

MINUTES

Lymm High School PTA AGM

Date: Monday 16 September 2019

Chair: Helen Johnson

Minutes: Kirsty Holden

In Attendance

Helen Johnson (HJ), Kirsty Holden (KH), Nicola Storey (NS), Rigel Allan (RA), Kirsty James (KJ), Gwyn Williams (GW), Natalie McGillivray (NM), Ruth Ball (RB), Liesl Hacker (LH), Sue O'Connor (SOC), Amanda Pemberton (AP), Ann Scott (AS), Nicola Humphreys, Antonia Mungai, Fran Clarkson, Jane Norton

Apologies

Cathy Warner (CW), Emma Neal (EN), Trudie Newhouse (TN), Jacqui Clarke (JC), Nicola Woodyatt (NW), Ann Gorman (AG), Kerry Spink (KS), Sally Bircham (SB), Sarah Coke (SC), Kieran Walshe (KW)

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 brilliant GCSE results this year with 90% of students achieving at least "old C" grades in English and maths. The progress 8 score is expected to be ~0.5 or more which is a really strong result. GW is particularly pleased with the depth of performance of pupils over all subjects. Year 10 English literature results were also excellent. LHS will continue to work on improving the exam results of students from less affluent backgrounds.
2. New year 7s and new staff have all settled in well. The school is still heavily oversubscribed. GW commented that despite newspaper reports about a crisis in teacher recruitment, LHS does not seem to have problems with recruitment and teachers want to come and work at the school.
3. New canopy has been constructed over the McCorm's Yard which has provided some covered seating and helped provide more seating for the canteen.
4. At the end of the last academic year LHS was awarded the bid from the FA to build a 3G pitch.
5. On the 1st October there will be an advice evening for key stage 3 where some aspects of last year's successful evening on drugs will be replicated for key stage 3.
6. LHS will be focusing this year on the theme of social responsibility and what it means to be a socially responsible citizen.

Chair's Report:

It has been a good year where the strategy of having fewer but larger events has worked well. In addition, reducing the frequency of PTA meetings from once half termly to once termly appears to be more efficient too. Instead, employing small groups focused on different events/fundraising streams has been very effective.

Current school/PTA FB groups:

PTA official page (open group) – to be advertised in LHS newsletter, action: NM to ask Kate
LHS100Club (closed group, PTA members only)

Year 7 parents page – AM currently moderates

LHS parents only page – LH currently moderates (Action: AM will work with school to remove non-current parents from the page, will start with a couple of gentle requests for people to leave [LH has already requested once])

In addition there is a Lymm High second hand uniform FB page and a Lymm revision guides page

Election of Officers

Chair person

TBC, HJ to remain as interim chair

Vice Chairperson

TBC

Secretary – Kirsty Holden

Nominated by NM

Seconded by SOC

Treasurer – Jane Norton

Nominated by RA

Seconded by HJ

Publicity/FB mediator – Antonia Mungai

Nominated by LH

Seconded by HJ

Fundraising

Targets

The school and PTA will be turning their attention to the arts for the next fundraising target. More details later in the academic year.

Events

Curry night – Friday 29th November 2019 suggested

- Sub-committee – LH, HJ, KH, RA (SOC and AM to help on night) has been formed
- Action: KH to contact Helena about booking the Hexagon
- KJ has contacts that could provide catering
- Action: KH to apply for Alcohol license (temporary event notice)
- Aim advertising at year 7 parents (getting to know each other)

Ball – potential dates discussed, initially will enquire about 29th February 2020

- Sub-committee – NM, HJ, KJ, KJ, NS
- Suggested similar format and venue to last ball to build on its success

Lymm Ladies Lunch – Summer 2020

- Discuss at next meeting

AOB

Next meeting: Monday 13th January 2020, 7pm in the music room in the leisure centre