activities, around sport, music, art, science. – we could fund workshops, trips and etc. we should think more broadly. We will push that back to Jane and Duncan, and governors to see how PTFA can fund broader area of things next year.

We have decided to hold on, for a few months, to any extra income we have generated this year above the 70K target. We need to challenge ourselves, heads and teaching staff to think what we could/should fund.

Anna Jones: This year was powerful, because it was quite clear what people are aiming for – the junior playground. This is a call to action. We saw that last year with white boards, and mats.

Laura Wylde: It is amazing effort but we have heard that some parents feel that they cannot afford this and that. We need to stress that it is all voluntary and if you cannot you cannot. It is daunting. Especially communication around this is important. The fact that someone has spent \$\$\$ on a chalet – is not to be applauded.

We don't congratulate personally. Conversation re Promises Brochure. We should continue this conversation with a Promises Auction Team.

Sarah: We value time and effort at the PTFA. We need to stress more that helping on the stall is equally important. End of year becomes expensive. People are not obliged to contribute.

Lou: We need to clarify that this is about the disbursements of funds.

Philippa: Specialist activities: is it limited to trips? Could PTFA fund teachers?

Lou: There are ways of funding those activities, we cannot fund the teachers. Maybe the book budget goes to us, and school spends their budget on teaching.

10. PTFA Thank You Drinks- Thursday 4th July, 7.30pm

- Junior Playground, drinks & nibbles
- THANK YOU to all of you for all your efforts this year. We have had a tremendously successful year and we are all very grateful for everyone's contributions.

11. Forthcoming Events & Dates for Diary

- a. Saturday 22nd June, 12-4pm – Summer Fete
- b. Tuesday 25th June, 6.45-8pm – Parent Practice Talk