



Hurst Park Primary School– Parent Teacher Association–Full Minutes

Meeting Minutes

Date: 25th April 2019 | *Time:* 19:30 | *Meeting Chair:* Mrs Lisa Sampson

In Attendance

Lisa Sampson (Chair), Lucie Hyne-Jones (Secretary), Sam Wilson (Treasurer), Jane Ashton (2L rep), Kim Divey (Head Teacher), Amber Meredith (3TS & 5K rep), Joanna Heard (Uniform Co-ordinator), Jo Baker (6B rep), Emma Gillitt (3M rep), Anna Godbold (Vice Treasurer), Louise Sherlock (6B rep), Sarah Banbury (4K, 4H & RBA Parent) and Clare Jason (5P parent).

Welcome and Apologies

LS welcomed everyone to the PTA meeting for April 2019, held at Hurst Park School. LS noted that the AGM which was also scheduled for today has been cancelled due to lack of attendees. The AGM will now be held on Thursday 2nd May at 7.30pm in the Club Hub at school. LHJ said apologies had been received from Joe Pearce-Hoare (2J rep), Zingra Grant (2J rep), Helen Jorgensen (2L rep), Annie Leslie (6C rep & Unifrom rep), Karen Jarvis (Kingfishers rep), Amy Andreas (5P rep), Sophie & Gareth Britton (1T reps), Tracy Tilly (4H rep), Gemma Sneath (1TG), Emilie Martin (RBA Swallows rep).

General Update

LS reminded all that we will not be having a May Fayre this year and instead hold a mini Fayre at the Fun Run on Friday 24th May. A few attendees asked why we weren't having the usual May Fayre. LS stated that we had originally agreed to have a circus this year however none were available for the date we wanted. LS also noted that we were very short on volunteers and we just thought it was worth doing something different this year. KD stated that other schools have held Fayres at their sports days instead of a separate May Fayre, and it has done very well; parents are already there watching their child take part in the sports day and therefore seems like a good alternative this year. LS confirmed that an email to class reps and staff will go out soon asking for volunteers to help out on the stalls on the day. Logistics of the day were discussed especially in regards to gates being open. KD confirmed that the gates would be open as they usually are for the Fun Run and that the teachers would be responsible as usual for the children up until 3.15pm, however after that time the parents will be responsible for their own children.

LS noted that we have had to change the date of the Cinema night (originally scheduled for Tuesday 30th April) to Tuesday 25th June. LS confirmed that a letter will go out to Year 5 & 6 parents soon.

LS also noted that the Year 2 cake sale would need to change as it now clashes with the Fun Run Fayre on 24th May. It was agreed that this cake sale would now be on Friday 7th June.

Financial Update

SW stated that we currently have £13,536.65 in the bank however this includes the £10,000 fund request (for sails) that has been approved. SW noted that the cheque has been written and we are just waiting for the company to request payment. LS asked how things were progressing and KD noted that we are just waiting for things to move along.

Race night – SW noted that this went well and £767 was raised with a net income of £611, which is on a par with the quiz night. JA suggested we start the night a little later to encourage more people to attend as it will make it easier for those with younger children and also to get babysitters. All agreed that starting later would help, as the night finished earlier than the quiz night so although people did stay on after the Race night, it would be feel like more of a night out if it finished a little later.

Smarties challenge – SW noted that only 20 tubes had been received so far totalling £108, which unfortunately doesn't even cover costs (which were just under £300). LS stated that the tubes were also given to staff and Governors so it is a real shame that the return rate is so low. Many commented that the timing of the tubes being handed out probably didn't help as it was just before Easter so just got forgotten about over the holidays, especially amongst all the other chocolate. It was noted that there is also an expectation to fill the tubes and perhaps the real message and purpose of the tubes has been lost along the way. LS stated that it is supposed to be about the children earning the money for the tube and that there is no expectation at all in terms of how much is in there. LSh suggested it might be worth stopping this, lots of people are doing it (Beavers did it last year) and parents might be getting fed up with the same requests, and perhaps re-doing it in a few years time – all agreed. AG suggested that we put a rota in place for our fundraising ideas so that parents don't get fed up with the same things year in year out. LS stated that a reminder will be sent out to remind people to return their tubes, emphasising that it doesn't matter how little is in there. LSh also noted that a few years ago children were asked to bring in coppers and were then asked to make patterns/pictures in the playground; the money was then donated to the PTA funds and this was a fun way to get the children involved as well. SB thought that this was perhaps combined with Number Day and seemed to remember that it raised a couple of hundred pounds. KD also noted that one year a teacher drew a river in the playground just before the boat race; children were then asked to bring in coppers (which would then be donated) and put them in the line of the team they wanted to support. LSh suggested doing this for the Houses, each child to bring in coins (of any denomination) and place in their House line on the school playground – whichever House gets the longest line of coins which perhaps 100 points. All agreed these were great ideas and that it was time to stop the Smarties challenge and do something different and the copper/coins event seemed to be the best idea.

AOB

KD noted a request from Mr Beresford – he has asked for volunteers to help with an anti-idling initiative relating to cars in the school car park. This initiative will take place on Tuesday 18th June from 2.15pm onwards and he is looking for volunteers to help distribute flyers in the playground. KD asked if those who are interested in helping would please pop into the school office to let them know. JA asked if this was something that the Eco team at school could do, however KD noted that we needed parent involvement as well. LS noted that the Eco team are already monitoring the traffic at the front of the school regarding safety measures. LS also noted that a petition had been started by a parent regarding possible crossings at both ends of the school and LS has asked that parents write letters directly to the Council in support as this often has more weighting.

LS reminded all that the school will be running the BBQ at Music At The Marker in June and Mrs Jenkins's husband has kindly offered to help run the BBQ for part of the evening, however we still need more volunteers to help on the BBQ. LS asked if someone nearby could look after the BBQ after the event that evening as it will still be hot and unable to be moved back to school. JH volunteered.

Next PTA Meeting

The next PTA meeting will be on Thursday 27th June at 19:30 in the Club Hub.

Meeting concluded at 20.05.