



EDGBARROW SCHOOL PTA AGM

Monday 3rd October 2016

1. Welcome / Apologies for absence.

RP welcomed everyone to the Annual General Meeting, The following were present; Reaoot Philpot, Yvonne Bird, Julia Smith, Steve Smith, Mark Burges, Richard Love, Hana Bruins, Stuart Matthews, Elena Jauregui Silva, Liliana Castle, Donna Cooper, Sarah Pemberton, Andrew Johnson, Hanna Bourton, Yael Merzer, Sarah Rook, Emma Purvis, Malcolm May, Colin Philpot, Megan Wright, Nikki Mears, Sandy Kent, Nicky Simmonds, Debbie Lester, George Green, Bob Elsey, Louise Fletcher.

Apologies were accepted from; Anny Warren, Helen Ashenden, Laraine Turton, Sue Love.

2. Minutes of the last AGM & Matters arising.

The minutes from the AGM held on the 16th September 2015 were approved.

3. Chair's report.

This year we reconstitution our PTA, and registered for Small Society Lottery Licence.

Our past events:

Sponsored Walk September 2015 is a huge part of our fundraising total; I like to thank the staff for organising this fantastic event and of course all the students taking part and their friends and families for supporting them so generously.

Bags2School – An initiative Sandy has been organising for a few years which raised a fantastic amount for our school – thank you Sandy for arranging it, storing and transporting it all and to her husband for putting up with it.

Xmas shopping evening - Firstly thank you Anny for coordinating the stalls, this is the biggest job of this event and you will all be glad to know Anny is already busy coordinating this year Xmas Shopping Evening, I would also like to thank Bobbie and Chris for organising the refreshments, as they have been doing for a number of years, Dawn and Malcolm the treasurers for the evening, Guy for the signs, Jack for the program, Lucy for the advertising, Sandy and Yvonne for the fantastic raffle, Year 7 & 8 teams organising again some lovey stalls, Year 11 for the lovely cake stall, Sally for the second hand uniforms, our lovely team of caretakers who were there first and left last along with the prefects! This evening has a real community spirit to it, topped off with a wonderful performance from our choir – thank you Stephanie, Louise for helping the coordination of it all, Sandy for the Christmas tree, Alison, Nicky Tania, Lauren, Marc, Dr Nil, Adri, Helen, Debbie, Bev, Hanna, Vicki, Donna, Angela, Christina and Nicki, for their support on the day.

Round Table – Santa collection, Thank you to the few volunteers who walked the streets with Santa collecting for Edgbarrow and making a lot of children happy.

Second Hand Uniform – A HUGE Thank you to Sally and her parents Gill and Len for managing, storing, folding, transporting and selling our second-hand uniform, thank you too to Louise and Martin from the Baptise Church for helping at the Year 6 uniform sale. You will all be glad to know Sally continuing in her role.

Spring Quiz- A massive thank you to our quizmasters, for a record breaking fund raising quiz, Malcolm and Dawn who again you will be please to know are only too happy to master a quiz or two this year.

3rd March saw the return of the PTA Careers Event with a good turnout of prospective employers; this was yet again a successful informative evening managed by Nicky Simmonds, with the PTA funding the catering. Thank you Nicky, she will continue this year but we are looking for someone to shadow her with a view to take it over next academic year.

Year 7 Disco - On March 4th, the PTA held the first of its new Year 7 Discos, As well as raising a notable amount, all had much fun, thank you to the parents who helped and the Year 7 team for all their help on the night, including some impressive dance moves!

Sports Tickets- Reading FC continued to support our school discounted tickets, 30 students/ parents visited the stadium in September as a thank you for our continued support, On 11th Feb we received a visit from Royals left back,

Andrew Taylor, who met with year 7, 8 and 9 football teams during their training session, many children parents and staff attended 4 of the Reading FC matches and in doing so raised funds for our school.

Wembley Rugby: With Saracens top of the table having lost only one game last season - to Quins. We had an exciting fixture - discounted tickets and the opportunity to raise money for Edgbarrow PTA at the same time.

2nd May - The Crowthorne May Fair Dash & Grab raised almost £250 for the PTA and St John's Church. Thanks to Dot, Jo, Andy, Sandy and my family. Also huge thanks to our sponsors, CT Bell and Pinewood Football Club as well as Travis Perkins for donating the generator.

2nd July - Crowthorne Carnival, The Dunk Tank once again proved a huge success with everyone making the most of dunking the brave volunteers! Thanks to Mr Bibby, David the fireman, India, Will, Ollie and Reaoot from Wellington Health & Fitness Club. Thanks also to Adri, Sandy for managing the crowd while taking money, and Cambridge Coachworks and Frank Schippers for their sponsorship.

Refreshments As part of the PTA's new role in providing refreshments at school events, we were on hand to keep thirsty parents, children and staff supplied with hot and cold drinks / sweets/ and at some events food, at the Grease Production, summer concert, Winter Concert, Disco, All Parents Evenings, Painting and Gardening Days and Ice Lollies Fridays Big thanks to all our helpers throughout the year, I will attempt to name them all; Sandy, Julia, Anny, Dot, Angela, Debbie, Hana, Vicki, Louise, Kathryn, Yvonne, Daisy, Lenka, Liliana, Elena, Emma, Sue, Michelle, Jo, Maureen, David, Beth, Jane, George, Mr Bibby, (Mr Jackson...) and Y10 helpers at parents evening.

PTA End of Year Raffle - Thanks again to Sandy and Julia.

PTA Non Uniform Day Thanks to Julia

Facebook page has proved to be somewhat of a challenge our year 8 page is still active and used as a great communication tool for parents and PTA.

Thank you to Donna – our Newsletter editor.

In 2015 - 2016 We help fund a range of projects and initiatives:

- Outdoor table tennis equipment
- 6th form bike shed
- Seating for the year 7 outdoor area
- Minibus hire for sporting fixtures
- Science department storage facilities
- DT laser cutter service and parts
- Celebration of success evenings & GCSE/A Level Celebration Evening
- Year 7 Author visit
- Maths department calculators
- Heads of Year Incentive Fund Autumn 2015
- Year 10 and 11 Rewards Autumn 2015
- Banana Breakfasts

Lucy Stockwell, Lyn Gash, Sue Peacock, Keith, Andy, Alistair and Bob thank you for putting up with me all year.

Sandy, Julia, Steve, Yvonne and Louise I couldn't have asked for a better team to work with! THANK YOU to each and every one of you who supported the PTA for the part you played in this record-breaking year!

But the BIGGEST thanks have to go to my family Colin, Eden Tom and Lee.

I would be lying if I said I enjoyed every moment of it, at time I found it challenging, but none the less this has been a memorable enjoyable year for me, one that I will look back on fondly, at the beginning of this year I wanted to make a difference to the children, I received an email from one of our students, I won't read the whole email, the last paragraph will be enough, he wrote: "I really do owe you for all your help during my time at Edgbarrow, I can't thank you enough and I wish yourself and the PTA all the best for the future.

Many thanks and take care. Michael "

So you see it was worth it, I made a difference.

4. Treasurer's report.

*Total net fundraising contribution for the year 2015/2016 was £25807.60.

*Total Donations to the school were £20498.58.

*Total raised and paid back to school via School Fund/Just Giving £19000.04.

The accounts have not yet been reported to the Charity Commission.

Main Contributions/Fund Raisers

Sponsored Walk - £13715.30 plus £1751.69 Gift Aid reclaim

Xmas Fayre - £3771.34

Spring Quiz - £1751.69

Bags to School - £1003.85

Refreshments - £888.10

2nd Hand Uniform - £773.00

Main Donations to School

Minibus Lease - £4678.00

Table Tennis Table - £2215.83

PE Coaches - £2000.00

Science Cupboards - £1021.96

Calculators, Laser Cutter Repairs - £1716.39

6th Form Bike Shed - £1005.58

Yr7 Area Seating - £933.22

Hardship Fund - £1000.00

Assorted Celebration/Rewards/Incentive Funds - £3900.00

5. School report.

BE thanked the PTA for all their support to the school over the year which has helped the school and students.

We have started this year with 1,400 pupils, which includes a year 7 intake of 240 this year however it is likely that next year's Year 7 will go back to 210.

Through a combination of donations and grants Edgbarrow School is considering taking on the Edgbarrow Sports Centre building. The cost of this would be £40,000.

Building work in Year 7 area has been completed. The squash courts will become a dance/activity area. These courts will be used by the public as well. The cost of this is between £3K – £4K.

Expansion of the school. Bracknell Forest has signed it off. The cost of this is between £10-£12 million. The Gym, Hall, Art area will all be coming down and work should be finished by November 2017.

Nata has agreed to flatten the field behind the Sports Centre. The field is useless in months Dec, Jan & Feb and even when it can be used it is uneven. Sporting England Quality will do this for FREE.

We have a full staff!

The first Painting and Gardening day was a great success with between 50-60 people turning up in September. There was an increase in part to a company (Johnson & Johnson) who come into schools to help as part of the Company's 'Community Spirit'. A big Thank you from Mr Elsey to both parents and staff who gave their time on the day.

A Level and GCSE Results 2015/2016	
A Level Results	GCSE Results
A* - B grades - 63%	A*/A grades - 35%
A*/A grades - 39%	5 A* to C passes including English and Maths - 92%
A* - C grades - 87%	Overall pass rate - 100%
Overall pass rate - 99.6%	Pupils achieving English Baccalaureate - 32%
	A* - C English and Maths only - 95%
	Progress 8 - 0.77
	Attainment 8 - 60.15 (B grade)

We are absolutely delighted with our results this year. Despite national GCSE results dropping to their lowest level since 2008, Edgbarrow School were celebrating the best set of results in its history.

Some 95 per cent of students at Edgbarrow School achieved A*-C in both English and maths while 35 per cent of all exam entries were graded A*-A, giving the school a Progress 8 score of 0.77.

Edgbarrow is ranked 4th best comprehensive school by GCSE results in the country.

BE and LF thanked RP, YB and SK for their contribution to the PTA over the last 1-3 years between them, and for the efforts of all the PTA members/helpers who have continued to increase the fundraising.

6. Appointment of an independent accounts examiner.

The accounts were independently examined on 20/9/2016 by Jane Bannister FACCA.

7. Election of committee members.

		Nominated	Seconded
Chair	Andrew Johnson	Bob Elsey	Louise Fletcher
Vice Chair	Vacant		
Secretary	Nicky Simmonds	Reaoot Philpot	Sandy Kent

8. Future events.

The Sponsored Walk took place, Tracy Britton and JS will be collating the sponsorship total soon.

Bag2School – The next collection will take place 15/11/16.

Christmas Shopping Evening date is 01/12/16

9. Any other business.

RP brought up the request from the Baptist church – transition support Martin Ceasar and Louise Truscott for ‘Reader Pens’

The Exam Reader Pen has been approved by The Joint Council for Qualifications (JCQ)* for use in exams.

This means students who have reading difficulties such as dyslexia can independently take exams knowing that they can read and understand the questions. Up to £2,000 was unanimously approved by the PTA.

SK handed in a cheque to the PTA for £42 raised over the summer during a couple of Car Boot sales, where she sold items left over from donations received from Waitrose.

10. Notification of date of next ordinary meeting TBC by AJ & LF.

11. RP thanked everyone and closed the PTA AGM.