St. Matthew's Primary School PTA

Annual General Meeting

Monday, October 14th, 2024

Meeting Minutes

Attendees

2023-24 PTA Committee members: Jeshika Moonsamy, Seb Wills, Andrew Tomlinson, Kim Nguyen

Tony Davies – Headteacher

Barry Evans – Teacher & Staff representative

Other PTA Core members and class representatives: Diego Castoldi, Emma Berry, Paula de Conte, Wai Yi Feng,

Other parents: Kyei Asare Collins, Luke Jungheim, Luca Mannocchi, Francisco Navarro, Neta Spiro, Hans Steinmuller, Ben Whitmore, Hugh Williams, Sierra Williams

Welcome and Apologies

Presentation by Andrew of the PTA activities and activities funded by PTA in school year 2023-24

Please refer to slides

Formal AGM procedures for nominations

Nominations for Trustee roles received prior to the meeting: Diego Castoldi as Chair, Andrew Tomlinson as Treasurer and Jeshika Moonsamy as Events Officer.

No further nominations were made in the meeting.

Votes were cast for the three Trustees separately by online polls, and all three Trustees were confirmed in the roles as above. Each Trustee made a brief introduction.

An appeal for the Secretary role was made, in replacement of Kim Nguyen, who confirmed that she can continue performing the role until a new Secretary is co-opted and will provide the required handover.

Andrew thanked outgoing Treasurer Seb Wills for his long years of service to the PTA, as well as core committee members who left during the last year, Laura Franks and Marysol Bell.

Presentation by Jeshika of the events scheduled this year

See Events Calendar – St. Matthew's PTA (stmatthewspta.org.uk)

Appeal for ideas for fundraising and community oriented events

Remarks by Headteacher

Tony Davies thanked the PTA for their continued support and Seb Wills for his pivotal role as Treasurer over the years. A couple of PTA funded events were mentioned as highlights, such as the Teacher & Staff Appreciation Days as well as the interactive white boards.

Remarks by Teacher & Staff Representative

Barry Evans echoed the positive feedback from the Teacher & Staff Appreciation Days and the importance of the music provision that benefits the children through the PTA grant.

Other business

Hugh Williams asked about the staff perception of the funding situation and whether it is a source of pressure. Tony Davies replied saying that staff are aware that spending needs to decrease across many areas, and that this is indeed a source of pressure. He noted that the PTA has often able to step in and assist in these situations, for which the school is extremely grateful.

Hugh suggested that an Amazon wish list (or similar) might be an easy way for teachers to indicate items they would like to have in school which parents could then purchase for them. The idea, which is already being considered for a specific project, was discussed. One limitation noted was that it is not suitable for larger items or projects.

There was discussion of visibility of requested items and fundraising targets. Seb suggested the PTA could improve the transparency of what items have been requested/funded by the PTA as grants are made, not just at the end of the year.

Meeting adjourned at 9:00 pm