

Oatlands School PTA Meeting

23rd April 2024



Start of meeting 19.38

Present:

Carina MacKenzie - Chair	Liam McKeever - Governor
Mrs Mooney – Head Teacher	Esther Biddle - Tigers
Laura Rust - Secretary	Charlie Paphitis – Leopards
Jono Gomez – Treasurer	Ashley Artusa-Barrell – Bumblebees
Vasti Grootz – Deputy Treasurer	Helena Gibbons - Seahorses
Charlie Langley - Governor	Agnieszka Czarnocka – Ladybirds
Victoria Myerson - Seahorses	Shweta Sangewar - Starfish

Welcome and Apologies

- Apologies received from Sarah Read, Co- Chair and Alex Fitzpatrick, Community Co-ordinator

Minutes of last meeting

- The minutes of the last meeting were approved without amendment and are available on the school website.

Presentation and Q&A with the Oatlands Board of Governors

- Charlie introduced himself as Chair of Governors and Liam as Finance Chair of the Committee and explained the roles of the Governors.
- No questions were sent to the Governors; however, the Governors had anticipated some questions and provided an update:
- **Oscar Club** – The working party of 11 members will hold their first meeting next week and strategically this is very important. Staffing is an issue but we are looking to see if we can provide greater capacity.
- **Ofsted** – it is worth noting that Year 2 have had a difficult year and this was raised by Ofsted. Many challenges were faced and there were some behavioural issues which have now been addressed. There is now a specialist teaching team in place and the behaviour policy has been revamped. Behavioural workshops now take place regularly.

Treasury Report

- Major expenses for the ball have now been paid but some smaller costs and revenue is still to come in.
- Committed spend looks high but a profit of £9,274 from events thus far with the camping and leaving hoodies still to come.
- Money raised this year through FOS, Gift Aid and events totals £13,209.

Events Past

Spring Term

- **Bake Sale hosted by Year One – 26th and 27th March** – this was really successful and raised nearly £500.

Events Future

Summer Term

- **Disco – 27th April** – Tiny Twisters has been booked for this year, a change from last year as the feedback was not great. There was some discussion in regard to parents/carers not being aware of this so CM will send round communication confirming this.
- **Spring Ball – 11th May** – Raffle tickets have been sent out, with more at reception if people require additional tickets. It is worth noting that the A3 will be closed that weekend so it is important to notify anyone who maybe travelling from that way. CP will send a WhatsApp reminder for people to pre-order their drinks ahead of the event.
- **Year Two Leavers Hoodies – May/June** - A message has gone out to all parents/carers to buy the hoodie if wanted with a deadline of the 17th May. This will be done directly through the website. The PTA receive £1 per hoodie sold plus a complementary hoodie.
- **DUGS craft mornings – 10th - 11th June** – This will be organised by Sarah Moody and Alex FitzPatrick, to follow a similar format to the MAGS market.
- **PTA Fun Day – 30th June** – As previous years, there will be a bouncy castle, face paints and class stalls. EB will run the bar. CM will send communication in relation to the fun day and then a separate message asking for volunteers and what stalls each class would like to run. Possible non-uniform day as done historically to raise collections for other prizes.
- **Family Camping event – 12-14th July** – Tickets will be released this Friday at 7pm! It looks set to be a very popular event this year.
- **Wine Tasting/Beer Tasting event – June/July** – CM to look into this as the last event proved very successful.
- **Year Two Bake Sale - TBC** – Discussion of date of the 16th July. To be discussed in more detail at the next meeting.

AOB

- There was some discussion in regard to the fleas with pupils unfortunately reporting bites again. There is ongoing monitoring and some cleaning companies have been spoken too
- PTA Spending – The playground equipment has been agreed. Spending has been particularly high this year and will be lower next year as we re-build bank balances.
- JG is continuing to look into the treasury document storage.
- The conversation needs to be reopened in terms of WhatsApp group protocols and the expectations of a Class rep.
- New starters for September will now receive an information pack.
- The new starter welcome picnic was discussed and if this could be improved with perhaps a snack and drinks bar. In previous years helium balloons for each class have been used and have been very popular. There was also a suggestion of name badges and fun facts for an ice breaker.
- CM has spoken with Anglo Recycling in regard to passive fundraising. If we promote them, they can collect unwanted items directly from Oatlands families and the PTA will get a small cut from this (typically £3 per family collection/ bag).
- CM is going to get promotional codes for Stikins name labels with the PTA receiving a cut of 30% from Stikins).
- The painting and prosecco night was discussed and although people liked the idea of this, it was decided that this would run next year with a selection of pictures for people to choose from.

Close of meeting 21:44

Date of next meeting: Tuesday 11th June - 7:30pm