



Whitegate School PTA AGM

Date: 11.03.2025

Time: 5.30pm

Location: Elder Classroom, Whitegate C of E Primary School

Agenda:

Reforming of the Whitegate PTA, and discussion of future events

Present: Caroline Mackenzie (Mrs.M), Mike Thomas, Heidi Goricha, Claire Winnington, Becky Johnson, Rod Mackenzie, Ben Ireson

Apologies: Caroline Whitney, Fraser Kenyon, Jo Conchie

Proposal of documents and appointment of committee members.

	Proposed	Seconded
Meeting of the Last meeting	Due to the reformation of the committee and the lack of minutes from the previous committees meeting, no minutes were proposed. Minutes regarding the EGM are available to anyone on request. Mrs. M did state that there had been no requests for the minutes of the EGM, which were offered openly to any parent who requested them.	
Finance Document	Ben Ireson	Mike Thomas
Election of officers:		
President: Caroline Mackenzie	Michael Heathcote	Mike Thomas
Chair: Jo Conchie	Ben Ireson	Caroline Mackenzie
Vice Chair: Ben Ireson	Tabitha Heathcote	Heidi Gorcha
Co-Treasurer: Heidi Goricha	Mike Thomas	Claire Winnington
Co-Treasurer: Claire Winnington	Ben Ireson	Caroline Mackenzie
Secretary: Tabitha Heathcote	Caroline Mackenzie	Ben Ireson

Executive committee members: Caroline Whitney, Frazer Kenyon, Mike Thomas, Becky Johnson, Rod Mackenzie, Louise Middleton	Caroline Mackenzie	Tabitha Heathcote
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Conversation regarding building volunteers, having spoken to parent during the schools runs, many people have expressed an interest of helping, but without the responsibility. It was suggested that with the main roles now being established more people may be willing to step forward without the 'fear' of a main role.

Action: Mrs M. Amend the constitution, the executive committee can be change the number of general committee members should there not be enough volunteers.

Renaming the PTA - Team WOW

There was an open box available for anyone to place a suggestion for a new name for the PTA. Either, FFW, Fundraising for Whitegate or WOW - Wonders of Whitegate. Team WOW was proposed from the suggestion, with consensus from the rest of the committee.

Finance

With the reformation of the PTA, the Barclays bank account held by FOWS is being closed, the sum of £22897.84, raised for the school, moved into the school budget. Before the account is finally closed, there will be a final check for any subscriptions, e.g. "parent kind", and insurance. - ClassList is free of charge.

Recent funds raised at the Disco £846 (after expenses), and the sleepover £1118 + additions funds to come, were paid straight into the school account.

A new NatWest bank account is being set up - **ACTION: Claire**
There will be additional signatories (non-school employees) added to the account: Ben and Becky

Events

It was decided this committee would preliminarily plan an event, and then hold another meeting to plan further in order to get volunteers involved. (See date below)

Family Quiz and Curry (+bar) Night :

Date: Friday 2nd May
Time: 6.30pm

Current planning:

Quiz - Michael and Tabitha Heathcote (requested round including music)

Food - Caroline Mackenzie

Drinks: Alcohol licence. The alcohol: sale or return from Mr Percival possibly, additional drinks buy it from Supermarket. Any excess alcohol can NOT be left on school property - action plan?

Action points to be made at the next meeting

Additional Event discussion:

Summer fair and Maypole - Mrs. M provided a brief explanation of the history of the summer fair and the relationship between the school, church and community. There has been issues in the past, however Mrs. M has had conversations with John Delaney, chair of the church committee regarding the school and church coming together again to host a community event.

Currently the church holds Bands and BBQ (28th June 2025), raising money through ticket, food and drinks. Suggestion that the school could join in with this event selling (and keeping the proceeds) for the tickets sold through school. Question raised: What do people get for their money?

Maypole. Currently the maypole is being fixed.

There were a number of options discussed about how the school could be a part of the established event. 1. Use the stage on the green to dance (no maypole on the green due to the staging of the Bands) 2. Do the maypole on the green as a separate event. 3. Maypole on the playground, creating a larger event.

It was agreed that with continued conversation with the church committee, it would be good to bring the community together again and coincide the events. **ACTION: Mrs M. To further conversions.** This would mean doing the maypole on the playground, and the school providing additional stalls and activities. Old fashioned summer fairs, coconut shy, penalty shoot-out. Mr Fowles, to get football fame in.

Maypole wouldn't be charged.

Raffle/Silent auction: ideas such as laundry, visit to the mines, car service, TV. It would be good to see what connections we have through parents.

Other event suggestion:

BBQ
Outdoor cinema
Plant sale
Bonfire and fireworks night (Pete and Rod for fireworks)
Bonkers Bingo

Next meeting

Date: Tuesday 1st April 2025

Time: 3.30pm (Straight after school, for all parents attending their children can attend the ark free of charge)

Location: Elder Classroom

Agenda: Planning Quiz night and the summer events.