



LOLO PTA MEETING

Tuesday, 17th June 2025

Present:

Committee: Michelle Jeyes (MJ) Raf Markowski (RM), Roberto Grammatica (RG), Ellie White (EW), Jessie Day (JD).

Donna Tooth (Y3), Lama Tadros (R&Y5), Aoibheann Foley (Y4&Y6), Patience Rusinga (Y2&5), Ros Bridges (Y5), Claire Cox (R), Anna Cooke (Y4), Bianca Williams-Seymour (Y4), Sam Oakes (N), Sarah B (Y5).

Apologies:

Alex Athienitou (PTA Co Chair), Charlotte Richardson (N, Y2), Elizabeth Stokoe (N, Y2).

1. Chair's Welcome

MJ welcomes everyone, especially those who have never been to a PTA meeting before.

2. Summer Fayre

• Stalls

- a. MJ confirms that stall allocations have been made and that the remit for each year group is as usual - R – carousel ride; Y1 - toys; Y2 – go karts; Y3 – cakes, teas and coffees; Y4 – games, sweets and tombola; Y5 – last one standing, Y6 – Bar.
- b. MJ said Penny had asked her to check in the PTA cupboard for 'hook a duck' game, and she found hooks but no ducks when doing stock take. Sarah B said that they should turn up as she knows one of the parents ordered them. Was a paddling pool with the ducks too at one stage.

- c. MJ asked Anna to catch Bianca up about the games stall and that was agreed.
 - d. It was discussed that a rep from each year group needs to start filling out the rotas – and post regularly in the year group to try and fill the slots. Also to let the PTA know if it's tricky to fill slots and they will try and sort it.
 - e. LT asked how many people are needed per slot for the bouncy castle and MJ confirmed that it's hour-long slots, each with 2 people.
 - f. CC asked about the possibility of having the Chair O Planes ride but it was explained that this has been stopped now because of issues elsewhere.
 - g. EW said that there were problems with getting volunteers for the go karts ride at the Xmas fayre and also problems with volunteers remembering to mark wristbands after the children had had their three turns. MJ said we have to make it clear on the signs for the ride that children get three turns as part of the ticket price and have to pay thereafter.
 - h. RB brought up that her daughter is wondering when the stall allocations are happening for the kids' stalls. MJ replied that Roberto has taken that on and we will know very soon. She added that as an FYI for everyone, we've slightly changed how we do the kids' stalls so it's fair. It's been decided to have two slots for stalls (12pm to 2pm and 2pm to 4pm) and the kids will be able to take it in turns so everyone has a chance to sell. Not first come first served any more, we are going to draw it out of a hat to find out which children will have the chance to sell. Bianca asked how it works and MJ replied that it's normally £25 to have a stall for 4 hours and the kids sell things they've made at home and get to keep the money they make.
- **Toys** – need to make sure we have all hands on deck to help gather and sort toys and set them all up on the Friday. JD said after the Xmas fayre there was a lot of disquiet around the toy stall - that people were coming in to help and commandeering the toys before we got a chance to sell them. Everyone agreed on a blanket policy of no reservations of toys before the fayre opens at 12pm.

- **Gaming tent** – it was discussed that the gaming tent is a new 'ride' for us. MJ outlined that the tent can take up to 20 kids at a time and would be priced as £2 for 15 mins so can get 20 kids in the tent in one go. Once ticket sales go live for wrist bands, ticket sales for gaming tent will also go live. Attendees have to arrive 5-10 mins before allotted time. Can't swap times as we won't be selling tickets on the day and there's no late admission. Will be busy but we hope by setting the ground rules, it will run smoothly. MJ also asked that if anyone wants to help run the gaming tent, to please let her know.

- **Pre loved uniform stall** – another new stall for the fayre, although it was noted that the PTA had run such a stall before but it was stopped. However, enjoying a resurgence in popularity mainly due to the sell and swap uniform group being so successful. We'd like to try and replicate! MJ asked EW and JD if it's £2 an item – we can't remember so need to go back and check. Need a couple of hands to set it up and man it over the course of the day. JD checked and it was indeed £2 per item that had been previously stipulated. Sarah B asked if it's donations only, and MJ said yes, it's purely for the benefit of the PTA.

- **BBQ** – MJ will touch base with them but they're their own self-sustaining group and essentially run themselves.

- **Family Kitchen** – LT said she has some new ideas for FK. At Xmas, it was too much work and too disorganised – too much washing/cleaning etc and not enough volunteers. She asked if we could work on getting a team of people to do the food and pre-package it so we can go from 4 to 2 volunteers an hour?
 - a. LT also suggested that the food could come in disposable containers, so people can just take what they like and it would save on washing up. Everyone agreed that this was a good idea.
 - b. LT also proposed that school send a form via Parentmail asking parents if they're planning to make something for FK and if so, to let the FK know via the form what they will make. That way, FK knows what's coming in and what to expect. LT pointed out that lots of pasta and rice got wasted at the Xmas fayre, as did potatoes.

- c. JD ventured that the PTA as a whole was starting to reconsider FK in general for the summer fayre. We need to ask questions about how viable it is and if it's worth it for the money it brings in (approx. £200).
 - d. RB pointed out that if the weather's nice, everyone will be up for a BBQ and perhaps we leave FK for the Summer Fayre and reconsider if for the Xmas fayre.
 - e. MJ said we will take it away as a committee and see what we do. Could potentially do a scaled back version.
 - f. Patience asked what would the veggie option be on a BBQ and RB suggested that we could do a salad bar or buffet options (veggie and vegan) at the end of the BBQ line and people pay an extra pound.
 - g. CC asked about the possibility of having a veggie option on the BBQ. MJ replied that in the past when the PTA has tried to do some veggie options, that people don't like veggie stuff being mixed with meat. Plus, the BBQ team are reluctant because they don't believe they'll make as much money from veggie burgers etc.
- Sarah B asked if a proper coffee stall has ever been considered. It was briefly discussed that RB was game for setting one up at the school but MJ said we could consider getting a barista in for the fayre. BUT space is limited. We can take it away as a Committee and consider it. However, everyone agreed that it was likely that people will want cold drinks anyway seeing as it's Summer.
 - The idea of selling ice-creams on the day was mooted. MJ said this was done by herself and previous PTA Co-Chair Amanda two years ago. CC said she was happy to give it a go and sell some ice creams!
 - MJ pointed out the need for help on the day with setting up etc MJ said that the usual reminders need to go out about bringing a bottle and cakes in exchange for non-uniform day on the Friday before the fayre. JD and EW to action.
 - Donna asked about timings for the fayre. It was discussed that the hours of the fayre are 12pm till 4pm, so volunteers ideally need to be there from 11am till 5pm.

- **First Aid** – Donna asked if there would be a First Aid Station at the fayre. MJ explained that there wouldn't be a specific station but that a few Committee members and reps had recently completed First Aid training so the idea is for all those people to have a high vis jacket so they're easily identifiable. Donna also asked if the PTA have their own First Aid kit or the school's and MJ replied the school's but we need to be better prepared with it – find out exactly what's in it etc and work out if we need to also purchase our own. It was also mentioned that the Committee and trained first aiders all now know the whereabouts of the school's defibrillator and epi pens and know how to administer them.

3. Summer Raffle

MJ asked everyone if anyone has anything they can donate or has any fab contacts that they can tap up for raffle prizes.

4. AOB

- Yr 6 leavers – Sarah B asked about how things work with expenses for buying drinks for Yr 6 Leavers' Party. MJ explained that that PTA buys all the drinks for the fayre and that there will also be enough for the Year 6 party.
- RM said that the previous non uniform day raised approx. £450 and that ice poles are selling well too.
- Donna said there is lots of talk among the school governors about the Summer Ball not being able to go ahead this year and that they have lots of suggestions for how it can go ahead next year. The governors are very supportive of the PTA. RB asked if there's anyone with good links to the golf club who can give us our original deal back, because people do want a local event. Donna suggested that perhaps Tony the outgoing Chair of Governors had some contacts but it was doubtful he'd be able to help in that regard. MJ also pointed out that the PTA Committee has discussed it and there are plans to have an alternative event in the Autumn.

5. Close

MJ thanked everyone for attending the meeting. No other business was noted and the meeting was closed.