



Marsh Gibbon CE Primary School PTA
Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on 27th September 2016

In attendance:

Fiona Tayler	Liz Bruce-Kelly	Verity Davis
Fiona Adams	Karen Barber	Katie Giles Blazdell
Philip Blazdell	Lucy Collins	Miss Fitzpatrick
Peter Ferens	Holly Franklin	Bev Hampson
Andrea Healy	Katy Kelly	Russell Layberry
Karen Maciejewski	Louise Mew	Gareth Owens
Graham Roitt	Selina Sasse	Claire Scott

Apologies

Judy Toes	Sarah Reveler	Michelle Biggs
Sheila Kronfeld	Claudia Copithorne	Kath Pullen
Jayne Sinclair	Tony Wells	

Matters arising from previous minutes

None

(Vice) Chairperson's Report – Report to the PTA Sept 2016

Liz Bruce-Kelly, Vice Chairperson of the PTA delivered the Chairperson's report

Thank you to everyone for coming tonight and if you are new parents to the school a warm welcome, I'm Liz Bruce-Kelly, Vice- Chair of the PTA.

If you have an image of the PTA as a small group of mums who meet now and then to plan cake sales, you may be in for a big surprise. *We prefer the pub! And besides the PTA is not just for mums, it's for dads too who can play an active role!*

Why should we bother?

Research has shown that parental involvement has a very significant impact on our child's achievement and attainment at school! A successful PTA provides parents and teachers with the opportunity to exchange views, work together and to develop mutual trust and confidence.

But I don't have time! (I hear you say!)

In a world where everyone's time is precious, it can be a daunting thought getting involved with the PTA but we value anyone's time whether it's a little or a lot that you can offer!

As parents or carers and teachers we are all automatically members of the PTA. And the PTA is crucial to a school's smooth running! We work in partnership with the school!

Recent figures show that PTAs raise over 73 million pounds a year, providing funds to improve the school experience for millions of children in both primary and secondary education – from buying skipping ropes to equipping an ICT suite!!! *Wouldn't we like a bit more of that?*

Well here at Marsh Gibbon School we haven't raised quite that much over the last 13 years that I've been involved with the PTA but we've helped fund a new **swimming pool**, a new **Butterfly Classroom** (*my daughter's class was the first in there and she's 15 years old now!*), **extended the classrooms** for years 1 to 4, fundraised for the **learning pod**, we've helped equip the new classroom's for year's 5 & 6, paid for the **industrial oven** in the kitchen and there's more building going on that you can see now! *So actually we haven't done too badly! And that doesn't include the little things like paying for the **coaches** to take the children to see the **pantomime** or new **PE Kits** for playing sports at other schools and tournaments!*

As you may have gathered by now our PTA needs you to help it continue with its vital fundraising to improve the resources available and our children's experience of education. Fundraising success is only made possible by the involvement of parents.

Why should I get involved?

Enjoy being informed and understand the challenges the school faces and become part of the solution. Boost your child's well-being and help raise funds to improve the resources available to your child. It's proven that children do better in school when parents are involved.

Now to say thank you to those who have been or are involved...

I would like to thank **Daniel Byrne** for his 4 and a half years as Chair who unfortunately had to step down earlier this year. So that means we are looking for a new Chair who enjoys chairing meetings and keeping us organised. We have a great team who will ensure that whoever takes on what could be seen as a daunting role is well looked after.

I would also like to thank **Fiona Tayler** for being a diligent Secretary, **Sarah Reveler** for being a scrupulous Treasurer, and **Andrea Healy** for being a committed Fundraising Coordinator. I would also like to thank the **Class Reps**, without them we wouldn't be able to organise our fundraising events as successfully. Their role is vital especially when it comes to passing on information from the PTA to other parents in their child's class and hopefully they find it very rewarding.

Finally, I'd like to thank **Sam Smith** and her kitchen staff for the wonderful cake they have baked for you tonight!

Thank you

Headteacher Report - Report to the PTA Sept 2016

Verity Davis, Assistant Head Teacher delivered the Head Teacher report.

Thank you all for supporting the PTA by being here this evening for the AGM; the PTA plays a vital role in both fundraising and providing entertaining events for pupils and parents.

Last year was again a very successful one for the PTA committee led by Liz Bruce-Kelly. We have been without a Chair for some time now and Liz has taken the time to ensure that the good work of the PTA continues. I'd like to thank all of you on the PTA for your time; your enthusiasm and your determination. Your work improves the quality of teaching and learning and makes for a much better environment for the children to be nurtured in. Not just the material resources that the PTA raise funds to purchase, but also the sense of community, value and caring which we feel strongly about. This school is a pleasure to teach in and to be linked with.

Soon it will be time to again elect the PTA officers and Committee. By volunteering, and giving a small amount of your time, you will be impacting on the quality of education that every child will receive at this school. Every member of the school community is a member of the PTA. In terms of roles - The Chair and Officers drive the PTA, organise meetings and make sure that all of the affairs of the PTA are in order. The Class Reps are the link between the parents of children in that class and the PTA. The PTA is not a governing body and its role is that of raising funds and organising social events. Other issues should be directed to the class teachers, myself or Mrs. Hickey the Head Teacher.

Over the last year the PTA have contributed hugely to the school, they have funded the new cooker which allows us to offer hot meals to all the children. Large expenses such as these would otherwise be impossible from a school budget. The PTA is clearly in a strong place financially for which we are really grateful. All of the PTA events are brilliantly organised and thoroughly enjoyable. If you have never attended any then please look at the dates on your weekly newsletter to see what is coming up next.

I look forward to our committee meetings when these events and others can be further discussed and I wish the PTA well for the forthcoming year.

Treasurer's Report and Accounts for year ended 31 August 2016

We started the year with £8898.88 in the current account, and £713.21 in cash (total £9613.09). Included in this amount we received £434.97 in donations.

The hard work of the PTA committee and everyone who has helped with events and other fundraising activities resulted in a **NET INCOME of £7850.14** which is money that will be put back into supporting the school.

The school benefited from **£9079.30 in donations from the PTA** for the year which has helped towards the costs of:

- New oven - £8300.00
- Cost of coaches to pantomime - £550.00
- Outdoor learning - £63.30
- The PTA also paid for PTA membership costs, which also covers our insurance and various other costs associated with the running of the PTA which totalled £166.00.

We had a strong finish to 2016 with the Pig Roast continuing to be our biggest fundraiser, £3023.94.

The Merry Go Round had a great year and raised a grand total of £142.00, thanks to Jayne Sinclair. Some of our other big fundraisers were:

Film & Disco Nights - £446.03
Masquerade Ball - £754.70
Christmas Fayre - £1667.12
Fashion Show - £300.84
Eggstravaganza - £135.82
Royal Matchbox/Tea - £613.84

We start this year with £7799.53 in the current account and £474.71 in cash, total £8274.24. The PTA is in a healthy financial position and we look forward to the next fundraising event.

Thank you to all the wonderful people who attend the fundraising events and helping out when they can, it would not be the place it is today for our children's education and it really is appreciated.

Thank you!

Sarah Reveler

Treasurer

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Governors Report – Report to the PTA Sept 2016

Bev Hampson, Vice-Chair of the governors, delivered the report on behalf of the governing body.

The school governors would like to thank the PTA for their contribution to the school in the last year, in particular for the purchase of the new oven in the school kitchen. The Governing Body currently has a vacancy for a new Governor so would welcome hearing from any interested parent.

Election of Officers

Chair: Philip Blazdell

Nominated By: Liz Bruce-Kelly

Seconded: Katy Kelly

Secretary: Fiona Tayler

Nominated By: Liz Bruce-Kelly

Seconded: Karen Maciejewski

Vice Chair: Liz Bruce-Kelly

Nominated By: Katy Kelly

Seconded: Andrea Healy

Treasurer: Sarah Reveler

Nominated by: Liz Bruce-Kelly

Seconded by: Holly Franklin

Fundraising Coordinator: Andrea Healy

Nominated By: Liz Bruce-Kelly

Seconded: Fiona Tayler

Class Reps:

- Butterflies:** Louise Mew and Katie Blazdell
- Owls:** Currently vacant. Role to be advertised.
- Dragons:** Currently vacant. Role to be advertised.
- Rabbits:** Karen Barber and Melanie Ash
- Hedgehogs:** Katy Kelly, Alex Busby and Kath Pullen
- Foxes:** Judy Toes and Helen Fryer
- Eagles:** Karen Maciejewski and Fiona Tayler

PTA Events:

2016 to 2017 Programme of events:

Please send potential fundraising ideas to Andrea Healy.

- **Christmas Fayre:** 2nd December
- **School disco:** TBD
- **Film night –** TBD
- **Pig Roast:** Not discussed.
- **Merry go Round uniform shop –**

AOB

- Are there any parents who would be happy to be involved in a lift share to Waddesdon School?
- The Butterfly Facebook (closed) group needs to be created. Mrs Blazdell will create the group (Butterfly parents can “friend” Mrs Blazdell to be added to the group).
- Philip Blazdell: Queried why the Easy fundraising website is not used enough. Parents suggested a lesson or tutorial to see how easy it is to set up and use.
- Peter Ferens (Governor): On behalf of the Marsh Gibbon Horticultural Society, offered to work with the school to get children involved in gardening.
- Bev Hampson: Appealed to the PTA for a 50% contribution towards a LearnPad (a tablet computer for schools) for each class. The tablets are robust and specially configured to offer opportunities for interaction and collaboration between home, school, and teachers. The PTA approved in principle to contribute towards the cost, but more research will be carried out to ensure the best deal for the school.
- Sarah Reveler: Should the school continue to pay the annual £50.00 contribution to the Life Together magazine. It was agreed that we continue.
- Sarah Reveler: Should the name of the PTA change to reflect that we are a primary school? Agreed.
- Sarah Reveler: Asked for a school wish list.
- Claire Scott: Queried whether there will be new school signs. Answer: Signs are to be organised once the building work is complete to go where the old noticeboard was at the front of the school.

Meeting closed – 9.07 pm.

THE NEXT PTA MEETING IS

Tuesday 15th November 2016, 7.45 FOR 8.00PM IN THE SCHOOL HALL

EVERYONE IS INVITED SO PLEASE COME ALONG!