

Chesterton Community College
Parent Teacher Association
Minutes of the Meeting held on 14 January 2014

In attendance:

Jayne Clough (JC) (Treasurer), Natasha Werdmuller (NW) (Chair), Susie Johnson (SJ) (Secretary), Lucy Scott (Principal), Katherine Hutchinson (KH) (Head of Humanities), Katrina Patterson (KP) (Head of Languages), Mateja Jamnik Bierman, Sally Wall, Sue Spencer, Ruth Binks, Caroline Brettell, Sonali Kumarakulasinghe, Catherine Davidson, Mark Little, Jane Dominey, Cath Blydenstein, Jim O'Sullivan, Mary Jane O'Sullivan, John Philips, Claes Fredriksson, Caroline Mattin, Tracy Beales, Peter Watts, Kate Williams (KP), Ewen Chamberlain, Liz von Hippel

Welcome and Apologies

NW welcomed everyone to the meeting and thanked them for coming.

Apologies were received from Renata Dallaway, Wendy Palmby, Lynn Clift, Ania Anderson and Lis Evetts.

1. NW recapped on the two quiz events that have taken place since the last PTA meeting.

Student Quiz (Friday 7th March)

Good feed back was received from the students and lessons have been learnt for future running of the event. In particular a better system for selling tickets via the House/Competition Captains.

Raised	£180 ticket sales
	£120 sweets and drinks
	£300 profit

Action: PTA to review system for selling tickets via students for a repeat event.

Quiz Night (Friday 25th April)

A successful night with 16 tables sold (last time 22). The sale of drinks did well with an overall profit of £659. It was suggested that the event was too close to year 11 exams and to avoid this next year.

Action: To continue to hold two quiz events each year.

2. Band Night (Sat 4th July)

NW stated that an organising committee is needed to run the American themed night. JC confirmed that the night would not run if there were not enough people to help. There were offers from:

John Philips
Liz von Hippel
Sue Spencer
Kath Blydenstein
Ewen Chamberlain
Lucy Scot
Mark Little
Caroline Brettell

Questions were raised about the setup of the evening and where food and refreshments were to be sold.

Action: SJ to send out requests to PTA members and via parentmail to join the event committee with the view to meeting in the next few weeks.

3. Faculty funding request

Kate Williams (KP) made a request for a GoPro camera at a £300. KP is taking year 7 on a residential visit to St. Davids in Wales which includes a range of activities, much of them water based. The camera has a wide angle lens and a waterproof case and could be used to record activities for many school trips including skiing, Iceland, Peak District and the rowing. It was unanimously agreed that it would be great to have photos from these events and that it would benefit the whole school.

Action: KP to purchase camera

4. House System update

Pete Watts went over the key principles of the House System, which started at the beginning of this academic year. He said the system was going well with support and interaction between years within the tutor groups improving all the time. Competition between the houses was another benefit. Mixed comments were made, some children were initially upset by the system but were now embracing it; another member said their child was still not happy. Some children were not naturally competitive. It was suggested that the emphasis on sporting competition was balanced by points rewarded by the good news system. A query was raised as to whether this was operating properly. Sue Spencer stated she had not been initially keen but was pleased to see it had done away with cliques in her tutor group.

Action: Check on good news slips

5. Any other business

Set date for AGM in September

NW suggested that it would be good to plug the PTA at the next year 7 induction evening and needed to check the new school calendar to fix the date.

Action: LS to advise.

6. Date of next meeting

Tuesday 17th June 2014 at 7.30pm.

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

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