

MINUTES

Lymm High School PTA Meeting

Date: Monday 29 April 2019

Chair: Helen Johnson

Minutes: Kirsty Holden

In Attendance

Gwyn Williams (GW), Helen Johnson (HJ), Kirsty Holden (KH), Natalie McGillivray (NM), Sarah Coke (SC), Nicola Storey (NS), Nicola Woodyatt (NW), Kirsty James (KJ), Gwyn Williams (GW), Kerry Spink (KS), Kieran Walshe (KW), Trudie Newhouse (TN), Antonia Mungai (AM), Ann Broughton (AB), Kerren Ratcliffe (KR), Sue O'Connor (SC), Alison Hunt (AH), Cathy Warner (CW)

Apologies

Jacqui Clarke (JC), Liesl Hacker (LH), Rigel Allan (RA), Dyfed Bowen (DB)

Welcome

HJ welcomed everyone to the meeting

Minutes / Matters Arising

The minutes were read and accepted.

Reports

Head Teacher's Report:

1. The planning application for the 3G pitch has been successful. On the 9th May the bid will be put forward to a panel and on the 21st May the bid will be considered by the FA board.
2. A canopy is in the process of being installed in the McCorm's Yard. This will provide additional seating for the canteen.
3. School is in the midst of exams at the moment, all pupils have been working hard, especially the year 11 students.
4. A Student Voice activity was performed on Friday. This involved staff asking a variety of students for feedback on the school. Nothing especially new was highlighted in the process and it was thought that the results were more positive than 3 years ago. Students were especially positive about the extra-curricular programme and about the support and care they receive from staff. They were asked specifically about canteen food (after some complaints earlier in the year) but were generally very positive about this. Removing the external doors to prevent students loitering and having members of the 6th form leadership team around has really helped improve the state of the toilets. Students also said that it is very rare for their learning to be disrupted by other students.
5. A parent forum will be held on Wednesday 1st May
6. Uniform – school have listened to feedback from students and amended the uniform policy to allow socks to be worn instead of tights in the last half term of the academic year.

Feedback from PTA on FB page – generally quiet at moment with most concern over school buses (lateness and missing stops) which is being dealt with by a collective spreadsheet that is being used by parents to log instances and will be fed back to the bus company.

Chair's Report:

Discussion on whether one PTA meeting per term was enough. Conclusion that it is since there are other sub-committees also meeting regularly.

Treasurer's Report:

1. Little activity on the account, recent payments have just been made for insurance and the ball deposit.
2. My donate (run by BT) has raised £791 this academic year, since Sep 2018. Last year £3400 was raised through My Donate. My Donate will close soon and can be replaced with Just Giving or Virgin Money Giving.
3. Easyfundraising has raised £359.
4. Current balance in accounts is ~£17,600.
5. Last year's accounts are ready for checking by an accountant (last year accounts received £9190 in and paid £5940 out).

Fundraising

Discussion on whether there are other projects in addition to the 3G pitch that require PTA fundraising. Decided that once the decision has been made on the 3G pitch, PTA and school will be in a better position to make decisions on other fundraising.

Question about OughtyFest and whether LHS is involved – no they are not although perhaps some of high school is being rented for the event?

Fundraising/bid writing committee

- This is a specific committee put together to look into sponsorship from local businesses, identifying available grants and bidding for them in addition to fundraising.
- Three tiers of fundraising:
 1. Corporate sponsorship is sought for the PitchIn campaign.
 2. The team have put together a list of targets including local funds such as supermarket funds in addition to money such as lottery funds.
 3. Traditional fundraising. May ball – see below

Update: Not much response received so far to fundraising packs.

May Ball – 18 May 2019

Over 100 tickets now sold. Plans for a raffle and an auction – prizes still coming in and some good ones already donated. Suggested that hampers could be put together with donated alcohol. Andrew Collier the photographer will be present. Kirsty James to contact a magician to see if he can come for entertainment. Discussion on whether any pupils could play instruments at ball. String quartet has disbanded and another group not available.

AOB

Following successful drugs talk, should we have a mental health talk? Could PTA fund it?

Action: HJ to contact Ruth Ball to investigate further.

Next meeting (AGM): Monday 16th September 2019