

Beaconhurst School PTA

Minutes of Meeting held 01/09/09, School Dining Hall, 3.45pm

Present:

Chair – Karen Fletcher	Gillian Mailer
Treasurer – Graham Scott	Alex Hendrix
Secretary – Rachel Vevers	Uli Schläfli
Junior Start Representative – Lorna Jackson	Pamela Knight
Junior School Representative – Shirley Jack	Suzanne Teed
Headmaster – Iain Kilpatrick	Vanessa Tierney

Apologies - Penelope McLachlan
Margaret Baird
Sunnie Gibb

1 Chair's Welcome – Karen Fletcher

2 Minutes and Matters Arising

The minutes of the meeting on 21st April were approved. There were no matters arising.

3 Headmaster's Report

IK reported a smooth start to the new term. New staff are Martin Gold (Head of English), Vanessa Tierney (Science) and Katy Aitken (Learning Support.)

The Guidance area of the school's work has been reorganised into the following: Pupil Support, Pastoral Care, PSHE and Careers. The staff responsible for these areas are Mrs Banks, Mrs Haughton, Mrs Casey and Mr Nash.

Attention was drawn to the Calendar date of October 3rd, the school's Open Morning, which also marks 90 years since Hurst Grange and the Beacon School were founded. Former Pupils will be involved in marking the occasion.

Parents were thanked for their participation in the Summer Open Day/Fair and for their support of the production of *Les Misérables*.

4 Teachers' Report

There were no matters reported.

5 Treasurer's Report

The current balance stands at £5,466. There is still money due from the billing of incidentals.

GS requested that when expenses are claimed, receipts should be submitted at the time of the claim.

6 Bag 2 School

The next collection date is 15th September. Julie Ackroyd to supervise and give an update. It was noted that this is a good eco initiative, which should continue to be supported.

7 Other PTA Fundraising

Grazia Beauty Night – this raised nearly £3,400. There are still payments outstanding. As per publicity, a donation will be made to CHAS. Frances Hunter (sponsor) are keen to support Rachel House. Consensus that the donation should be £1000.

Sports Day – Refreshments were provided at a loss of ~£50. Thanks to ST and KF for their work. The tuck shop which was run to use up surplus supplies was problematic.

www.buy.@ RV to check for a recent donation due from a purchase made by US. Email contact to increase publicity was discussed.

Summer Open Morning – Cake and Candy, Tombola, Face Painting and Bookstall all made good profits. It was noted that some unsuitable donations had crept in – increased vigilance in future.

From the survey in the last newsletter, Open Morning was noted to “need improvement”. There was some confusion over the purpose of the morning, and a suggestion that a second Open House could be targeted for the transitioning years.

Yellow Moon – KF to check with Julie Ackroyd.

8 Running Club

Thanks from the school for the initiative, which has provided opportunities for children to exercise, and interaction between members of the school community.

As winter approaches, it is not safe to take children out – discussion about indoor facilities and purchase of equipment. Note that the instructor should be paid for his time, and costs should not be borne by individuals.

8 Review of PTA funds

Fundraising over the last year has been more successful than was anticipated. The following arrangements were agreed:

Donation to CHAS from Grazia Beauty Night	£1000
Funds allocated to Running Club	£500
Working capital to be retained in PTA account	£800
Donation to School Library as agreed last year	£3,500

The project to be supported in the coming year is the Running Club.
It was suggested that the Red Cross Children's Wheelchairs appeal was a charity which the school would be pleased to support.

9 AOB

IK requested feedback from parents on the split Junior/Senior Sports Days.

Thanks from RV for the donation to the Library. When books have been purchased with the money, the Library will host an event where parents can come and see what has been bought.

Noticeboard – this has proved bigger than anticipated. A site needs to be found for it.

Internet danger – a request was made for the PTA/School to raise awareness of this issue with parents and pupils.

10 Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting will be the AGM on **Tuesday November 10th 2009** at 3.45pm in the school dining hall.

Meeting Closed 5.30pm