

# Minutes of the Chesterton Community College PTA Meeting

## 5<sup>th</sup> May 2016

### In attendance:

Caroline Brettell	CB	Katherine Hutchinson	KH	K.T. Tan	
Mateja Jamnik Bierman	MJB	Donna Young	DY	Pengnye Lee	
Rimma Belotserkovskaya	RB	Sophie Igoe	SI		
Ruth Binks		Vicki Reeve			

Agenda Item		Notes	Action
1	Welcome	Apologies from Lucy Scott (LC), Eftichea Koumartzaki (EK).	
2	Staff Presentation	Sophie Igoe, the new Head of English, gave a presentation on the developments in the English department. She explained how the new curriculum is tough, so they plan to build elements of it into teaching earlier in KS3, and not just in KS4. However, they are mindful to ensure that not all 5 years of secondary school are GCSE preparation only. They have been looking at schemes of work to see what works and to maximise on these elements in order to enthuse the students early on. Teachers have also been involved as examiners which fosters understanding of exam boards, all of which can feed into teaching.	
3	Funding requests	<p>Heather Ellison (Library) submitted a request for £272.61 to fund books for tutor time each Monday (1 book for each tutor group, so 39 books in total). This new initiative would replace silent reading time by storytelling, which has been proven to be as beneficial as reading and perhaps engages better more reluctant readers. Each house would read the same book and then houses would rotate and swap books (yr 7 would have a separate arrangement). Tutors would be provided with activities related to their book, i.e., point for discussion, a competition and a quiz. When the books are finished, they will be made available for families to loan.</p> <p>The PTA voted and approved this request. CB to notify Heather Ellison.</p> <p>ESOL cafe (in CCC Sports Centre) has submitted a request for £600 to fund a singing teacher (plus marketing) for their international singing group for parents and other community members. The PTA discussed this request at length and whilst everyone appreciated the benefits of group singing, especially for improvement of language skills, concerns were raised that not enough students may be impacted by this initiative. However, everyone was very supportive of ESOL initiatives, and the PTA will explore possibilities for future collaborations with the ESOL.</p> <p>The PTA voted and rejected this request. CB to notify Sarah Adams from ESOL.</p>	<p>CB</p> <p>CB</p>

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4	Matters arising from last meeting	None.	
5	Past events	Chesterton Calling music quiz: fantastic success. Thanks to Jo Tunmer and the rest of the organising team.	
6	Climbing wall	Current total raised so far is around £19000, and the PTA has committed £20000 (the shortfall to the target is expected to be raised at the school's Summer event). Mr Humphries can apply to Sports England to match the funds raised. CB to receive information on progress from Mr Humphries.	CB
7	Treasurer's report	<p>Music quiz raised £1730 with around £260 of leftover stock, so around £2000 in total.</p> <p>Need to investigate how to claim GiftAid.</p>	EK, CB, MJB
8	Future events	<p>Summer event for leavers' parents update (Tracy Beale, Susie Johnson): <b>cancelled</b> since the Pavillion is not ready and there is no other suitable venue.</p> <p>School summer event: confirmed for <b>8 July</b>, organised by Kate Williams. There is no PTA involvement, but the funds go towards the Climbing Wall.</p> <p>Drama event in the summer:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• date: <b>19, 20 July</b> (2 nights, 1 afternoon - 3x130 people)</li> <li>• Suzy Marston to organise student helpers</li> <li>• tickets: £7 adults, £5 kids (strawberries included in price)</li> <li>• <b>PTA provide refreshments in interval</b></li> <li>• profits from tickets to drama, from refreshments to PTA</li> <li>• possibly a souvenir programme: who takes responsibility?</li> <li>• T-shirts: Kath Hutchinson will pass on a company for cheap t-shirts, but the PTA cannot take responsibility for organising this</li> <li>• drinks: raffle tickets at start to buy interval drinks, so no issue with change at interval time.</li> </ul> <p>CB to feedback to Suzy Marston about the extent of PTA involvement.</p>	<p>LS</p> <p>KH</p> <p>CB, RB</p>
9	AOB	None	
10	Next meeting	Tuesday, 5 July 2016 in a pub (venue TBC).	MJB