

Chesterton Community College
Parent Teacher Association
Minutes of the Meeting held on 10th February

In attendance:

Jayne Clough (JC) (Treasurer), Natasha Werdmuller (NW) (Chair), Susie Johnson (SJ) (Secretary), Katherine Hutchinson (KH), Mateja Jamnik Bierman (MJB) (Vice-chair), Louise Pont, Shayne Mitchell, Gill Learmond, Lynn Clift, Sally Wall, Sue Spencer (SS), Ruth Binks, Liz von Hippel, Carl Humphries, Steve Erikson (SE)

Welcome and Apologies

NW welcomed everyone to the meeting and thanked them for coming. Apologies were received from Maria Western-Dingle, Lis Evetts, Heather Kara, Judith Harrison & Ewen Chamberlain.

1. Building Resilience Presentation

Assistant Head, Steve Erikson gave short presentation about the school's work on developing resilience. It was requested that he put a copy on the school website.

Action: SE to put copy on website.

2. Burns Night feedback

A lot of good feedback was received on the recently held Burns Night, especially the dancing part, with many requests to make it an annual event. A huge thank you went to the team especially Sue Spencer for all her hard work. It was very popular and there was around 20 people on the reserve list. Final figures are not available yet as Spencer needs to get back with final catering costs but it appears to have been very profitable with £271 taken on the raffle and a profit of approx. £400 at the bar.

Action: Committee to work on making it an annual event.

3. Plug for people to get involved with PTA

TW raised the need for more help to run events and asked members to encourage people to get involved.

Action: All to plug

4. Faculty funding request

There were 3 requests for faculty funding with much discussion on whether the requests were basic needs for a school and not what the PTA should be involved with. It was decided that guidelines for requests need to be drawn up and MJB and KH agreed to take this on. Two of the requests were agreed and more information for the Media Suite's request was asked for. There was also discussion about items going on the 'Easter Present List' but this was later dismissed in preference for the list being reserved for the climbing wall project.

Action: JC to ask Media suite dept. to present at next meeting. MJB & KH to draw up draft guidance.

5. Climbing wall project

Carl Humphries detailed the PE Faculty's request for help to buy a climbing wall for the school costing £30,000.

- 10k from PTA
- 5k PE department
- 15k match funding from Sports England

Fundraising ideas included:

Appealing to parents to buy components of the wall.

House competition where those who raise the most money would receive a voucher to use wall in their own time.

Year 7 to make and sell cakes. (They have more time on their hands and will get more years use)

Non uniform days.

Sponsored sporting events.

Advertise on front of website and by easy fundraising.

Need for a logo to help promote. Matt Harrison was suggested.

PE Dept. to design a wall-o-meter to colour in as money raised.

There was a general agreement that the PTA would pay for current items on the Easter List (all relatively small) and concentrate on raising money for the wall.

Action: Raise as much as we can as soon as we can! TW to contact Ms Lehane and Mr Watts regarding House involvement. PE department to design wall-o-meter. TW to contact Matt Harrison re logo. JC to compose parentmail appeal.

6. Quiz Night

The next Quiz Night will be held on Friday 6th March. Mr Erickson and Mr Brown are available to be quiz masters.

Action: JC to ask Faculties to supply questions and forward email announcement to SJ to distribute.

7. Any other business

Second hand uniform

Members discussed the possibility of selling second hand school uniforms. It was agreed that someone would need to take on responsible for it. TW to discuss with Tina and if feasible a parentmail request for a volunteer would be sent.

Action: TW to talk to Tina.

8. Date of next meeting

Tuesday 10th March 2015 at 7.30pm.

Action: SJ to make room booking and send out reminders.

<p>Easyfundraising http://www.easyfundraising.org.uk and Easysearch http://chestertonpta.easysearch.org.uk/</p>
