

CORBETS TEY SCHOOL PARENTS AND FRIENDS ASSOCIATION

Minutes of the AGM
held on Wednesday 8th October 2008
at Corbets Tey School

Present:

PFA Officers: Julie Lamb, Emma Allen, Susan Cumbers, Jean Challis, Karen Mackin, Julie Colgrove, Sharon Kearney

School Council Reps: Louise Gilmurray, Annie Ellis, Alex Bridger, Emily Goldsmith, Paul Archer, Sam Talbot, Ben Bridges

Jackie Gilmurray, Sandy Ellis, Pam Baker, Mrs Bridger, Debbie Dowdall, Mrs Goldsmith, Mrs Archer, Mr Talbot, Mr Bridges, Mrs Bridges

Apologies: Apologies were received from Colin Carpenter and Colin Arthey

1. Minutes of the last meeting

The minutes of the last AGM dated 16/10/07 were agreed as accurate.

2. Reports and Accounts

The accounts for the financial year 10/09/07 to 31/08/08 were presented. No comments or questions were raised.

Chair delivered her annual report. She reported on many successful events: the swimming pool opening ceremony, Abba/Tina Turner Nights, Halloween Disco, Sponsored Abseil, Christmas Gift Sale, 4x4 off-road riding.

Also detailed was grant funding for the year of £127,000, Donations of £33,000 income from events of £5700.

Also reported was the completion of Junior playground, Outdoor Classroom, selivery of after school clubs, 16 English Touring Opera sessions, Christmas Presents, Easter Eggs and support for Specialist Status Extension. All of these activities, equipment and facilities were funded through the PFA.

JL then gave thanks to Hydrospec for their support in completing the pool, the Abba/Tina Turner Girls, Sally Fidgeon, Gill Portch, Sharon Kearney, Karen Mackin, Debbie Barker, Lesley Barritt, all the staff who abseiled, all parents that helped at events and Colin Arthey and Emma Allen.

JL thanked Romford Golf Club contacts Colin Carpenter, Eddie Fowles, Grant Beglun, Captain John Dawson, Steve Eldridge and Vic Britton for their fundraising efforts. Steve Eldridge presented a cheque recently of £13,000 raised at a golf club event.

JL also thanked Alan Gorsuch and the Havering Probus Club and Morrhouse Management, Martin Edwards, Havering College, Deb-N-Hair Hairdressers, Simon Neville,

Olde and Ancient Local Yokels, Upminster Old School Foundation, Romford Charity Cup and Woolworths in Upminster.

JL stated that it has been an incredibly successful year financially and in terms of social events for children and parents that will hopefully continue this year.

3. Auditors

JL stated that Val Robinson is prepared to be the independent examiner to the accounts this year. No objections were raised. Val Robinson was appointed as the independent examiner.

4. Appointment of Charity Trustees

Julie Lamb as Chair	Proposed: Julie Colgrove Seconded: Emma Allen
Sharon Kearney as Vice-Chair	Proposed: Julie Lamb Seconded: Susan Cumbers
Susan Cumbers as Treasurer	Proposed: Sharon Kearney Seconded: Julie Lamb
Karen Mackin as Parent Resource Officer	Proposed: Sharon Kearney Seconded: Julie Lamb
Wendy O'Hara as Parent Training Officer	Proposed: Julie Lamb Seconded: Susan Cumbers
Jean Challis as Community Officer	Proposed: Sharon Kearney Seconded: Julie Lamb
Colin Carpenter as Fundraising Officer	Proposed: Sharon Kearney Seconded: Julie Lamb

JL stated that only one nomination had been received for the vacant post of Secretary and this was from Julie Colgrove. She was therefore appointed as Secretary.

5. Alteration to the Constitution

The following changes to the constitution was considered and agreed:

That clause 6. GENERAL MEETINGS OF THE ASSOCIATION of the CONSTITUTION be amended to read:

v. To appoint one auditor or independent examiner for the coming year to audit or examine the accounts of the Association;

That clause 8. FINANCE of the CONSTITUTION be amended to read:

a. The Association's financial year shall be 1st September to 31st August;

That clause 5. ORGANISATION of the CONSTITUTION be amended to read:

ii. The Vice President of the Association shall be the Deputy Head Teacher of the School;

That clause 3. POWERS of the CONSTITUTION be amended to read:

1v. To seek to maintain and promote the school and related services including lobbying central and local government and other stakeholders.

6. Members Proposed Resolutions

It was reported that there were none.

7. School Council Representation

EA thanked the school council reps for coming to the meeting. She stated that the PFA and the school council have interests in common and when the PFA are deciding how to spend funds, it makes sense to listen to the views of the children. Suggestions from the school council reps for new things to buy were: new tables and chairs in the hall, a new playground, new footballs, swings, a new adventure playground, monkey bars and a trampoline. EA showed pictures of the new items in the senior playground and the deteriorating old playground equipment that needs replacing. The pictures were made by the children to show what they would like to buy. Included were a picnic table, tunnel, swings, basket swing, climbing wall, slope, noughts and crosses game, slide, tarzan ropes, tower and netball goals, friendship seat.

Safety issues were discussed with regard to trampolines and swings – safety measures would have to be established. EA stated that the school council have decided that the PFA should replace their playground and that it should be started so that the current Y11 children could see it completed. The school council would be involved when companies are asked to provide designs and quotes. Aim to get the project completed within 12 months.

Mr Bridges asked who will manage the project. EA stated it would be the school to ensure health and safety and accessible to all children. EA suggested that children look online and bring in suggested items to the school.

8. Any Other Business

JL reported on a new project for the PFA involving a pupil performance with the English Touring Opera at the Queens Theatre on 23rd June 2009. Every child will participate either on stage or backstage or in preparation. There will be 2 performances on 23rd June one in the afternoon and one in the evening. It will be a high profile event involving the local and national press and TV. JL stated that the children have a lot to offer and we need to promote the school more especially in politically unstable times where school's future is uncertain. The PFA and the school will need the support of the parents. Debbie Dowdall suggested involvement from Habbitshed. Sandy Ellis said we may need an ushers licence and will need to check.

Karen mackin asked if the school would consider hiring out the pool for parties. EA said possibly if it was managed by Cridders Swim School.

JL thanked everyone for coming.