

# MINUTES

## Lymm High School PTA Meeting

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**Date:** Monday 06 March 2023

**Chair:** Clare Martin and Kerry Spink

**Minutes:** Kirsty Holden

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### **In Attendance**

Gwyn Williams (GW, LHS Head), Kerry Spink (KS, Co-Chair), Clare Martin (CM, Co-Chair), Kirsty Holden (KH, secretary), Jane Norton (JN, Treasurer), Natalie McGillivray (NM), Emma Roberts (ER), Tracy Gowland (TG), Louise Hassall (LH), Fiona Hutchison (FH), Rachel Hind (RH)

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### **Apologies**

Rigel Allan (RA), Nicola Storey (NS), Kirsty James (KJ), Helen Davison (HD), Jonathan Eckersley (JE)

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### **Welcome**

CM and KS welcomed everyone to the meeting.

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### **Minutes / Matters Arising**

The minutes were read and accepted.

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### **Reports**

#### **Head Teacher's Report:**

1. Industrial action – GW understands it is frustrating for parents but there isn't much that can be done
2. Warrington were not awarded the levelling up bid. Feedback was that Warrington's bid was very strong, Kieran is meeting with Andy Carter to consider our chances if we resubmit in round 3.

#### **Treasurer's Report (JN)**

PTA made £350 on Santa float, £1114 on quiz, £100 on doughnuts and has received £205 from Amazon this year plus £920 over the last 18 months. In bank PTA has £15,702 total, £10,700 is available to give to schools.

#### **PTA constitution**

Reviewed and changes agreed in meeting.

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### **Fundraising**

#### **Events**

##### **Doughnuts on 17<sup>th</sup> February**

PTA made £100, other half of money went to Turkish disaster appeal. Next doughnuts to be in May half term (not Easter).

##### **Fish and chips and quiz night in school, Fri 27<sup>th</sup> Jan 2023**

Successful evening, £1114 made. John Hayes was an excellent quiz master.

##### **Band Night (Sat 24<sup>th</sup> June 2023, Team: KH to lead, KS, ER, FH, TG, CM)**

Venue booked (Lymm golf club), band booked (Under the Table, local band).

##### **Lymm Ladies Lunch Party on the Pitch (Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> June, Rachel Hind briefed the PTA)**

Big party, adult only event at rugby club, band, DJs, street food, can host up to 1500 people, will involve LHS in planning

**Lymm festival event (Sun 2<sup>nd</sup> July)**

PTA to provide a bar, KS to apply for licence.

**Targets**

Since levelling up bid was unsuccessful, decision made to donate some of PTA funds to school departments.

PTA reviewed the bids put in by LHS departments for items to be funded. Rejected PSE bid and agreed to fund a larger bid from performance arts. Mr Williams to ask them for a larger bid. Chose to fund the bids below:

| Faculty      | Request  | Amount        |
|--------------|--|---------------|
| Media        | Mobile microphones   | £60           |
| ILC/Library  | We are looking to introduce a silent lunch period to the ILC when reading, study and mindfulness activities can all take place in silence. As part of the set-up we would like to have a large jigsaw set out on one of the tables which could be worked on by students each session. This would involve the purchase of a couple of large puzzles and a roll or fold up mat to store the ongoing jigsaw between sessions. We would also like to purchase some new mindfulness colouring books and felt tip pens for students to use.  | £100          |
| LDD          | We really need some activity packs for students to use when they are taking time out in the Hub & especially when they are feeling anxious and overwhelmed. Currently we have mindfulness colouring resources available, but more tactile activities would soothe some students better eg. bracelet-making kits, knitting, meccano kit, bath bomb kits, making lavender sachets, felt, stones. Hama beads etc and would help to develop motor-skills at the same time.   | £100          |
| Maths        | We would like to try 10-15 writing tablets in class. These would be used in a similar way to mini whiteboards but without the waste of student board pens - we use approx 30 student board pens every 2 weeks x 15 members of staff. A lot of plastic waste. They come with a stylus. the battery lasts for 100 000 screen clears. I think from an environmentally friendly kind of way we should look at this but do need to trial it before committing budget in the future.   | £100-<br>£150 |
| Art & Design | We would like to bid for a Cricut machine which will enhance the visual arts subjects across all the key stages. The Cricut would provide opportunities for students at KS3 to develop specialist skills that will prepare them for KS4 courses. It will also benefit KS4 and KS5 students, enabling them to create an exciting range of high-quality outcomes.  | £400          |
| DT           | I would like to request the possibility of a vinyl cutter please. It is a machine that can cut out intricate shapes from coloured vinyl. This could be a great benefit to pupils directly with regards to products manufactured adding a professional addition to their final pieces in Product Design, Architecture and Art and Fashion also. Anything from small detailing of prototypes and architecture models to screen printed T-Shirts and other garments. Also to be used indirectly to students learning through displays and department marketing. Even as far as set displays for Drama performances. That could be housed in DT and be a school wide resource. | £400-<br>£500 |
| PE           | We'd love 3 sets of sinkable netball posts for the outdoor courts. They are much safer to use than the existing ones which have to be wheeled in and out each lesson and weigh an awful lot, which requires students to help which is a problem for us. They would enable us to start lessons much quicker and safer moving forwards   | £900          |
| Ethos        | An 88" screen that will post messages about the themes of the month and other social responsibility/ethos messages.  | £2,000        |

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## **AOB**

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JN is planning on standing down as PTA treasurer at the end of this academic year, is informing with plenty of notice to help PTA to find a new treasurer.

**Next meeting: Monday 24<sup>th</sup> April 2023, 7pm by Zoom**