

Minutes of the Chesterton Community College PTA Meeting

7th March 2017

In attendance:

Caroline Brettell	CB	Eve Toomey	ET	Hassan Khademi	HK
Katherine Hutchinson	KH	Ruth Binks	RB	Claes Fredriksson	
Mateja Jamnik Bierman	MJB	Donna Hubbard-Young	DHY		

Agenda Item	Notes	Action
1 Welcome	Apologies from Judith Harrison (JH), Lucy Scott (LS), Sima Shima (SS), Eftichea Koumartzaki (EK), Rimma Belotserkovskaya(RB), Hayley McCulloch	
2 Funding request	<p>£500 Suzy Marston (Drama): NT Connections 2017 Festival Entry for Chesterton Youth Theatre. 32 students from years 8-11 plus 2 Sixth Formers to take part. There was an extensive discussion as the cost for this is high (£3575), but the revenue from the tickets is expected to generate £2900. The cost includes hiring a choreographer, and a temporary solution to lighting which is not an investment for the future due to the imminent expansion of the school and thus performance space. The project will have a profound impact on the students taking part, but also students attending the shows.</p> <p>The PTA voted and approved this request. CB no notify Suzy Marston.</p>	CB
3 Matter arising	Survey about parent participation: KH, ET and DY to work to finalise the survey and to make it live.	KH, ET, DHY
4 Staff presentation	Donna Hubbard-Young talked about how reading is promoted in school. Heather Ellison created a reading tube map listing lots of fantastic books appropriate for different levels of reading from different genres. This brilliant initiative received very positive feedback and we all thank Heather for her fantastic work.	
5 Treasurer update	<p>Update next time in the absence of EK.</p> <p>Easyfundraising: need to update parents with the total periodically. We also need to promote it.</p>	EK MJB
6 Past events	Ceilidh: profit ~450. It was a great event enjoyed by around 80 people. Thank you to CB and all the helpers!	

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7	Future events	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Music quiz: 28 April 2017. Ruth Binks, Eve Toomey, Hassan volunteered to help, especially on the night. Kath will recruit staff for shifts at the bar. Sima and Eftichea to organise it. Matt Harrison to write the questions and host the event. • Tour of Cambridge: 17 March 2017. Summer term event: Jo Sharpington will run a tour of Cambridge (as she is qualified as a Blue Badge Guide). • Other ideas: second hand book sale attached to community events, for example, parents evening. Eve Toomey to organise. • Other ideas: public short talks for the general public about science or humanities (like the concept of a “Pint of Science” event). The idea is to have 3 speakers for short 20 minute talks, with music interlude in the break. Kath and Donna will organise the first one. 	<p>RB, ET, HK, SS, EK</p> <p>CB</p> <p>ET</p> <p>KH, DHY</p>
8	Climbing wall	None from Carl Humphries. Need to get an update.	MJB
9	AOB	Advertise PTA meetings more eagerly.	MJB
10	Next meeting	Tuesday 25 April 2017 at 19:30 in the Library.	MJB