

# Chesterton Community College PTA Minutes

Meeting Date: 9<sup>th</sup> January 2018

Venue: CCC Library

Time: 7:30pm

## In Attendance

Teachers/Staff/Guests	Donna Hubbard-Young, Michaela Nolimal, Morgain Murry Williams
Parents	Eve Toomey (Chair), Tracy Beales (Secretary - minute taker), Eftichea Koumartzakis, Diep Doan (Secretary), Hassan Khademi, Denise Oyamada
Apologies	Lucy Scott, Katherine Hutchinson, Judith Harrison, Tasha Werdmuller

## 1. Staff Presentation : Extra-curricular opportunities - Michaela Nolimal

Michaela Nolimal gave an informative presentation regarding extra-curricular clubs and activities available to all pupils both inside and outside of school hours. In total, there are an amazing 72 extra-curricular clubs for pupils to choose from, including: languages; performing arts; sports; society; art & design and, outdoor pursuits with a choice of clubs which are free to attend and others which are paid-for.

By having this wide-range of opportunities available both in terms of curriculum studies and wider experiences, these are aimed at helping develop pupils' self-confidence, organisation, team working and leadership skills as well as providing hobbies for life and a chance to make new friends.

The first extra-curricular Fresher's Fair was held during the first week of term and was well attended by the pupils. A booklet advertising the activities available to the pupils has been published by Michaela Nolimal and can be accessed via the school website. Pupils can join the clubs throughout the year and the clubs are regularly promoted to the pupils via their tutors in form time; advertised in both the daily notices and on the Chesterton website <http://chestertoncc.net/life-at-chesterton/extra-curricular/>.

As an incentive to pupils, there is a rewards system in place for those who regularly attend the clubs and, at the end of each school year, teachers are asked to provide feedback to enable selected pupils a chance to win an Amazon gift card.

Regular Survey Monkey questionnaires are undertaken to give students the opportunity to have their say on what clubs they would like made available to them. The staff at Chesterton who run the clubs do so in their free time and are always looking for new ideas and suggestions by encouraging pupils and parents to share their ideas so further options for both paid and unpaid clubs can be explored.

To further raise awareness of the clubs, it was suggested that a Parentmail be sent out with a link to the website which identifies what activities are currently available to each year group. Michaela Nolimal agreed to action this.

**ACTION : MICHAELA NOLIMAL**

## 2. Event Update – Eve Toomey

Quiz Night which was scheduled for 10<sup>th</sup> November 2017, took place a week later on 17<sup>th</sup> November because of the heating issues in the hall. However, despite losing 5 tables due to the change of date, a total of 76 people attended. Tim Spencer and Bobby Seagull who jointly ran the quiz did an amazing job and made the evening fun and enjoyable.

Unfortunately, the Wine Tasting event that was scheduled to take place on 1<sup>st</sup> December 2017 was cancelled due to low numbers. The PTA will attempt to reschedule this event either later this year or next.

Planning of the Ceilidh evening which is scheduled for 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2018 is progressing well. Tickets are still available at a cost of £14/adult and £8/students. Spencer Norman is providing the catering for this event which will be in keeping with the Scottish theme.

Sale of the Luxury Christmas Puddings which Judith Harrison organised were a success and we are awaiting the final sale proceeds.

Jo Sharpington has kindly donated her time to take a group of 20 people on a two-hour introductory tour of Cambridge. Tickets £10/adult; £5/under 16; and under 5's going free.

Christmas Fair – A big thank you to Judith Harrison, Donna Hubbard-Young and everyone involved with the organisation. The event was a huge success, raising a grand total of £785 for the PTA.

Bingo night – this is a new event for the PTA and a date of 23<sup>rd</sup> March was suggested. Due to the Farnsworth Hall being unavailable, the Rex Freeman Hall would be used. The PTA have agreed to split the profits with Miss Marsden who is currently fundraising to enable her to take a group of pupils to the Edinburgh festival. The PTA will reach out to Tim Spencer to seek his availability to be the caller and are also looking at options to 'borrow', rather than hire-in equipment. Donna Hubbard-Young confirmed the Rex Freeman Hall is currently free and will book on behalf of the PTA.

### **ACTION : TRACY BEALES/DONNA HUBBARD-YOUNG**

A mid-summer quiz night is being planned for Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> June – more information to follow.

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### **3. Financial overview - Eftichea Koumartzakis**

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Eftichea Koumartzakis reported that due to the Christmas break, there had been a delay receiving the bank statements and therefore no significant changes to report since the last PTA meeting held on 7<sup>th</sup> November 2017.

Items mentioned were:

- The second hand clothing has done well in last three months with a £110 profit. Making the total in the last year £650;
- Prize draw funding is also doing well with £150 profit.

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### **4. Review of Funding Requests – All**

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£1,275 - Mrs Morgain Murry Williams : Head of Art

A funding request was submitted for a large scale mural to be painted in the Bateson Road playground at a cost of £850. The aim is to use former student Miranda Binfield Gonzales' art work for the mural (mock-ups were provided by the artist, Jon Bates of Blight Society). An additional £425 was requested for a stenciling workshop to support some of the year 11 art students.

To minimise cost, Chesterton would use their own scaffold and site team to prepare the wall and erect/dismantle the scaffolding. The artist is available to undertake the works this term and would require 2 days to create the mural. All students would have the opportunity to 'watch him at work'; all year 10 art students will use the work as a stimulus for learning about creating message and meaning in their work; and the English faculty plan to use Jon's murals to inspire creative writing activities. It was noted that the area where the mural would be painted will remain unaffected by the new build.

Mrs Morgain Murry Williams left the room whilst the PTA voted and approved the funding request.

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## 5. Review outstanding action items - Eve Toomey

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- Climbing Wall Update – a Parentmail by Carl Humphries was sent out advising of the delay due to the new build. The funds are being held until such time as the climbing wall installation can go ahead.
- Second hand books – Eve Toomey is currently looking for another person to help run this with her and also a place where the books can be stored.

**ACTION – EVE TOOMEY**

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## 6. Any other business

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- Easysearch - Unfortunately, Easysearch cannot be set as a default search URL on school iPads. To encourage all pupils to use the Easysearch function, pupils will be reminded via daily notices and, as an incentive for them to use the search engine, will receive house points. Donna Hubbard-Young will speak to Richard Auffret regarding this.
- Easyfundraising – Chesterton use one account for purchasing items via Easyfundraising which they can continue to do for all purchases provided Gift Aid is not claimed. Richard Auffret will instruct his team to use Easyfundraising when purchasing on behalf of the school.
- To increase parent uptake, Donna Hubbard-Young will speak to Lucy Scott to seek her view on putting this in her blog to push for advertisement.

**ACTION – DONNA HUBBARD-YOUNG**

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## 7. Next meeting

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Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> March 2018

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### Actions Summary

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Arrange for a Parentmail be sent out with a link to the extra-curricular website	Michaela Nolimal
Reach out to Tim Spencer to seek his availability at the Bingo event on 23 <sup>rd</sup> March	Tracy Beales
Obtaining Bingo equipment	Tracy Beales
Book Rex Freeman Hall out for Bingo to take place on 23 <sup>rd</sup> March	Donna Hubbard-Young
Speak to Richard Auffret regarding reminders to pupils to use Easysearch via daily notices and receiving house points as a reward	Donna Hubbard-Young
Find another person to help run the second-hand books	Eve Toomey
Speak to Lucy Scott re: mention of Easyfundraising in her weekly blog; and Richard Auffret to instruct team to use Easyfundraising	Donna Hubbard-Young