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North Primary School and Nursery

A Town Centre School with a Strong Community Ethos

We Celebrated our 125th anniversary on 12th November 2019. Visit www.northschoolcxxv.com

SCHOOL COUNCIL 2022-2023



Ready and excited to make a difference!

Dates for Your Diary

Friday October 7th	Book Fair Arrives	Thurs 24th November	Parent Consultation Evening
Mon October 10th	Pupils' Flu Vaccinations	Thurs 1st December	Prospective Parents Evening
Thursday 13th October	Book Fair Last Day	Friday 2nd December	Christmas Bazaar
Friday 14th October	NSA DISCO	Tues 20th December	Last day of autumn term
Friday 21st October	End of half term	Thurs 5th January 2023	First day of Spring Term
Tuesday 1st November	Return to school	Friday 10th February	Last day of half term
Tues 15th November	OPEN AFTERNOON -Y1-6	Monday 20th February	Return to school

Below you will be able to read the minutes of the AGM in full. As you will read, the new committee has been formed and two events are planned for the term.

The committee met on the 4th to plan the disco– which in recognition of the current cost of living crisis will be free to enter– donations will be gratefully received to cover the cost of the DJ.

More helpers are needed. Make contact with the committee members in the playground to offer your services. Thank you.

North School Association

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on 29th September 2022 at 7:00 PM

Meeting was held at North Primary School with an option for parents/carers to join in by Zoom.

In Attendance:

17 people were in attendance.

Item 1: Welcome and Introductions

Mr Garnett warmly welcomed attendees and introduced current North School Association (NSA) officers and committee members. The purpose of the Annual General Meeting (AGM) is to inform the school community about the NSA's activities, financial performance, elect officers, and determine committee membership.

Item 2: Chair's Annual Report

Last year's chairperson (Andy Hickman) has moved and Mr Garnett presented the Chair's report on his behalf. This report was sent to all families by ParentMail on 29th September 2022.

The NSA is a registered charity and serves two functions:

To organise events for the enjoyment of children and their families.

To raise money that can enrich the school experience of the children.

Last year, the NSA put on a disco in the Autumn Term which took place during school hours for the younger pupils, and after school for the older year groups. Due to covid, we did not have a Christmas Bazaar, but Santa visited children in their classrooms to say hello. The Spring Fair took place in April and featured arts and crafts activities as well as cream tea served by staff and governors. In May, staff, parents and NSA members took part in the Colchester Half Marathon to raise money for the Free For All programme. Rounding off the year, on 1st July the children participated in the Penny Race and ran their hearts out for the Sponsored Run at Hilly Fields. The day ended with the Summer Fete which saw families and staff enjoying a glorious evening full of fun. The NSA also held raffles during the Spring Term and at the Summer Fete, with a lot of prizes donated by North families and local businesses.

Mr Garnett thanked the NSA committee and all the staff and parents who helped plan and successfully run the events.

Item 3: Treasurer's Annual Report

The Treasurer's report was sent to all parents by ParentMail on 29th September 2022.

The position of Treasurer has been vacant this past year. Annual accounts were not presented at the meetings, but Mrs Robertson, the school finance officer, has kindly offered to produce these. They will be independently audited and shared with the whole parent community.

The NSA is up to date with its submissions to the Charity Commission.

The NSA has two accounts at HSBC Bank.

The main account has £39,508.10, and the second account has £4,324.88. We will aim to merge these two accounts.

There is also £4,239.95 in our PayPal account and this needs to be transferred to HSBC.

The money raised through NSA events funds playtime equipment for every class, school trips, music lessons, swimming lessons, and many other activities that enrich the children's experiences at North.

Item 4: Election of Officers

Chair—current vacancy. Nominations were not received. We will continue efforts to recruit a chairperson. If this position continues to be vacant, a suggestion was made to have a chair/events coordinator that would change with each event.

Secretary—BD proposed Mubeena Siddiqi for Secretary. This was seconded by CH. Mubeena was elected as Secretary by those in attendance.

Treasurer—BD proposed Charlotte Humphrey for Treasurer. This was seconded by MS. Charlotte was elected as treasurer by those in attendance.

Item 5: Confirm Committee Membership

Committee members plan and organise NSA events.

Members:

Barbara Gill, Beth Dagge, Sally Shaw, Yannig Luthra, XiaLia Yang, Cindy Yeung, Marta Filip, Dzianis Narholin

Item 6: Any other business

a. School Disco will be on Friday 14th October. Group decided to provide disco free of charge, but welcome donations.

Helpers needed in the kitchen to prepare and serve snacks/drinks, supervising dance floor, checking kids into disco at the door, and to clean up after. Helpers can choose from the following shifts (or can do multiple shifts):

- 1) Afternoon of disco (food/snack prep)
- 2) 5:00-6:30
- 3) 6:30-8:00

b. Christmas Bazaar has been planned for Friday 2nd December 2022 from 6-8pm.

Item 7: Date of Next Meeting

Tuesday 18th October 2022 at 7:00 PM. Meeting will be held at the school with an option for parents to join in by zoom.