EDGBARROW SCHOOL PTA – ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Tuesday 22nd September 2026, 7pm

Conference Room at Edgbarrow School and Online via Zoom

Attendees:
Stuart Matthews (SM)– Head Teacher
Jack Andrews (JA) – Assistant Head Teacher
Jo Turner (JT) - Parent
Annabel Barrett (AB)– Parent
Theresa Spanswick (TS) – Current Treasurer
Ella Page (EP)– Current Chair
Carole Barke (CB) – Current Secretary
Tany Jacobs (TJ) - Parent
Vaishnavi Dadar (VD) - Parent
Jo Duce (JD) - Parent

Item 1: Chair Update

EP thanked everyone for coming and confirmed that the quorum for the meeting had been met. EP explained that the core purpose of the AGM is to elect committee roles and also to give insight as to the activities that have taken place over last academic year, the funds raised, and how they have been spent across the school to benefit the children and improve the environment.

EP thanked everyone for all of the roles they had played over the past year. She also outlined that she would be stepping down as Chair but would still be on hand to help at events.

EP ran through the current committee:

- Ella Page as Chair.
- Vacant position of vice chair – this has been vacant for long time.
- Theresa Spanswick as Treasurer.
- Carole Barke as Secretary.

EP explained that we also have approximately 30 other PTA members outside of the core committee. Those with specific roles are:

- Michelle Field – will run the yearly career event in March.
- Tanya Jacobs/Kate Cools - Bag2school or equivalent.
- Jo Duce – social media, marketing and comms

- Teresa Gent - second hand uniform

EP moved on to describing reasons to get involved in the PTA:

- Supporting the school
- Funding key items to benefit students
- Enriching the learning environment
- Providing children with enrichment experiences.
- Connecting with other parents across all year groups.

EP gave an overview of the PTA achievements in 25/26, several of which are recurring events:

<u>Autumn</u>

- Edgbarrow sponsored walk.
- Bag2school/Little Recyclers
- Christmas Fayre, Raffle and Christmas trees.
- Crowthorne Late Night Shopping Event

<u>Spring</u>

- Quiz night.
- School careers Convention
- Refreshments for the Adams family school production – 3 nights
- Bag2school/Little Recyclers

<u>Summer</u>

- Comedy evening.
- Refreshments at summer concert.
- Second hand uniform sale.
- Crowthorne Carnival

Item 2: Treasurer update

Theresa ran through the income and expenses of the past year and said that all the agreed items for 25/26 totalling £35k had now been paid for with the exception of a small amount of £575 which had not been required for gardening/painting.

Cash accounting is used and so, over the year, we received £53,495 cash and spent £60,651. The overspend was covered by PTA savings and allowed us to fund one-off bigger projects such as £14k on new outdoor canopies and benches and £6k towards the astroturf. Other recurring items funded included the annual minibus lease, Edgpoints scheme, exam prep breakfasts, Celebration evenings, careers evening, HOY awards, author visits, licences etc.

TS ran through the proposed forecast for 26/27 which contained all of the recurring items –everyone was in agreement that the PTA should continue to fund these.

Item 3: School update
SM thanked all members for everything they do and gave a warm welcome to new members.
He said there had been a strong set of results at GCSE and A-level, almost identical to the previous year. The intake is considered to be average academically when they arrive at Edgbarrow but finishes 15% ahead of national average. Attendance is well above national average.

Edgbarrow is full across all year groups and there are now waiting lists in all year groups. This is significant as we have falling birth rates. There are over 200 students in Y12. Y13s headed off to lots of varied universities and competitive degree apprenticeships.

School is fully staffed with qualified teachers – this is very unusual for a large school to have no vacancies, although there are a few maternity leaves coming up.

Priorities delivered last academic year:
· Assessment systems revised
· Curriculum changed in KS4, less options and more time
· New Teaching and learning strategy around Edgbarrow essentials
· Implementation of OAP to support inclusion
· Revised system for homework
· SRP opened

Some areas the PTA have made a contribution to, for which we are grateful –
· Class charts and Edgshop are proving successful still. 250000 awarded! 96% of parents engaged with class charts
· Everyone loved the culture day, celebrating diversity. This grows every year. SM is proud of school's extra-curricular activities; the number of trips and activities, clubs and groups that take place is massive and hugely well supported by the parent community.
· Astro positively impacting lessons and lettings
· New shelter for year 7 – mention weather and aircon
· Adams Family, Christmas Fayre, Careers, many other events supported.

SM said that priorities in school this year
· Implementation of Edgbarrow essentials
· Refine Assessment system
· Implementation of OAP
· OFSTED
· Review of uniform
SM said thank you very much to the PTA, particularly the committee members who shoulder the vast majority of the work across the year. Whether events or funding, the PTA makes a huge contribution. Particular thanks to Ella for her role has Chair for the last 4 years, a huge contribution to the PTA and the school.

Election of committee

SM took control of the floor. He said we have to elect or re-elect people to the Trustee positions. He asked if there were any volunteers for the Chair. CB volunteered. TS nominated her, EP seconded. SM congratulated CB.

CB took over the floor and nominated TS for Treasurer, which was seconded by EP.

At this point in time, no-one volunteered to do the Secretary role but JT asked if we could share the Job sepc of the secretary to the PTA Whastapp group again. JD said we should send another letter round all parents asking for a volunteer.

Upcoming Events

CB said that the next event would be the Pop-Up sale of prom dresses/suits on Thursday 15th October. CB said she currently had around 50 dresses which is far more than she had anticipated and therefore felt we may need to also invite other schools to the sale. It was decided that this decision would be postponed until we had a clearer idea of number of dresses.

CB asked if anyone else had mirrors or clothes rails that could be used at the event – JD said she had a clothes rail that could be borrowed.

The Xmas fayre will take place on 26th November between 5.30pm – 8pm. CB said that several external stallholders had already been booked (£27.50 for external and £12 for a student) and that raffle prizes were being secured. The next PTA meeting on 10th November would discuss the fayre in more detail.

AOB

None