

MINUTES

Lymm High School PTA Meeting

Date: Monday 29 October 2018

Chair: Helen Johnson

Minutes: Kirsty Holden

In Attendance

Helen Johnson (HJ), Kirsty Holden (KH), Sarah Coke (SC), Nicola Storey (NS), Jacqui Clarke (JC), Nicola Woodyatt (NW), Sally Bircham (SB), Dyfed Bowen (DF), Sue O'Connor (SOC), Kamila Janemko (KJ), Rigel Allan (RA), Alison Hunt (AH), Trudie Newhouse (TN), Kirsty James (KJ), Gwyn Williams (GW),

Apologies

Natalie McGillivray (NM), Cathy Warner (CW), Ruth Ball (RB), Emma Neal (EN), Jan Daniel (JD), Liesl Hacker (LH), Sue O'Connor (SC), Melanie McVey (MM)

Welcome

HJ welcomed everyone to the meeting

Minutes / Matters Arising

The minutes were read and accepted.

Reports

Head Teacher's Report:

1. GW briefed the PTA on Lymm High School's academic achievements. A recent Department for Education publication confirms that Lymm High School achieved good results in the last academic year. Of particular note is the score of 0.25 in the progress 8 measure, which analyses the improvement in the pupils' attainment from entering the school to leaving. A score of 0.25 is significantly above average and puts Lymm in the top 20-25% of schools that are similar to Lymm. It also places Lymm in the top 10 schools for this measure in the whole of Cheshire and Warrington. Furthermore, the exam attainment means Lymm is in the top 11-12% of schools in the country.
2. School improvements: Work is progressing on the improvements to the school changing rooms and replacement of the gym floor. GW to communicate this to parents. In addition, in the next few weeks the Santa Dash will be launched which was a successful fundraiser last year.
3. Parent forum 16th October: GW found the meeting very useful. A summary of the discussions will be compiled and sent to all parents.

Chair's Report:

The FB page is working well and LH is doing a good job of addressing concerns raised on the page. In general, there have been more positive comments on the page. KJ suggested that when we advertise events on the page, everyone should like and comment if possible on the event as this helps to keep the post towards the top of the FB page feed.

Treasurer's Report:

Nothing has changed since the report delivered at the AGM. A cheque was presented to GW by JC for £945.10 from the Lymm Ladies Lunch.

Fundraising

Beaujolais night – 17th November 2018

- Sub-committee has been formed and has a Whats App group for communication.
- Room booking form has been submitted.
- Alcohol license (temporary event notice) submitted straight after PTA meeting
- Individuals identified with links to primary schools to help advertise
- Suggestion to put posters up at local bonfires (rugby club, Oughtrington School, Thelwall bonfire)
- Any raffle prizes are welcome
- Help to advertise/sell tickets is welcome
- KJ didn't have numbers on ticket sales to hand

Lymm Ladies Lunch – June 2019

- JC happy to volunteer again, NM not able to this time
- Volunteers required to help – a message requesting volunteers to be posted on Lymm PTA FB page

Golf day

- HJ to contact organiser to ask about donation to PTA

Bid writing committee

- This is a specific committee put together to look into sponsorship from local businesses, identifying available grants and bidding for them.
- HJ has received some money that can be used to train a sub-committee in writing successful applications.
- Thus far the sub-committee comprises KJ, HJ, KS and AB. DB expressed an interest in joining and a message will be put on the PTA FB group to seek additional volunteers.

Winter Wander

- This was a successful social event last year between Christmas and New Year where a group all paid £10 each to go for a walk with pub stops along the way and in each pub was something to eat (bacon sandwiches, chilli, mince pies).
- The event didn't raise lots of money but was a good social occasion.
- Sub-committee to organize the event: HJ and TN, additional volunteers will be sought via the FB group.
- Suggested dates: between Christmas and New Year, or Fri 4th or Sat 5th January.

St Patrick's Day/German Beerkeller night

- Sub-committee: AB, TN, DB plus additional volunteers
- Date: Friday 15th March suggested, AB to confirm

School events

- Sportspersons dinner 8th February

AOB

PTA get-together in school restaurant (Chapters)

- Contact Carole Dean re: availability of dates

Next meeting: Monday 7th January, 7pm in the leisure centre