

**PTA Meeting  
22<sup>nd</sup> September 2021**

**Present:** Anna Everington, Caroline Barrass, Claire Penny, Lauren Cox, Lorraine Honour, Natalie Bell  
Sarah Brandon, Ursula Watkins, and Vicky Stock

**Apologies:** Valerie Chua-Goh, Emma Felce

	<b>Agenda Item</b>	<b>Actions</b>
<b>1</b>	<p><b>Fundraising</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Big Uniform Sale for Willen Hospice was a huge success and while no funds were raised for the school, Willen were delighted with the turnout. It was agreed that we will start collecting uniform throughout the year for this event and they can be sorted, washed, and stored in the bungalow at NP. These items can also be used to re-stock the Boot Rooms (see below) and assistance for low-income families as needed.</li> <li>• We have a nice selection of fund-raising ideas and should be able to start putting some into action. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ The Copper Challenge will take place between January and April and there will be a bucket for South School, North School and Olney.</li> <li>○ Moza Quiz Night – SB will confirm pricing. AE will arrange a poll to be posted on FB to get a feel for numbers once we know the cost.</li> <li>○ Right Move Thunder Ice Hockey Team – LC has offered for us to sell tickets to games, we will get them at a discounted rate and can keep the difference for fundraising.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Please keep sending any fundraising ideas no matter how small to <a href="mailto:annaeverington@yahoo.com">annaeverington@yahoo.com</a>, both for during and post COVID. This will include tried and tested as well as new ideas so as these are readily available as needed will then be stored in a central location for all to access.</li> <li>• We have no started a new Financial Year and so we are back to £0 for our £5000 target to apply for charity Status. We still have over £1000 in our account at the moment and we will confirm the exact amount at the next meeting.</li> </ul>	<p>SB</p> <p>LC</p> <p>CB</p>
<b>2</b>	<p><b>School News:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• As of Tuesday, 28<sup>th</sup> September there will be an introduction of the Boot Room at each campus. This room will have a range of new and used school uniform items which students will need to pick from if they attend school in the wrong uniform. It will also be used to assist low-income families as needed. A ParentMail will go out this week and students will be told in assemblies on Monday.</li> <li>• <b>EduLink</b> – Overall, the Meet the Teacher event seemed to go well with just a few hiccups: Not being able to stop the video if you finish before your time; some parents couldn't connect, and the time limit was a little unnerving. The plan is to use this going forward for parent's evening. The school are still trying to sort out the teething problems with giving both parent's access to the app. They are still working on consolidating the mailing and payment functions. Updates will follow as and when there is news.</li> <li>• <b>COVID Vaccinations</b> – The school is simply facilitating the administering of these for those families and students who wish to receive the vaccine, it is a personal choice for families to make. Any advice needed should be sought via you local GP or the local area vaccination team.</li> <li>• <b>Return to School</b> – The first two weeks have been good, and the students have fitted back into a</li> </ul>	

	normal school life with the Year 7s and 8s enjoying being able to move around school to attend their various lessons.	
<b>3</b>	<p><b>PTA News</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The next PTA Newsletter will provide an update on the Fundraising plans for this academic year, if the timing works out, we can include information about the Right Move Thunder Ice Hockey Team, we will also invite new parents to join us and hopefully have an update on the school projects too.</li> <li>To ensure that we are properly protected and following the necessary guidelines, we need to create a constitution which will be discussed at the next meeting along with the PTA Roles. There is a company which can do this for us along with assistance for all things PTA, Public Liability Insurance etc for a small fee of approx. £65. CP will look into the details for the next meeting.</li> <li>Once the constitution is sorted out, we need to arrange an AGM.</li> <li>E-mail access – AE will create instructions on how to access this so as we do not have a single point of failure.</li> <li>As only AE attends from the Olney Campus, it was suggested that going forward, the meetings take place at NP unless there is a need to go to Olney.</li> </ul>	CP  AE
<b>4</b>	<p><b>Department Bids</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>It was agreed that we would ask departments to review their current requests and submit new and updated bids at the end of this half term. Departments will then be invited to submit requests as and when items are needed. We will do an initial review in November and any subsequent requests will be reviewed during the PTA meetings. Items can then be purchased with PTA funding or added to the Amazon Wishlist. CP will communicate this to the department heads.</li> </ul>	CP
<b>5</b>	<p><b>Projects:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Food Tech and Engineering Projects 2022 – Due to COVID restrictions, this was put on hold, but CB will try to arrange a meeting once things settle down this term.</li> </ul>	CB
	<p><b>AOB</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>There is still some concern of the dress code of the 6<sup>th</sup> form students and the consistency in the way staff pick up on some items with some students but not others. Andy Burton and the SLT are working on introducing a clear and fair dress code for the 6<sup>th</sup> form students which will be communication to both students and parents.</li> <li>A concern was raised over the monitoring of the canteen queues as several students seem to be able to ‘jump in’ with no deterrent from lunch staff or teachers. CP will raise this to see what can be done to stop this.</li> <li>Students in Olney have raised the concern of not having enough sheltered spaces with sit during breaks and eat packed lunches. It was advised that students can sit in the canteen but do have to queue and that there is plenty of seating which they have access to.</li> </ul>	
<b>Date of Next Meeting: 18<sup>th</sup> October – Newport Pagnell Campus – 18:15</b>		