

# MINUTES

## Lymm High School PTA Meeting

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**Date:** Monday 10 January 2022 (by Zoom)

**Chair:** Helen Johnson

**Minutes:** Kirsty Holden

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### **In Attendance**

Helen Johnson (HJ), Kirsty Holden (KH), Kirsty James (KJ), Gwyn Williams (GW), Natalie McGillivray (NM), Sarah Coke (SC), Rigel Allan (RA), Clare Martin (CM), Kerry Spink (KS), Susan Oakley (SO), Nicola Storey (NS)

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### **Apologies**

Nicola Toop, Louise Hassall, Emma Roberts, Jane Norton, Jayne Bailey

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### **Welcome**

HJ 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. Since Christmas the situation with Covid has been steady but with ~10% staff absence it does add operational pressure, for example, it is more difficult to cover lunch duties and the pastoral team were under pressure last half term. The students have been amazing with high compliance with regards to mask wearing and in general everything has been ok.
2. Year 11 had mock exams in December and the emerging data look promising.
3. Next assessments are this term as part of government plan B, it is a challenge to run the assessments without affecting the normal exam preparations. School are waiting for more information from the exam boards which has been promised by mid-February.
4. Key stage 3 are also having exams this term and the year 9 options evening will be run remotely.
5. The PSHE session for parents in December was well received and well aimed and an e-safety session for parents will be delivered this month too.

#### **FB page:**

Absence of lockers has been queried – not possible as not enough space in school for number of lockers required for number of pupils and doubts over whether many pupils would actually use them for long on such a large site as ours.

Discussion on canteen and suggestion (SO) that school could look into apps that allow pre-ordering. School will take a look.

Rewards system – there have been some complaints from parents but in general the system works well for what school needs.

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### **Fundraising**

#### **Year 7/8 quiz**

Decision to postpone from 3<sup>rd</sup> February to 21<sup>st</sup> April (Thursday) due to Covid rates still being high.

**Band night (Team: KH, ER, SC, HJ, JB, KJ), 26<sup>th</sup> March 2022 postponed to 14<sup>th</sup> May**

Golf club provisionally booked for 26<sup>th</sup> March – after meeting this postponed to 14<sup>th</sup> May. Some Covid restrictions but can still host ~80. Plan to invite local bands to play. KH has set up Whats App group for planning team.

**Amazon Smile**

Set up and working, promoted regularly on social media and school PTA communications to encourage parents to sign up.

**Online balloon race**

Discussion on whether this would work at the high school. KS has previously organised one, it is ~£30 to set up, the balloons race over ~1 week and raise ~£3 per balloon.

**Doughnut sales (KS, CM, RA) Friday 18<sup>th</sup> February**

Krispy Kreme will offer discounted doughnuts to charities raising money. Agreed to try as a fundraising event on Friday 18<sup>th</sup> February, just before half term. KS to lead (previous experience) and CM and RA to help.

**Clothing banks**

Suggestion one could be set up at side of languages yard by the 6<sup>th</sup> form block. School will look into it further.

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**AOB**

None

**Next meeting: Monday 7<sup>th</sup> March 2022**