

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), Lis Evetts (LE), Katherine Hutchinson (KH) (Head of Humanities), Katrina Patterson (KP) (Head of Languages), Elisabeth von Hippel, Mateja Jamnik Bierman, Pengnye Lee, Sally Wall, Rebecca Gillett, Sue Spencer (SS), Ruth Binks, Louise Elkins, Regina Lawrence, Storm Evans, Caroline Brettell, Sarah Bolt, Daniella Steel, Martina Aitken, Caroline Potter, Sonali Kumarakulasinghe, Alexandra Courtney, Richard Auffret (RA)

1. Welcome and Apologies

NW welcomed everyone to the meeting and thanked them for coming. Apologies were received from John Phillips and Anne Merricks.

2. Student Quiz (Friday 7th March, 3.30 – 5.30)

TW highlighted the aim for it to be a student lead initiative. She has met with House Competition Captains who will sell tickets during lunch and after school. There has been a delay in it being advertised on the School Daily Notices, LS said she will resolve this.

TW confirmed: tickets are £2.00 and students need to organise themselves into groups of 8 (max.) and book whole tables at the same time. There are limited tickets for each year group with separate prizes for each year. Refreshments (sweets, crisps, drinks) will be available to buy. This is also a non uniform day with all the money raised from both events going towards The Innovative Spaces project.

Ticket sales need to be confirmed by Wednesday 5th so that the number of tables to be set up can be arranged (max 22 table).

Set up is envisaged from 2.30pm. A request for help has been sent out and a list of volunteers has been made.

Action: NW to email House Competition Captain lead contact, Nathan, who will liaise with the rest of the Captains to meet with Lucy Scott to discuss further.

3. Quiz night and other events

Quiz Night (Friday 25th April)

It was noted that the evening will be held the first week back after Easter which is before the next scheduled PTA meeting. Therefore ticket sales and requests for help need to be made before the holidays. It was also noted that the last event sold out in two days.

Action: Committee to plan prior to Easter holidays.

Band Night (Sat 4th July)

The date has been confirmed for 4th July with an American theme. Issues over whether this clashes with Milton Rd Primary School's Summer event were discussed.

Action: TW to warn Milton Rd of any possible clash

4. Faculty requests

Donna Young made an email request at the end of January for £200 towards transport to a theatre trip for year 8 & 9 drama club. TW stated that unfortunately the PTA can only agree to requests during PTA meetings where it can be agreed by a majority attending. No other request were made.

Action: No action

5. Ipad update

Richard Auffret (RA) gave a presentation on the on-going plans for ipads next year, reiterating the letter sent out via parentmail in mid February. In summary:

Year 7 – no device but would begin contributing to scheme

Year 8 – payment scheme

Year 9 – payment scheme

Year 10 – continuation of current payment scheme

Year 11 – will use devices owned by CCC.

RA played a film made on the morning following the last Parents Forum discussion on ipads. The film demonstrated different ways the ipads were being used in 3 of the 5 lessons visited.

Discussion included how ipad use is a constant learning and development process for both staff and students. There were suggestions that children would benefit from learning typing skills.

LS invited parent/carer to drop in to school anytime to be shown around to see how the ipads are being used in classrooms saying they would be very welcome.

Action: RA to look into ways typing skills could be introduced.

6. Any other business

Parent evening refreshments. TW requested a volunteer to take over organising the refreshments for parents evening. Caroline Brettell kindly agreed to take it on.

Action: LE & SJ to help with handover.

New Fundraising Ideas. Fundraising suggestions were made by Sue Spencer including a Film night, Disco and Ceilidh. RA confirmed that the school has an educational licence to show any film. It was noted that in order to raise money, it would be necessary to ask for charitable donations to attend and that there would be a good opportunity to sell sweets and popcorn.

Action: To mull over!

7. Date of next meeting

Tuesday 13th May 2014 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>
