

**Chesterton Community College Parent Teacher Association  
Annual General Meeting  
held on 17 September 2013 in the Resources Centre**

**In attendance:-**

Natasha Werdmuller (TW), Jayne Clough (JC), Susie Johnson (SJ), Kath Hutchinson (Head of Humanities), Mateja Jamnik Bierman (MJB), Mark Little (Director of Business and Resources), Lucy Scott (Headteacher), Liz von Hippel, Ruth Binks (RB), Caroline Brettell, Rimma Belotserkovskaya, Wenyan Lu, Sima Shimi, Ana Gil, Shayne Mitchell, Jenny Kavenagh, Luke Tunmer, Tania Brint, Ian Wilson, George Okal, Eftichea Koumartzaki, Claes Fredriksson, Antonin Chambolle

**1. Welcome and introductions**

Tasha Werdmuller, as Chair, introduced the team and welcomed everyone to the meeting, especially newcomers to the PTA.

Apologies were noted from Lynn Clift, Lis Evetts, Sue Spencer, John & Alison Phillips, Ania Anderson.

**2. Summary of the year**

TW summarised the achievements of the PTA in 2014/2015 including Band Night, Quiz night, Christmas Craft Fayre and the Ceilidh. She thanked everyone who had contributed their time and efforts for the benefit of the school during past year including: Sarah Higgins and Rebecca Gillet for organising the 2<sup>nd</sup> hand uniform sales, Caroline Brettell and Liz Evetts for providing refreshments at parents evenings, Lynn Clift and Liz Von Hippel for their wide ranging support, the climbing wall team: Mateja, Jo, Beth and Ruth, Lucy Scott, Kath Hutchinson, Sue Spencer and all the teachers who have given their time and support.

**3. Finance report**

Jayne Clough, as Treasurer, ran through the finance report for 1 September 2014 to 31 August 2015:

- Income raised was up on last year.
- The PTA has provided £2231.85 of faculty funding and has committed a further £3276.
- Current unassigned funds total £7079.55. It was noted that although the balance is healthy there needs to be a big push to reach targets for funding the climbing wall.

**4. Climbing wall update:**

MJB and RB presented the climbing wall team's new initiative to promote and raise awareness of the PTA's intention to raise £10,000 towards it (originally requested 10/02/15 for a proposed wall costing 30k with a 5k contribution from PE dept. and 15k match funding from Sports England). They highlighted the benefits for the school and pupils as well as the whole community. The initiative includes a visual display board 'totalizer' to record how much is raised which will be installed in the

entrance to Farnsworth Hall and a school website page with link to ParentPay to make donations. They will also run a fundraising event, 'Name that Tune' in March. ML said there was possibly a large business donation offer being made. A new target date was agreed for the end of this academic year.

## **5. Election of Committee for 2015/16**

Tasha explained that it was time for the chair, treasurer and secretary to stand down and asked for volunteers to take up the roles.

Rimma Belotserkovskaya and Caroline Brettell agreed to take on the role of Chair between them.

Eftichea Koumartzaki agreed to take on the role of Treasurer.

Mateja Jamnik Bierman agreed to take on Secretary.

*Action: Past and new committee to meet to hand over roles at a meeting arranged for 4<sup>th</sup> October.*

## **6. Future events**

TW listed the events scheduled for the coming year and asked for volunteers to plan and run them. It was noted that some potentially willing parents maybe at a Milton Rd meeting this evening.

### **Future social/fundraising events scheduled for year to date:**

- Quiz Night 16<sup>th</sup> October, TW agreed to lead sub-committee. LS has a quiz available and will look to recruit new quizmasters, possibly a current year 10 together with a teacher. Rimma, RB and SJ offered to help.
- Meet the tutor cheese and wine, 4<sup>th</sup> November, 5-7
- Christmas Craft Fayre, Friday 4<sup>th</sup> December, TW stressed that this would require the interest and support of a dedicated group of volunteers to plan and preparations need to be underway very soon. Nobody present felt able to volunteer so it was agreed a parentmail should be sent to reach parents who could not be present at tonight's meeting.
- Burns Night, Friday 29<sup>th</sup> January – Need a sub-committee. TW suggested simplifying the events from last year to just include the meal and Ceilidh and that due to all the work put in place at last year's very successful Burns night much of the organisation was already in place.
- Name That Tune with mystery chocolate round, Friday 11<sup>th</sup> March. The Climbing wall team have volunteered to run the event

*Action: TW to start plans for the Quiz Night, TW and SJ to send out a parentmail request for volunteers to run the Craft Fayre. Old and new committee members are to discuss feasibility of all proposed events at the handover meeting.*

### **PTA Meetings**

Dates for future PTA meetings were proposed which include alternating between Tuesdays and Thursdays in hope of attracting a wider attendance.

ML offered to check dates with school calendar:

- Tuesday 17th November 2015
- Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> January 2016
- Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> March 2016
- Thursday 5th May 2016
- Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> July 2016

All 7.30pm, in the Resources Centre.

*Action: ML to confirm dates available. MJB to send out advance email to parents (via Parentmail and PTA list) and staff (via Kath Hutchinson).*

## **7. Presentation by Lucy Scott, Headteacher**

Lucy introduced herself and summarised this year's record breaking exam results.

## **8. Any other business**

**PTA name change** - Need ideas for a possible name change from PTA to something more modern which may encourage more to be involved i.e Supporters of Chesterton Community College.

**Faculty funding** – TW confirmed that all departments making a request must present their request in person in future.

*Action: All to bring name change ideas to next meeting.*

## **9. Date of next Meeting**

Tuesday 17th November 2015, 7.30pm, in the Resources Centre.

*Action: MJB to send out reminders and confirm time.*

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