

MINUTES

Lymm High School PTA AGM

Date: Monday 13 January 2020

Chair: Helen Johnson

Minutes: Kirsty Holden

In Attendance

Helen Johnson (HJ), Kirsty Holden (KH), Susan Oakley (SO), Julie Daniels (JD), Nicola Storey (NS), Kirsty James (KJ), Gwyn Williams (GW), Natalie McGillivray (NM), Sue O'Connor (SOC), Sarah Coke (SC), Emma Neal (EN), Jacqui Clarke (JC), Natasha Kirsten (NK)

Apologies

Rigel Allan (RA), Liesl Hacker (LH), Jane Norton (JN), Ann Scott (AS), Nicola Humphreys (NH), Cathy Warner (CW), Emma Shakespeare (ES), Antonia Mungai (AM), Alison Hunt, Ann Gorman (AG)

Welcome

HJ welcomed everyone to the meeting

Minutes / Matters Arising

The minutes were read and accepted.

Reports

Head Teacher's Report:

1. LHS pupils had mock exams before Christmas, they are waiting for marks to come through at the moment.
2. Barabara Dutton, an experienced Ofsted inspector, performed a review of the school 3-4 weeks before Christmas and was very positive.
3. The recent Parent Forum was not very well attended but went well. The main concern was the canteen which is an ongoing issue but some changes have already been made to help the queuing systems. The second main issue to come up was the level of challenge in KS3 lessons, especially English, and an interesting discussion was had. In the recent survey of Year 7 parents, about 75% thought that levels of challenge are about right now, with equal numbers saying it was either too hard or not challenging enough.
4. School are very close to booking in the contractors to start work on the 3G pitch. Once started, the project should take ~16 weeks to complete.
5. Bringing the bus arrival times forward on a morning to ensure pupils arrive at school in time for registration and assemblies has been successful. EN commented that there have been issues with buses not turning up at the end of the day and parents are contacting the bus company about this.
6. Three new parent governors have been elected.

Chair's/Treasurer's Report:

1. Our new treasurer, Jane Norton (JN) has been working her way through the accounts of the last two years. She reported via HJ, that the PTA currently has £10,000-£12,000 available to be used by school, this leaves the accounts with the usual buffer.
2. JC handed over a cheque from last year's Lymm Ladies Day of £924.07.
3. The curry evening in November, for which tickets were sold out, was reported by HJ to have made £540 for school. This was an event which required very little effort on the PTA's part, and it was suggested that we perhaps hold another similar event, perhaps at a different restaurant, in the spring/summer.

Fundraising

Events

Leap into Spring Ball –29th February 2020

- Sub-committee – NM, HJ, KJ, KJ, NS, KH
- The Hallmark Hotel is booked
- Magician is booked again and the photographer from last year has indicated he would be willing to attend again
- 20-30 tickets already sold, focus will now be on ticket sales, suggestion to email all last year's guests to see if they want tickets this year
- Unfortunately Mr Williams not able to attend this year however Mrs Ryles-Dean (acting deputy) will be attending in his absence.

Lymm Ladies Lunch – Summer 2020

- JC asked for help/somebody to take on this event from the PTA. KH suggested a friend who was the PTA representative for Statham School who would be willing to help. Post-meeting, this friend, Heidi Wynne-Roberts (a parent of two children at LHS) agreed to help and will contact JC by email.

Small bids from school heads of faculty

Mr Williams invited Heads of Faculty to bid for “nice to have items” to be bought using PTA funds. A number of bids were put forward and the PTA discussed these in the meeting. All were thought to be good bids that the PTA would like to fund if they had more money. After discussion, and reassurance from Mr Williams that some of the quotes were probably over-estimates because they'd included VAT and that there was also a little money left over in the Development Fund, it was decided that the bids from all departments could be funded.

Next meeting: Monday 27th April 2020, 7pm in the music room in the leisure centre