



Boxgrove Parent Teacher Association
PTA Meeting Minutes
Wednesday 15th November 2023 9:15 am Buzz Room
Chair: Philip Harris

Welcome - Persons Present:

Philip Harris; Louisa Furniss; Nicolas Locker; Svetlana Urukova; Emma Sepassi; Marianne Webb; Mary Chambers; Joshua Andresen; Alison Fitch

***Apologies for Absence**

Nick Griffiths, Pareesha Dos Santos

***ACTION points from last meeting**

- TYS machine: repaired (again) with the help of Marco Portinaro. Entire support mechanism rebuilt to be much more substantial. (Review again after Xmas fair.) A file on Google Drive has details of issues & possible improvements.
- St Peter's - coconut shy replacement: Ongoing.
- Co-Chair: Josh Andresen appointed as Co-Chair; unanimous approval of committee in online vote 2nd October.
- Events coordinator: ongoing vacancy.
- "Proud to support Boxgrove" notices for our sponsors: Philip to follow up, inquire as to whether they are wanted.

***Chair's Report**

- Josh Andresen has kindly volunteered to join the PTA Committee as a Co-Chair - see item above.
- Rebecca Churchill has volunteered to assist in the uniform shop.
- With committee approval agreed via online exchange, banking mandate requests have been sent to NatWest to allow Josh access to both of the PTA accounts and to give Rebecca access to the uniform-shop account.
- An \$800 donation has been received via Benevity, from the employer of one of the parents. There are a number of employers who participate in such schemes, and this has been highlighted in communications.

***Feedback on Events**

- Christmas Cards project: Well done to Svetlana for doing such an excellent job! Final batch are arriving on Friday. Unfortunately there will be no commission from the second-deadline shop this year, but we want to give the parents the option to buy anyway. **May want to consider changes next year** - at least to make it clear that if parents wish to help school with a commission to PTA they need to order by first deadline.
- "Muddy Boots": This opportunity arrived rather late in the day, and only one new family group signed up, so we only had £10 commission. They are considering running a similar scheme in February half term.

***New Events/Initiatives**

- Sustainable transport: increase bike storage at school? Uncovered slots for parents at drop-off/pickup, and more covered slots for pupils. Suggested along entrance path -- but need to find a place that doesn't impede view of gate from office. Discussion of which gates are opened, and which are optimal; closure of "top" gates leads to crowding along narrow footpath. **Action (AF): Google form to parents to find out how many cycle, and what the storage need is. Also, AF to speak to Ivor re. possible locations & costs.**
- Could possibly have auction: e.g. do any parents have holiday home where a week's stay could be a prize? Coaching, e.g. tennis or athletics? Couple of hours' private tutoring? Other skill sets? **Action: (MW) Committee to consider possibly for spring or summer.**

***Funding Requests**

- iPad trolley, yr 5&6: £897. **Agreed.**
- C. Herbert - yr 2, 3, 4 iPads bid coming: circa £9k. **Agreed in principle.**
- Library: improve stock of books, esp. re. diversity. £1000 approx. **Agreed in principle.**

As always, electronic copies of funding request forms are required, for signatures & record-keeping.

***Dates for Diary**

26 January – 7.30pm PTA Meeting (Zoom)

2 February – Painting & Prosecco

TBC – Pancake Flip
6 March – Disco
12 March – 7.30pm PTA Meeting (Staff Room)
16 March – Quiz Night
8 May – 9.15am Buzz Room
7 June – Summer Fair Bottle Mufti
22 June – Summer Fair
2 July – 7.30pm PTA Meeting (Staff Room)
12 July – Family BBQ

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