

New Horizons P.T.F.A **A.G.M minutes 31.01.2019**

Present

Sarah Dowodu
Andrea Hellier
Samantha Pain
Joanna Lee
Laura Willoughby
School Rep A
School Rep B

Apologies

Elizabeth Woodhouse
Lucy Schulz

Approval of the previous minutes

No problems raised, previous minutes approved.

Matters arising

The need to boost active members was once again discussed. All events have been organised by a team consisting of three people in recent times. Both school rep A and Laura highlighted that parents of Septembers new intake of children may well be interested in learning about the ways they could become a part of the more active needs of the P.T.F.A.

Although we are lucky enough to have mezzanine storage in the Smyths Hall it unfortunately is still not enough space to enable us to pre-store everything we need to run events. Current active members are no longer prepared to store the large amount of stock needed for both the summer and winter fayres in their own homes as this has been a long term solution. Both this and the small number of active members has led to

the final decision that there will be no summer fayre this year to save the space for the Christmas fayre stock that already exists.

The space we have here is also not accessible to us at times so is not suitable for the items we need access to on a regular basis.

This too needs more discussion to resolve.

This year several of the committee members have had complications and communication issues whilst banking money or trying to change information about the people who can have access. The bank at best has been rude and given incorrect forms to the members concerned. With the recent arrival of bank charges too we feel this is unacceptable and all present agreed we will be actively investigating other banks to move to.

Sarah and Sam pointed out that although providing means for parents to pay with their chip and pin card for certain goods is of great help for the parents this incurs charges. We are a charity, these charges mean less fund to direct towards the children's needs. Therefore if parents wish to continue using this facility they must be prepared to cover the cost of their own transaction. We are a non-profit organisation therefore we do not have profit to cover these charges.

Chair persons report

Sarah read the report to those who were present.

All in attendance agreed with the content.

A copy of Sarah's report can be made available to anyone who wishes to see it upon request.

Treasures report

Sarah and Sam supplied the latest bank statement.

The current total being £3,880.33 as at 22.01.19. this excludes the current float for the pre-loved uniform sale which will begin in February this year.

Appointment of the independent examiner

In a conversation prior to this meeting Elizabeth Woodhouse once again agreed to be our independent examiner this year. Thank you Elizabeth.

Election of committee members

Posts for renewal

Chair

Position previously held by Sara Dawodu.

Candidate put forward Sarah Dawodu.

Elected for this annual term, Sarah Dawodu

Vice chair

Position previously held by Samantha Pain.

Candidate put forward Samantha Pain.

Elected for this annual term ,Samantha Pain.

Secretary

Post previously held by Andrea Hellier.

Candidate put forward Andre Hellier.

Elected for this annual term, Andrea Hellier.

Treasurer

Post previously held by Lucy Schultz.

Candidate put forward ,Lucy Schultz.

Elected for this annual term ,Lucy Schultz.

Any other business

This year our annual free Easter competition for the whole school will be Easter related mask making. We will provide paper plates on sticks for the children to transform into masks at home and return to school by the 1st of April.

Laura suggested the possibility of renting out the playground to 3rd parties as a means to raise more funds. This we are all happy to explore in greater length in future meetings. Sam pointed out this has been discussed before whilst trying to arrange boot fayre in the P.T.F.A s founder years. Again this would need a larger amount of active members who were free on a daily basis to organise.

Dates of future meetings

The next meeting will be held on Thursday the 28th February at 8.45 am.
Future dates will be arranged at this time.

Close of business

Sarah to source a new bank .
Future storage issues to be discussed at greater length.
Dates for this years events to be arranged.
The meeting concluded at 9.47 am.