

## **LAUGHTON SCHOOL ASSOCIATION**

15 June 2018 | At school | 8.45am

### **Minutes of the meeting**

#### **Present**

Alistair Parsons	Vice Chair
Jo-Ann Shettle	Treasurer
Corina Buckwell	Secretary (Joint)
Vicky Brown	Deputy Head Teacher
Rachel Walton	
Warwick Bilton	
James Barnett	
Gemma Burleton	
Jeanette Simpson	
Mikki Sidebottom	
Ellen Thomas	
Ruth Lilley	
Hannah Neighbour	
Maya Stilton	
Sarah Shaw	

#### **Apologies**

Stefan Vassall	Secretary (Joint)
Rachel West	Head Teacher
Nicky Anstiss	Catering Co-ordinator
Rachel Allison	
Sara McGowan	
Jane Alford	
Ali Dale	
Rachael Collins	
Holly Hallam	
Charlotte Barnett	
Natalie Boyd	
Abhijeeta Saraswati	
Liz Fradd-Gilbert	
Margaux Allfrey	
Michelle Aloof	
Lynne Rule-Peters	
Jess Lawrence	

#### **Secretaries Report**

- Minutes checked and agreed. No points raised. Minutes agreed and signed by AP
- There was a request that some of the LSA meetings might be held in the evening so other members can attend.
- Corina explained that unless there were volunteers for the positions of Chair and Vice-Chair the LSA wouldn't have the required number of Officers to continue next year. Ellen Thomas and Hannah Neighbour offered to stand as Joint Vice-Chair, although Ellen said that she was imminently starting work again.

**Action – Nomination forms to be issued by the school office before the next meeting / AGM**

#### **Events Report**

##### **Laughton's Got Talent**

Ruth briefly said that it had been a really good year and we raised a record amount of money (£815), everyone express thanks and, of course, commented that it had been very smoothly run.

### Plant Sale

Corina reported that it is an easy event to run as the helpers are great and as all the stock is free it is a simple money-maker. She hopes that it will continue and also said that the new team is very experienced and will be able to run it next year should the LSA wish to. She would be happy to continue donating plants for it.

**NB – This year's helpers were – Rachael Collins, Sara McGowan, Michelle Hammond, Margaux Alfrey (and Lynne Rule-Peters on a following day)**

### Bake Sales

Everyone agreed that they had been excellently run so far and the takings were good.

### Father's Day Shop

The first day had been good, but the second day was understaffed and a bit hectic. There really needs to be 5 people on hand for it to run smoothly. All thanks to Lynne as usual for this successful event and there were plenty of gifts, thanks to everyone's help. Some remaining for the Xmas / Next year's shop.

**Action – If possible to hold the event on separate days of the week to enable people to be able to volunteer to help.**

### Treasurer's Report

#### **As at 21/05/18**

Balance in Main Account	£4,576.21
Balance in Events Account	£3,969.59
Balance in Uniform Account	£595.25
Balance in Savings Account	£1,869.16
Petty Cash/Float	£107.59

#### **Income:**

Laughton's Got Talent	£815.18
Plant Sale	£90.00
Jungle Bake Sale	£88.61
High Peaks Bake Sale	£131.16
Fathers Day Shop	£155.40

#### **Expenditure:**

Wooden Fairy Tale Set for EYFS/KS1 - £99.00  
Sensory Garden - £4.97

#### **Monies to go out:**

Books and maths resources £600  
PATINA – cost of T-shirts (TBC)  
Sensory Garden – up to £100

#### **Notes from JoAnn:**

Possible £1.50 i.o.u. from Father's Day Shop to come in? (LRP)

"Please make sure I receive all receipts as soon as possible so I can refund your money. Thank you."

Thanks to their amazing fundraising Year 6 now has enough money in the PATINA fund for not only this year, but to carry forward towards next year's entry.

### Headteacher's Report

Vicky Brown reported;

- Huge thank you for the **Father's Day Shop** – the kids love it
- Ice lollies were bought by the LSA for the **Whole School Walk**, thanks for that, they were very motivating

- Thank you for the **Bake Sales** and for the flexibility when they had to be re-scheduled
- There is a possibility that the refurbishment of the **Quiet Area** decking will need LSA fundraising support. Quotes are coming in for astro-turf as the area is really limited as it stands because of slipperiness and lack of shade. Also climbing plants for summer shade.

After the request for £500 funding towards the annual subscription there was additional information requested by the LSA about **Mathletics** use in school, Mrs Brown provided the further information;

“ICT is incorporated ‘freely’ through the curriculum, for example in Jungle class Mathletics is used once a week as a ‘carousel’ option and the younger children generally have less time on screen offered as sitting at a computer would be one of their ‘preferred’ options, so their time is more restricted.

The average time a child spends on screen at school is approx. 1.5hr per week, depending on the topic or activity, although some children may have more time on screen because of SENs.

Because of staff changes the use of Mathletics has recently dipped, but the school sees it as a valuable resource and it will be ‘relaunched’ in September with Miss Mandy taking charge of it. Work will be set at home and in school, and will be one of the ‘non-negotiable’ tasks for the children to complete.”

After a question about alternative options, such as KOMODO. Mrs Brown said there may be GDPR issues with certain providers as school details are shared. Mathletics is compliant in this respect.

**Voted – Majority agreed £500 for next year’s subscription.**

**Action – Mrs Brown to take a look at KOMODO**

- Miss Coakley placed a request for the LSA to provide the **annual ice-creams** for the KS1 trip

**Voted – Agreed**

### **Forthcoming Events**

**New Parent’s Evening** – Tuesday 19 June, 6pm

Corina has agreed to do the Powerpoint presentation on behalf of the LSA, Gemma and one other to provide and serve the refreshments.

**Summer Concert** – 28 June – 2pm

Cream Teas – Nicky will head this up and volunteer help already received includes; JoAnn, Hannah, Michelle (scones), Rachel W, Ruth

Raffle – Corina to arrange and run, but prizes needed! In this case it is traditionally vouchers for services and events. Already received East Sussex National Spa Day and Drum Lessons

**Action – Please ask anyone and everyone if they could offer a free meal / service / event entry as a donation to raffle**

**Fun-Run Event**

James Barnett (and on behalf of Holly and Charlotte, in their absence) proposed that we run a Fun Run fundraiser. Typically the event would be 1k for children and a 5k for adults with a £3 / £7 entry charge. Previously one was held for the Pre-school, Isfield’s has had 350 participants in the past and Chiddingfold recently held one. The one in Barcombe is now very big and well organised. Some research has already been done by Charlotte, James and Holly highlighting the following things to bear in mind/organise;

- Course planning
- Risk Assessment
- Medics
- Marshalls
- Refreshments – BBQ, ice cream van etc

Mid April – June is a good time to hold one, or Sept – Oct which would be a quieter season, but winter sports clubs take off around then. It could possibly be a joint venture with Firle which would also enable the route to be entirely off-road, but on a public highway. It could be open to the wider community.

Those present all agreed that it was a great idea and there was a lot of enthusiasm for it. Some people thought that this autumn would be a good time to hold it.

Action – Mrs Brown to contact the Firle PTA with the proposal / collaboration

Action – to be put on the next agenda for more discussion and scheduling

### Maya and Woz's Ideas

*(NB at this point Corina had to rush out of the meeting to make an urgent phone call so apologies if the minutes are a little sketchy at this point...!)*

A fantastic list of ideas was presented to the group and there was much discussion and general enthusiasm, Maya's notes as follows:

Auction - Parents donate time/crafts/skills to be bid on during an auction event. Possibly an evening affair with wine/beer and nibbles available to buy. Small entry fee?

Bedtime Story Event - Similar to the film night, but with stories instead. Kids come in PJs and listen to a variety of stories (NB: Woz does an excellent pirate impression).

- *This one was discussed at the meeting and it was thought that it would work well as a warm-up for a holiday reading challenge (more below). Mrs Brown knew of a similar event where adult's favourite books were read out to children in pj's and sleeping bags, with a hot milky drink and snacks. It sounded terrific fun. Also Woz does a 'good' pirate voice...*

Sponsored Read - Children are sponsored by friends and family to read a certain number of books in a time period, or a certain amount per book. This might work best over a holiday period. (see above)

Action – Date for literacy linked idea to be scheduled in consultation with school, for the autumn/winter term.

Music Concert - Similar to the music recital, but charged entry, in an evening and with a bar.

Gig/Open Mic at The Roebuck - Approach the Roebuck and any musical parents about holding an event to raise funds for the school at the pub!

Sponsored Walk/Run/Bike Ride/Swim - Could be carried out as classes; each class can aim to collectively walk/swim/ride an equivalent distance (eg. "The distance an emperor penguin migrates" (50-100 miles)). Could run alongside the golden mile? Could be linked to the whole school walk?

- *Possibly covered in the idea for a fun run, presented earlier by James*

Pub Quiz - What it says on the tin!

Kids' Quiz - Like a pub quiz, but kid-friendly

Babysitting - Instead of paying a babysitter, collate a list of parents willing to babysit in exchange for the cost being donated to the school

Film Competition - Kids create short films which are then screened for parents for an entry cost

Bring and Buy Sale - Bring unwanted items. Buy unwanted items.

Zumbathon - Sponsor the children per minute to continuously dance.

- *Mrs Brown said that Miss Mandy had something similar in mind for the future*

Football Marathon - Sponsor the children to continually play football for a set amount of time

Mufti Days - At end of each half term (6 annually)

Bake Sales - Once per term (5 annually incl. preschool). Spreading them out could make each one more lucrative individually.

School Fete - Charge per stand / Mixture of kid and adult led stands / Craft activities/games/competitions/face painting/nail art/henna tattoos/coconut shy

Action – All LSA members to consider which ideas they like best and might consider personally 'heading-up' as a fundraiser

### **AOB**

Gemma said that there had been some concerns about the Bake Sales – cakes and hot dogs, and also about the quantity of cakes and sales. There was a general and wide ranging discussion about this topic;

Seems too concentrated in one term of the year / seems like there are lots of them / the possibility of spreading them throughout the year instead e.g one a term

Action – to be put on the agenda next time Bake Sales are to be scheduled

### **Date of next meeting**

### **AGM and End of Year Party!**

**Thursday 12 July – 7pm – Upper Lodge, The Broyle, Ringmer BN8 5AP**

*We will keep the meeting as short as possible so that we can enjoy ourselves, bring a dish of food to share. Anyone that has helped in any way this year is welcome to come, please spread the word.*

(Meeting finished at 10.00am)