

Frenchay Primary School AGM 2018

Meeting: Frenchay Primary School AGM
Date: Monday 24th September 2018, 3:40pm
Location: Frenchay Primary School Class 4
Chairperson: Liz Wakeman
Secretary: Katie Gransden

In Attendance:

- Katherine Marks (Head Teacher)
- Michael Backett (Deputy Head)
- Liz Wakeman (Chair)
- Gill Cavagnah (Vice Chair)
- Louise Hurse (PTA member)
- Kelly Oldland (Treasurer)
- Katie Gransden (Secretary)
- Nina Stonelake
- Jae Stone
- Gemma Wild

Apologies:

- Kate Watley

1. Review of Previous Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on 5th October 2017

Nothing outstanding from last year, all tasks achieved.

2. Summary of Chairs report

Full report available on request

- At the end of my 2nd year, I look back with an overall sense of satisfaction and pride for what we have achieved.
- Our bank balance currently stands at £5,766.13.
- In terms of active members, we were undoubtedly short, but we are always appreciative of a small number of parents who help when needed
- Negative feedback about us being a close group and not being approachable, I'd like to defend this by stating that due to the lack of volunteers at our events we may appear that way but would like to formally remind everybody that being a parent at Frenchay School automatically makes you a member of the PTA and a genuine welcome awaits anyone who wants to come along to help regularly or on an ad hoc basis.
- We recently sent an anonymous survey to all parents and approx. 43% of parents responded.

- Feedback mainly positive, where any constructive feedback for new ideas was given, work is already in progress.
- Raised its profile in the Community, establishing strong links with Winterbourne Parish Council, Frenchay Flower Show and other local businesses

Funding

- £2500 towards the new play equipment and funded new benches in the KS1 playground.
- Obtained a grant of £1500 from Member Awarded Funding via South Gloucestershire Council, used to buy books for the school library, the PTA topped up this grant to complete the purchase.
- Annual donation towards the year 6 leaver celebrations
- Supported the 175th Anniversary of the school celebrations by arranging for the renovation of the flagpole and by creating the flag
- Tried new activities for the children, introduction of a Sunflower competition, ice lolly sales, Easter competitions, sales of left-over stock from the flower show/BBQ and Christmas Card art projects.
- New Facebook page has +100 members
- Small number of people support the PTA, usually the same faces
- Moving forward would be good to have a PTA staff representative
- Thanks to Mrs Marks for her refreshing approach to the PTA
- Also thanks to Mr Strawson and Mrs Lake for their administrative support.
- Thank you to the other committee members who, without their dedication and tireless resolve the PTA events would not take place. I recognise that this year has been a challenging one but despite this you have carried on regardless and achieved so much for our children and their school.

Comments from other members of the committee

Gill - I was hurt about the negative comments and comments about the PTA being a clique, especially as I care for the children as PTA member and member of school staff. However, I am willing to continue and take things forward.

Katie – I am disappointed about the comments, especially as the people who made them did not tell us directly but gossiped in the playground and do not turn up to meetings or help out.

Jae - Do people know how are we advertising – know what you are achieving?

Outcome from Mrs Stone's comment:

- Put notices in display boards
- Put an entry in Newsletters - how often to be decided

Katherine – can we do parent forum more informal, coffee mornings, people's opportunities to feedback,

- PTA to go along

Louise – people cannot gossip if they've had their say

Katherine – I endeavour to be in the playground in the mornings, be approachable and open

Liz – tried different venues

Jae – each parent could sign up for 1 event, class teacher to initiate?

Events list everything we need to do (Gill we have done this)

Katie – time slots on bottom of event letter

Gill – hard to ask for raffle prizes, same person (Jae volunteered to do this)

Nina – pta meetings, video so kids can sit next door while the meeting takes place

Michael – happy to look after children during the meetings

Gemma – offer 10 house points for parents who take part, inform children what the PTA have paid for

Kate – next newsletter chunk of what we have done

Jae – thought there were more of you

Katherine – testament to how much and how well you are doing things

Mrs Marks - When can we have the forum? Try at different times

3. Summary of Treasurer Report

Full report available on request

- It has been great year
- 2 large fundraising events, Christmas/summer
- Money raised £6,921.66
- Closing bank balance of £5726.13
- Profit of £307.96
- More equipment so less profit

Liz – funding request form to be filled out, purpose to be able to track and for record keeping

Kelly – Could we have bank account details, so we can do bank transfer rather than cheques?

4. Head Teacher Report

Massive thank you to the PTA, it does not go unnoticed how much work you do, setting up in mornings, evenings, hugely appreciated and it makes a huge difference to the children, they love the lunchtime provision now. Pride and Play to developing. (Chocolates given as a thank you). What else can we do to help?

- Staff representative (not Gill)
- Staff at events – rota
- Anything we can do at the Christmas fair
- We are open and willing to discuss ideas and do things to help

5. Election of officers

Liz – asked if anyone wanted to stand instead.

Gemma - I think you should re-stand because I've been here since the dawn of time and you are by far the best PTA we have had

Liz - Louise nominate, Nina second

Gill – Louise nominate, Liz second

Kelly – Louise nominate, Nina second

Kate – Louise nominate, Kelly second

6. Future events

Movie Night

Race for life, 10am start, children come to school in PE kits

Ratios – required number, if we don't have correct number, it won't go ahead, could we also have a teacher/s present

Films? – ideas please

Christmas Fair

Christmas tree sale

Face painter? Henna lady?

Christmas Party – Nutty Noah 19th December, classes do party games in the morning, normal lunch, nutty Noah in the afternoon. Father Christmas??? – ask John???

Christmas presents – Ideas to be discussed or party bags?

7. AOB

Volunteer people to store things – run up to events

List for events – volunteers

Make snow men kids make them at the fair

Gemma – Christmas games

Kate to do letters for film night and craft fair. Rota for events.

Gemma - Christmas bauble – for tree in hall (Gemma find something they can make and come in and work in a class for an hour at a time. Do it as a competition, parents to buy the kit.

Jae – Earn money for Amazon affiliation – other ones

Umbrella fund raising – threw all coins into the umbrella, house colours umbrella, most money wins extra house points, hang from basketball nets

Buy a brick – engrave brick?