



RHODES **A**VENUE **P**RIMARY **S**CHOO**L** **A**SSOCIATION
Registered Charity No: 1062916

RAPSA AGM
17TH October 2017

Present:

Anna Sanchez (Chair)	Helen Gerolaki (Secretary)
Sheena Patel (Treasurer)	Meera Ganatra (Co-treasurer)
Natalie Tilbury (Rep Coordinator)	Shane Claridge (Deputy Headteacher)
Sarah Sproson	Nadia Hardman
Emma Burrridge	Jenny Smith
Claire Pape	Elianna Dayle
Manisha Misri	Francesca Fishman
Rebecca Fishman	Karen Konowalchuk
Lucy Molloy	Rachel Sanders
Pamela Osborne	Sarah Lewis
Louise Tappins	Geeta Nayar
Nina Watson	Becks Bohling
Bronya Elderkin	Neha Shah
Fleur Nielsen	

Minutes

1. The minutes from the last AGM on 18th October 2016 were circulated, read and approved.
2. **General Review of last year's events (Chair)**
Anna gave her review of the year. It has been a very busy and successful year for RAPSA despite the budget cuts that the school has been facing. At Christmas we knew of the national consultation on the funding formula that the government introduced and by January this year the Fair Funding For All campaign had been launched in Whitham hall. The campaign is going strong but the school is still facing challenges while trying to not let them affect the children's education. The work of RAPSA is an essential part of

alleviating some of those challenges that Rhodes Avenue along with most schools in the country face.

RAPSA sent out a questionnaire to all parents asking about their priorities for non-curricular provision which also included feedback on RAPSA and fundraising. We received largely positive feedback and some very good suggestions for fundraising. If they haven't been put in place yet it is because we have lacked the volunteers, though already very busy planning for the year ahead.

Last year RAPSA claimed Gift Aid for the first time. This was very significant for our fundraising efforts. For example, for Children's disco we asked for donations instead of a fixed ticket price and parents actually contributed more – another testament to the generosity of parents at Rhodes Avenue. Thus, we were able to ask for Gift Aid which when added to money that was claimed the children's disco raised significantly more than the previous year.

Review of events run by RAPSA

Evening events:

Quiz Night -Y4

Good turnout, great questions not too difficult. Over 100 bottles of prosecco and wine sold!

Boogie Nights -Y3

Fun disco night with a live twitter feed. We tried ordering pizza for food which was successful and definitely hassle free.

Bollywood -Y5

Another evening of fun, Indian food and dancing. The highlight was the Bollywood dances from Y5 and Y6 parents.

Other events

This year we added some new evening events as an addition to our calendar. We combined an auction with the sale of glamorous nearly new clothes donated by parents, a bar and raffle. This event received very good feedback and raised a whopping £3,688. Anna thanked Julie and the team for organising a brand new successful event.

Fairs:

Christmas Fair -Y1

This event ran smoothly with queues to grotto not exasperating - children were encouraged to go in groups. For the first time ever Jolly Jam Jars didn't run out as we had over 500!

Spring Fair -Reception

Also very smoothly ran and very well attended.

Fun Day -RAPSA committee, teachers and whole school

Lovely atmosphere thanks to dad band Grateful Dad. The older kids enjoyed the Laser Tag. Younger ones enjoyed the ponies and fire engine combo.

Jumble Sales

They continue to grow. Last year we asked reps to help at the jumble sales and it seems to be working well.

We also had other events and initiatives which will all be listed in the financial review including bars at school concerts, the Children's Disco as I mentioned before, Bedtime Story organised by Nina Watson, Christmas Cards, organised by Helen.

Anna thanked on behalf of RAPSA and herself the parents and the school for their support that has made it possible for us to raise money.

3. Brief Update of this year's events

Anna 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 as last year with 3 fairs, 3 evening events, 2 jumble sales and one cake sale per year group. Planning is already under way for Quiz Night (Friday November 17th) and the Xmas Fair (Saturday 2nd December).

4. 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.

Last year the biggest earner was the summer fair £7624. The Jumble sales £6564 also had an increase of about £400. The Off-the-rail sale and auction, which was a new event made an incredible £3,700. The children's disco doubled in profit £1290 as it was a donation with Gift Aid. Our total profit this year was £34621. In total we spent £37,402:

Financial support for the school trips £3,000

Additional classroom supplies

Infant playground £30,000

5. Parents' suggestions

Anna went through the suggestions made by parents as a response to the RAPSA email. Anna explained that RAPSA cannot fund items that would require appointing a member of staff as salaries cannot be funded indefinitely. Another suggestion was to fund a counselling service. Anna and Mr Claridge explained that there is a counselling service at the school. The School counsellor works at the school one day per week as well as a morning of art therapy. Children are referred by their teacher and the leadership team.

Mr Claridge also explained about the funding pledged for small teaching pods by the Spinney. Another suggestion was about updating the microphones for the stage which is being looked into again this year.

In addition to the suggestions for spending the funds there was also the suggestion for the easyfundraising initiative raised by Jenny Smith. An email has gone out to all the parents explaining how it works.

6. Elections

Anna is resigning as chair of RAPSA after 2 very successful years leading the committee. We all recognised that Anna's dedication and hard work made the events both fun and successful. People present and especially Shane Claridge, thanked her for her time and exceptional organisational skills. Meera also resigned as co-treasurer. Natalie Tilbury also resigned as rep coordinator. Anna proposed Claire pare as the new chair of RAPSA and Helen Geeta Nayar proposed Jullie Harrison as the new co-chair of RAPSA. Meera proposed Karen Konowalchuk as the new co-treasurer. Helen proposed Rachel as the new rep coordinator. Sheena and Helen both nominated as treasurer and secretary respectively. All members of the committee were seconded and voted in.