

Minutes of the Chesterton Community College PTA Meeting 17th January 2017

In attendance:

Caroline Brettell	CB	Eve Toomey	ET	Martin Russell
Eftichea Koumartzaki	EK	Birgit Federle		Hayley Mcculloch
Katherine Hutchinson	KH	Ruth Binks	RB	Alev Erten
Mateja Jamnik Bierman	MJB	Rimma Belotserkovskaya	RB	Hassan Khademi
Tracy Beales	TB	Antonello Alici		Vicki Reeve
Lucy Scott	LS	Richard Auffret		Sandra Kris Erga

Agenda Item	Notes	Action
1	Welcome	Apologies from Judith Harrison (JH), Carl Humphries (CH), Sima Shima (SS).
2	Funding request	Suzy Marston approached the PTA about funding for the NT Connections 2017 Festival Entry from Chesterton Youth Theatre, but the details need to be worked out with the Headteacher LS to follow the usual procedure. Remind Suzy to present the request at the next PTA meeting.
3	Matter arising	Survey about parent participation: Eve Toomey will finalise the questioner to gauge parents interest in engaging with the PTA activities. KH will put the survey onto Survey Monkey and then send it around to parents of parentmail. Oracy/debating: it is already part of the curriculum practiced and encouraged in all subjects. LS to explore how oracy/ presenting can be emphasised further (e.g., interview skills).
4	Staff presentation	Richard Auffret and Dr Kath Hutchinson presented new developments with e-learning in school. They talked about positive disruptive technology: how to disrupt the usual ways of learning and stimulate learning with added value to make the outcomes even better? Chesterton is not an iPad school, but a school with iPads that wants outstanding outcomes. Staff visit other schools to reference their work, and continuously improve the ways they do things. They challenge students to think creatively, and to ask high level questions. The school recognises that there are a lot of obstacles (e.g., multiple passwords) for parents to access information : the school will look into making the process of accessing information easier. They are looking into creating a simple launchpad with all the systems that parents use in one place, with all the instructions that are needed.

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		<p>Chesterton is a beacon of e-learning in Cambridge, but we want to be a beacon of e-learning in the UK. Chesterton wants its students to get ahead of the game. The Chesterton students will know when to use technology and when to rather pick up a pen.</p> <p>Chesterton wants the creators of applications (e.g., Thinking Kit app, Unio by Harness) to come to CCC and to build applications that work for Chesterton and for Chesterton students.</p> <p>There is outstanding material on KS4 revision web site, but the navigation is hard, so the school plans to improve that.</p>	
5	Treasurer update	<p>Profit since Nov 2016:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • over £320 for Christmas puddings (accounts not finalised yet) <p>Easyfundraising: need to update parents with the total periodically. We also need to promote it.</p>	<p>EK</p> <p>MJB</p>
6	Past events	<p>Christmas puddings were very successful - we thank Judith Harrison.</p>	
7	Future events	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ceilidh: 3 February 2017. All in hand with volunteers. Need to promote selling tickets. • Band night: cancelled as no one to run it. • Music quiz: Sima needs help to organise it. Need to send email around to PTA members to seek help for a date in March. Involve Mr Spencer, Matt Harrison? • Summer term event: CB to contact Jo Sharpington for tours of Cambridge (as she is qualified as a Blue Badge Guide). • Other ideas: car boot sale on a Saturday? 	<p>CB</p> <p>SS, MJB</p> <p>CB</p>
8	Climbing wall	<p>Carl Humphries informed us that there are no developments yet. We await to hear about the new round of funding opening by Sports England.</p>	CH
9	AOB	<p>None.</p>	
10	Next meeting	<p>Tuesday 7 March 2017 at 19:30 in the Library.</p>	MJB