

Minutes of the Chesterton Community College PTA Meeting

8th March 2016

In attendance:

Caroline Brettell	CB	Jo Tunmer	JT	Richard Bailey	
Suzy Marston	SM	Luke Tunmer		Ana Gil	
Mateja Jamnik Bierman	MJB	Ruth Binks		Rolf Purvis	
Eftichea Koumartzaki	EK	Tasha Werdmuller	TW	Holly Wellaway	
Katherine Hutchinson	KH	Fiorella Del'Olio	FD	Vicki Reeve	
Tracy Beale	TB	Neil Kelly	NK		

Agenda Item		Notes	Action
1	Welcome	Apologies received from Lucy Scott (LC), Rimma Belotserkovskaya (RB), Susie Johnson (SJ),	
2	Staff Presentation	Suzy Marston, the head of Drama, gave an inspiring presentation about her vision for the Chesterton Drama department. She has great ambitions for putting on contemporary, challenging and unconventional productions. She told us about the past production of Bully plays and Shakespeare's extracts (a student prepared production). She wants drama at Chesterton to be all inclusive for a range of students, not just drama stars. In the summer, she is planning to put on a production with all year groups of Midsummer Night's Dream. She is looking into hiring the Mumford Theatre or putting it on outside on the lawns of Chesterton. Suzy was wondering if the PTA could help with the summer production with selling refreshments etc. (see 7 Future events). She also suggested a potential next big project for the PTA which could be to invest into drama and its facilities.	
3	Matters arising from last meeting	<p>Climbing wall: Lucy Scott to organise the school Easter fundraising event.</p> <p>PTA name: revisited in light of constitution inspection. We will keep the name as it is recognisable, but will make it clear we are welcoming friends of the PTA too (i.e., not just parents, carers and teachers).</p> <p>We would like to reach to alumni to join the PTA. We would also like to recruit year 11 parents because soon they would be leaving school, but would like them to stay in touch.</p>	<p>LS</p> <p>MJB</p> <p>CB, RB, MJB, LS</p>
4	Past events	Burns night: fantastic success. For next years we would perhaps just do the ceilidh to avoid too much organisation. Thanks to Caroline Brettell and the rest of the organising team.	

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5	Climbing wall	<p>PTA has agreed to commit the balance of £20000 (the shortfall to the target is expected to be raised at the school's Easter event) so that Mr Humphries can apply to Sports England to match the funds raised. CB to inform Mr Humphries.</p> <p>Planned future fundraising events: Chesterton Calling (Name that tune — Jo Tunmer), School's Easter Event <i>Post-meeting note: See future events for the music quiz.</i></p>	<p>CB</p> <p>LS</p>
6	Treasurer's report	<p>Profits total (Dec-Mar): £785</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • £785 Burns night <p>Spending total (Dec-Mar): £0</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • no funding requests outstanding <p>Need to investigate how to claim GiftAid.</p>	<p>EK</p>
7	Future events	<p>Chesterton calling music quiz: Jo Tunmer. <i>Post-meeting note: The music quiz took place on 11 March and was a huge success raising close to £2000 (TBC).</i></p> <p>An event in summer term: drinks for year 11 parents on prom night at the new pavilion organised by Susie, Tracy (possibly Tuesday 28 June for a prom).</p> <p>Drinks at Drama production. CB and RB to liaise with Suzy Marston and to organise.</p>	<p>JT</p> <p>SJ, TB</p> <p>CB, RB</p>
8	Funding requests	<p>Neil Kelly presented a £250 request for Go4SET Engineering project where teams of Chesterton students are visited by company engineers (Qualcomm this year) for 10 weeks to mentor our year 8 and 9 students while preparing an innovative project where they have to design, build a prototype and present a new product in the national competition that takes place in Luton (Dragon Den style). In the past years, Chesterton entered 2 teams, but the interest was very high this year, so we entered 4 teams of 6 children each. The funding is for the entire 10 week project including attending the competition in Luton. The school is funding the remaining shortfall (total cost £500).</p> <p>The PTA approved this request. CB to notify Neil Kelly. The school agreed to write a note of thanks to Qualcomm.</p>	<p>CB, LS, NK</p>
9	AOB	<p>Future event idea: international evening where money is made by selling food and drink (ideas for it include pop-up international food stalls, human circus). Tasha (TW) and Fiorella (FD) volunteered to lead this.</p> <p>Padlock in the Farnsworth Hall kitchenette is broken. Email site@chesterton.cambs.sch.uk with CC to Kath (KH) to request its replacement.</p>	<p>TW, FD</p> <p>MJB, KH</p>
10	Next meeting	Thursday, 5 May 2016	MJB