

Minutes of the Chesterton Community College PTA Annual General Meeting 19th September 2017

In attendance:

Caroline Brettell	CB	Eve Toomey	ET	Denise Oyanada
Eftichea Koumartzaki	EK	Diep Doan	DD	Tiffany Bown
Rimma Belotserkovskaya	RB	Tracy Beales	TB	Abdul Muhammad
Mateja Jamnik Bierman	MJB	Judith Harrison	JH	Ruth Jackson
Lucy Scott	LS	Stuart Aitken	SA	
Katherine Hutchinson	KH	Caroline Termonia	CT	

Agenda Item	Notes	Action
1	Welcome	
2	<p>Chair's report</p> <p>We normally organise 1 event each term.</p> <p>Sources of funds from events:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * quiz: popular, Autumn, ~130 tickets sold, thank you to Tim Spencer * ceilidh: February, ~80 tickets sold, thank you to Caroline Brettell * music quiz: great success, Spring, thank you to Matt Harrison <p>Source of funds from initiatives:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Tour of Cambridge: thanks to Jo Sharpington * Christmas puddings: thanks to Judith Harrison & Mateja Jamnik Bierman * Second-hand uniform sale: thanks to Rebecca Gillett & Sarah Higgins * Refreshments for teachers at parent-teacher evenings * Donations, sponsorships from local businesses * Prize draws * Easyfundraising, Easysearch <p>Meetings: 2 a term, members of staff at every meeting discussing as aspect of school life (science, finance, expansion, professional development, etc).</p> <p>Participation survey (thanks to Eve Toomey): people are worried about time commitment, communication.</p> <p>What we funded: maths department (Go4Set, maths challenge), art (mural workshop), National Trust membership, geography (field work equipment).</p> <p>It has been a successful year for the PTA.</p> <p>Thanks to all who spoke, attended or helped organising events!</p>	

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3	Treasurer's report	<p>A detailed treasurer's report has been circulated.</p> <p>Prize draw participation has declined.</p> <p>Amount of money we made from events and other fundraising initiatives in 2016-17: £3229 (compared to £6422 in 2014-15).</p> <p>For faculty funding, we spent in 2016-17: £912 (compared to £3206 in 2014-15).</p> <p>Balance in the account: £18072 (£10000 earmarked for the climbing wall).</p>	
4	Staff presentation	<p>Lucy Scott, the Headteacher, gave a presentation on exam results from 2016-17 and the school's vision for the future.</p> <p>The OFSTED report was published and the school was judged Outstanding across the board. The report captured the sense of the school well, everybody in the school community was mentioned (staff, students, support staff, leadership, governors, parents). The report is important to the school for a number of reasons: it is really positive for recruiting staff, students, etc.</p> <p>Headlines of results:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - best results in Cambridgeshire - progress 8: all students are 0.8 grade better in all subjects than the national average; the disadvantaged students are 0.6 grade better than nationally in all subjects; these are amazing results. - 89% achieved grade 4 or above in English and maths - 80% achieved grade 5 or above in English and maths - Ebacc: 49% of students achieved it - % of grades at A*A (or 7/8/9): 55% - Grade 9 (A**, 3% of population): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 9 students gained 3 grade 9 - 20% of English results were 9 - 19% of maths results were 9 <p>The school provides and encourages participation in an extensive programme of extra-curricular activities like Duke of Edinburgh, drama, sports, music.</p> <p>Improvement plan: Work on what happens in the classroom - quality of teaching and engaging students is paramount; wow moments in terms of schemes of learning to energise the learning.</p> <p>Knowing our students really well wins half the battle.</p> <p>Intervention - the school offers additional support to student across the board at all levels, also in terms of extracurricular activities.</p>	

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	<p>New build: It is in full swing, in planning phase. The school will gain new art facilities, new catering space, new performance space, etc.</p> <p>Academy Trust plans: - Downham Market joined the Trust; Rolf Purvis is the Head there; it will help staff recruitment - 2019/2020: Cambridge Maths school (6th form focussed on maths and science working with the University of Cambridge) - 2020/2021: Godmanchester (age 11-16 small school will join our Trust; 600 students)</p>	
5	<p>Committee</p> <p>New committee members have been elected, and existing treasurer ratified:</p> <p>Chair: Even Toomey Secretaries: Diep Doan, Tracy Beales Treasurer: Eftichea Koumartzaki</p> <p>We thank the outgoing committee for their hard work: Caroline Brettell, Rimma Belotserkovskaya, Mateja Jamnik Bierman. We thank Eftichea for continuing in the role of treasurer after 2 years of service. This will provide continuity for the committee.</p> <p><i>Post-meeting note: Stuart Aitken agreed to step in as treasurer in January or April 2018.</i></p>	
6	<p>Funding requests</p> <p>None.</p>	
7	<p>Matters arising</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Easyfundraising, easysearch: need to promote; run a video about how to subscribe and use at parents evenings; competition on a yearly basis?; monthly reminder. * Second-hand uniform sale: taken over by Lucy Watts * Fundraising with companies: what are school's priorities (e.g., fund for trips)? * The following people have volunteered to coordinate parent/teacher evening refreshments (each twice a year): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * year 7: Diep Doan, Caroline Termonia * year 8: Tracy Beales * year 9: Rimma Belotserkovskaya * year 10: Eve Toomey, Judith Harrison, Denise Oyanada * year 11: Caroline Brettell 	<p>DD TB</p> <p>ET</p> <p>ET</p>

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8	<p>Climbing wall</p> <p>Update from Mr Humphries: the new build has stalled the installation of the climbing wall as the wall it is going on will be affected by the build. We need to wait until the build is underway to know when the wall could be installed.</p> <p>Need to get another update from Mr Humphries by next meeting.</p> <p>We need to circulate the news and updates on the progress to all parents.</p>	<p>ET</p> <p>ET</p>
9	Past events	None yet.
10	<p>Future events</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Quiz night: 10 November 2017 (Caroline, Eve, Judith to organise, Tim Spencer as quiz master) • Christmas puddings (Judith Harrison, Mateja Jamnik Bierman to organise) • Christmas fair: students do stalls (PTA could give them some money to make more money); make your mark with a tenner (£10); Judith to work with school; not for parents; PTA helps and runs some stalls • Ceilidh: early February 2018, Rimma, Stuart to organise • Second hand book sale: Eve to organise • Public science/humanities short talks: Donna Hubbard-Young, Kath Hutchinson to organise • Other ideas: Band Night, music quiz (end of March or summer term?), student bake-off/celebrity chef (to involve students and parents?) 	<p>CB, ET, JH</p> <p>JH, MJB</p> <p>JH</p> <p>RB, SA</p> <p>ET</p> <p>DHY, KH, ET</p> <p>ET</p>
11	AOB	None.
12	<p>Next meeting</p> <p>Tuesday 7 November 2017 at 19:30 in the Library.</p> <p>Dates for subsequent meetings:</p> <p>Tuesday 9 January 2018</p> <p>Tuesday 6 March 2018</p> <p>Thursday 24 April 2018</p> <p>Tuesday 19 June 2018</p>	DD, TB