



Dean Park Primary School

PARENT TEACHER ASSOCIATION

Registered Scottish Charity No.24582

Minutes of PTA Meeting 8th December 2015

PTA Members Present

Brent Hurley (BH) – Chair, Wendy Zwart (WZ) - Vice Chair, Silvia Martocchi (SM) – Treasurer, *VACANCY – Secretary*

Vicky Smith (VA), Sarah Harris (SH), Elaine MacMaster (EM), Rehana Shanks (RS) and Johan Nolan

Guest

Tom Scott, new active schools co-ordinator.

Apologies

Katarina Lauder (KL), Ailey Aitken (AA), Clare Dow (CD), Charlotte Flemming (CF), Paulina Grabowska (PG), Dawn Graham (DG) and Nikki Watt (NW).

Actions

- General action pertaining to one or two individuals
- Action for Rehana Shanks
- Requires all PTA members to consider

1. Welcome and Apologies

BH welcomed all those present at the Grey Horse and made apologies for those unable to attend. A special welcome is for the new active schools co-ordinator Tom Scott.

2. Christmas cards for coaches

With thanks to Katarina we sign the Christmas cards for the coaches.

3. Treasurer's Report

Balance on PTA Account is currently £ 40,267.26

Balance on the Gift Aid bank account is £ 12,611.76

TOTAL: £ 52,879.02

£48,014 will have to be kept aside to pay for:

- The field drainage: £ 25,000
- Clubs: coach fees, lets and funding request: £ 1,429 (this includes the £ 709.22 funding request for the football club)
- Jass folders: £ 835
- Light and sound system: £ 8,000
- Fort Area: £ 7,500
- Bike Racks: £ 5,250
- Christmas crafts (yearly): £ 550

This leads us to a NET BALANCE (PTA & Gift Aid) of £ 4,315.02.

BIKE RACKS

The present rack will be reversed so it can face the new rack. This will keep the rain and dirt out.



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COSTS OF SCHOOL TRIPS AND SPORT EVENTS

The Parent Council and PTA will work together with the school to raise money for the Health and Wellbeing fund so the school can make school trips like skiing & Abernethy and sport events more equitable for all children. Some ideas: Christmas cards/photos, bag packing, inviting Domino's Pizza (percentage of their sales).

ACCOUNTS

The accounts are checked, BH will sign them.

4. Projects

FORT: will start in January.

5. Fund raisers

No more fundraisers till the Balerno Children's Gala. Maybe something in between.

6. Head Teacher's Report

- There is slow progress on the 2G pitch.
- With help of the PTA, PC and VA the pupils will campaign (with help VA) against the parking problems. Having pupils address parents will have more impact than the school/police.
- Nativity: this Friday, PTA members will serve coffee and tea.
- Newsletter is out.
- 92% of the parents has ParentMail now.

BUDGET CUTS

The Council is planning severe budget cuts. This will have effect on the (extra) support within the school. It is important to think about the support and services we really don't want to lose and where the PTA/PC can help.

7. Club update

There was an email from a parent who didn't want to have photos taken of her child and put on Facebook. It was not clear when/where she was to give or deny permission. **KL will add a line on the enrolment form.**

The front page of the school website shows the rules about pictures/films taken of children and the use of it.

8. Thrift Shop Report

The thrift shop needs more volunteers, **WZ will send out emails again.**

9. Matters arising

PARENTS' EVENING

During the parents' evening parents signed up to either help or join the PTA. **This needs a follow up, BH.**

CATCHMENT REVIEW

All chairs will get together to discuss this.

SOCIAL EVENT

- 5th February, Ogston Hall
- During gala
- **Invite to be sent out early January: BH and WZ**
- Opportunity for PTA and parents to talk about school issues/ideas/fundraising

Next meeting: Tuesday 19th January

All meetings take place at the clinic or staff room at Dean Park Primary School, 7.00-9.00pm