



RHODES **A**VENUE **P**RI-MARY **S**CHOOL **A**SSOCIATION
Registered Charity No: 1062916

RAPSA AGM
16TH October 2018

Present:

Claire Pape (Chair)

Julie Harrison (co-chair)

Helen Gerolaki (Secretary)

Sheena Patel (Treasurer)

Rachel Sanders (Reps Co-ordinator)

Shane Claridge (Deputy Headteacher)

Marion Groshong

Lucy Molloy

Emma Burridge

Elianna Dayle

Pamela Osborne

Sarah Lewis

Louise Tappins

Geeta Nayar

Becks Bohling

Fleur Nielsen

Leah Rinagl

Natalie Greenwood

Sue DeGaris (Cunnion)

Egrind (Nomi) Andersen

Christy White

Apologies:

Karen Konowalchuk

Minutes

1. Claire welcomed everyone to the AGM and set out the agenda. The minutes from the last AGM on 17th October 2017 were circulated, read and approved. The minutes are also available on the website.

2. **Review of last year's events and Calendar for 2018-19**

Julie gave her review of the past year. It has been a very busy and successful year for RAPSA with lots of events which proved to be popular and well received by the school community. RAPSA run a good variation of events; we are conscious of providing something for everyone to enjoy which we think we have achieved. We run events that couples can attend together, events for groups of dads as well as ladies evenings. We also signed up to easy fundraising and asked as many parents and carers to use it as possible. There is still a lot of scope for this to make more money but we have banked £495 so far. We will try to find new ways to publicise it throughout the year. We also made the decision to sign up to just giving this year. This will enable us to accept donations from parents who prefer to give a one-off payment a year than find time to volunteer for fairs and events. It seems that more parents and carers now work full time and that the demographic of the school is changing. With this in mind we think that that the way we fundraise has to change too by opening up different ways for parents to donate. Just giving also allows us to gift aid the donations and opens up opportunities for children and families to do sponsored events in aid of RAPSA independently.

Events roundup

- **Quiz night Yr 4** this was a sold out event with lots of couple attending as it is an event popular with the dads. We received great comments about the food and the compare.
- **Boogie nights Yr 3** this event was themed club Tropicana with lots of 80's dressing up. This event had a good turn out and was definitely a fun night.
- **Comedy night Yr5** this was a new event. We booked the compare and three comedians through an agency which was expensive. It was a good night and we had very good feedback. It wasn't sold out but we hope that it will be next year.
- **Fairs:**

Christmas Fair -Y1

Christmas fair (yr 1) it ran smoothly and was a success but we made some changes which worked well. We moved the market out of the hall to give people somewhere to socialise. Booking slots for the grotto also worked well as there were no queues.

Spring Fair -Reception

This year we brought a farm to the spiny. The fair proved to be a great day with lots of families attending some outside the school community.

Fun Day -RAPSA committee, teachers and whole school

Lovely atmosphere thanks to dad band Grateful Dad and choir performances. There was a new layout with lots of seating areas. There was a great atmosphere and a success as always.

Jumble Sales

They continue to grow and get better every time. Well done to Sheena, Pamela and the jumbblers.

Other events included bars at school concerts and school choirs, the Children's Disco, Bedtime Story organised by Nina Watson, cake sales, mince pies and coffee at the Christmas performances manned by the committee and the Christmas Cards, organised by Helen.

Julie and Claire thanked on behalf of RAPSA the committee members who made these events possible and the parents and the school for their support that has made it possible for us to raise money.

Brief Update of this year's events

Julie gave a brief overview of what is planned for this year's events. The calendar of events for coming year can also be found on the website. The calendar is similar to last year with 3 fairs, 3 evening events, 2 jumble sales and one cake sale per year group. This year we will also run an extra evening event; the off the rail sale as it is a popular event. It will be run every other year.

Planning is already under way for Quiz Night and the Xmas Fair (Saturday 1st December). The Christmas fair will be run by RAPSA this year as we found that it was too much to ask of year 1 parents. It will run like the fun with each year asked to take responsibility for one of the key parts of the fair.

3. Financial review 2016/2017

Sheena gave the financial review of the year. As RAPSA is a charity, the reports and accounts will also be on the Charity Commission website. An independent examiner approves and signs off the accounts. Hannah Willisdid it for us, We are now looking for someone else. Sarah Lewis suggested Tom Lewis as the new auditor which the committee gratefully accepted.

Summary of the events

The Summer fair was down from last year to £6,718. Many factors contributed to it, including an choir event at the Barbican which many families attended. There was also a local street party, a class camping. Also there was no climbing wall as the company did not turn up because of some last minute issues.

The Jumble sales earned us £7,135. The jumble sales are great community events that also give to charity and encourage recycling. The Christmas fair made £3,627, the spring Fair 2,802, the Quiz night £1,130, the children's disco made 1,320, £300 of that was gift aid.

The comedy night which was a new event with a few teething problems made £161. Christmas cards made £1306, cake sales 1,724, the coffee and mince pies 3699, the year 6 leavers performance bar and music events made £514, calendars made £348. We also had some donations. The Grateful Dads group held an event at the Pavillion. We also have a monthly donation via the charities trust. In total form donations we made £380. We also have some commissions form tickets from school and easy fundraising. The total for that was £710

Our total profit this year was £29,562.

This year we spent on the following:

Deposit for the outdoor pods £10,000. Mr Claridge explained about the outdoor pods and how they are being used. RAPSA will pay a further £27,000 towards two more pods in the next year. There are going to be used as quiet spaces, meetings, and other teaching activities.

Equipment for infant playground £15,000, subsidy for school trips £3,000, contributions to teachers £3,200, PTA insurance £113, Gifts £40, Sundries £500, capital expenses £214. In total we spent £32,067. The discrepancy in what we made and what we spent can be met by the surplus in our bank account. Mr Claridge explained how the subsidy for the school trips are used as well as the money given to teachers termly and how much is appreciated by the teachers. Mr Claridge also reminded parents present how funds were used in the past and what difference it has made.

4. Parents' suggestions

Claire went through the suggestions made by parents as a response to the RAPSA email. Mr Claridge explained that RAPSA cannot fund items that would require appointing a member of staff as salaries cannot be funded indefinitely. A suggestion to get new net ball nets was approved and they will look into getting mobile or static ones. There was a wish for a new drum kit and Mr Claridge will look into how possible it might be. A request for new junior playground equipment and this will be looked into. A request was made for left-handed scissors but Mr Claridge reassured parents that those already exist.

5. Elections

Claire nominated Julie as Chair of RAPSA, Claire proposed Rachel as the Rep Coordinator, also Karen as co-treasurer. Julie seconded those proposed. Julie proposed Claire as the new treasurer as Sheena resigned after 15 years. Rachel seconded the proposal. Helen resigned as secretary. Julie proposed Lucy as the new secretary and Julie seconded the nomination. Mr Claridge thanked Sheena and Helen for their work and dedication to RAPSA.

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- Parents asked about whether Justgiving was the best platform and it was reiterated that it was as Becks looked into it.

- The science lab has asked for a grant to kit it out and if they are unsuccessful then they will approach RAPSA.
- The light in the shed where the costumes are held is still not working. Julie will speak to Andrew.