

Due to the Covid 19 restrictions
this was held online via Zoom.



OSH PA MEETING

Held Wednesday 7th October 2020 @ 7.30pm

PRESENT

Committee Members: Clare Cartwright (Chair & Trustee), Tracy Lee (Vice Chair & Trustee), Hamish Pearson (Media/IT & Trustee), Clare Thurston (Secretary),

Kay Ramsarran, Jenny Butterworth, Hannah Clark, Silvia McTaggart, Giovanna (Mum of Joseph), Tchaza

Headmaster: Paul Kilbride

1. APOLOGIES

Apologies received from Julie Henry, Vanessa Walker, Roger Walker

2. ACTIONS FROM LAST MEETING

To be discussed later in the meeting.

3. FINANCIAL

TL informed us that refunds from Quiz and Curry are almost complete (3 pending). So far we have received donations of £365.

4. SCHOOL LOTTERY & EASY FUNDRAISING

Your School Lottery – HP reported that we are up 3 tickets from last month so the winners pot has been higher recently. Lottery has raised about £1900 so far.

EasyFundraising – Nothing new to report.

5. SOCIAL MEDIA & COMMUNICATIONS

Due to the PA receiving a mention on school newsletter engagement across all social media platforms has gone up this month. We've had double the amount of followers also. Thanks to PK for actioning this.

Action – HP to liase with OSH shop in order to help promote activities and inform parents of opening dates and times.

6. REQUESTS & CORRESPONDENCE

CC queried whether the Geography department still require a visualiser which PA received a request about a couple of months ago. PK to follow up.

CC had emailed Mr Petfield to offer PA funding for scooter storage in Prospect House. PK confirmed this would be a good idea. PA keen to promote being outdoors and staying active. CC awaiting response from Mr Petfield

7. CURRENT FUNDRAISING PROJECTS

Christmas Cards

Competition was launched to students in assembly on Friday. Entries expected after half term. Emily Pincher enquired whether the PA could provide a financial incentive for entrants. PA happy to do this. The following prizes were discussed - £20 for winner, £10 for 2 runners-up.

HP has got a few contacts for printing the cards. Needs to know how many we want to order, as we don't want too many left over.

Discussion followed concerning how to get orders in. We agreed that electronically would be best. Preferred method would be Evolve, so no money needed to be handled. PK was confident that House matrons would help in the distribution of cards direct to houses if needed.

Action – CC to feedback to Emily about prize money. HP to continue researching printer options and confirm who we are using. CC to contact RW to find out how many cards were ordered from printer last time. PA to finalise logistics of how we transport cards to houses and what ordering method we will be using.

School Tuck Shop

Tuck shop opens tomorrow (Thurs 8th). PA have sourced £300 worth of stock, estimated profit return of £90 approx. CC suggested the possibility of donating to INTERACT in the future.

PK informed us that school will be practising with Yr7's initially and will let PA know how they get on

Action – PK to update us of progress and if PA need to provide further support.

8. IDEAS FOR FUTURE EVENTS

Business Directory

SM explained that this directory would enable local businesses with students at the school would be able to pay a fee to feature in the directory. This would benefit the school community as it would create a useful network of local services for OSH parents and also boost those businesses too. PA discussed how businesses would advertise. Needs to be more than a list of names and services. Would require name of business, some information of services offered and contact details.

HP could help facilitate this. Could be a website, e-brochure or both.

CC suggested a fee of £50 for 12 months and then renew after a year. Also it was suggested that we used the calendar year of Jan-Dec rather than school year of Sept-Aug. Next half term could be an ideal time to launch for start in Jan.

JB suggested a sub-committee could be a good idea to get this idea off the ground. HP, SM and TL expressed an interest to get involved.

Action – Sub-committee to connect and formulate a plan for launching directory. PK to check DFE regs to check no rules are being breached.

Sponsored Events/All-Weather Pitch

SM suggested students and parents taking part in sponsored events, e.g cycling, running, other events and collecting sponsorship.

HP added that we need a fundraising focus. Something that the students can strive to achieve, e.g all weather pitch.

PK informed us that a 3G pitch was still a very desirable project but could we put it on hold for now until maybe Feb/March.

Action – Potentially ring fencing money raised for 3G pitch for that specific purpose.

Meditation/Wellbeing workshops

SM shared with us her own personal experience of the effectiveness of practising meditation and relaxation techniques with her son, especially during these current times.

PK informed us that similar workshops have been carried out at school in the past (mindfulness and tai chi) and with success. Couldn't run them weekly at the moment but a short term project would prove more effective and welcomed by the school.

HP raised some very useful points. We would need the right type of person to promote this. The students need to be able to relate to them. Who could deliver the workshops? Will students take it up?

Action – SM to collect contacts for next meeting.

9. HEADMASTER

PK gave us an update on memorial garden. (Re-cap – Memorial Garden outside Baxter House in memory of Tom Mole. Geology was his passion. Initial plan was to source Icelandic Stone to form a centre piece for garden).

PK has been in contact with a company to create an outdoor seating area with durable rocks. Preparation of the ground outside Baxter is done. Just need to finalise a price and timeline.

CC confirmed that PA are very willing to contribute to this project. We agreed an amount of £2000. CC to check with RW.

10. A.O.B

Food Bank Collection

TL has messaged Jen Coleman and all ready to go. Just need to decide when to do collection. TL suggested the last day of term, 23rd October. Dudley car park was suggested, doors open to cafeteria between 3-4:30 for parents to drop off donations. Jen Coleman to sort out press and van to collect.

Action – TL to co-ordinate collection with JC. PK to add information on collection to parent's newsletter on Friday.

Year 7 What's App Group

CC informed us that the current Yr7 have a very active What's app group. We should use this to our advantage and encourage their enthusiasm.

Action – CC to explore different ways to use Yr 7 What's App group to promote future PA events/activities.

Online Quiz Update

KR gave us an update on her initial idea of an online quiz. She has tried to make contact with quiz master but very busy at the moment. KR to try and find another quiz master.

CC suggested putting it out on social media to see if anybody has a contact.

HP suggested online donations – a Paypal link for teams to take part in quiz.

Action – KR to continue to look for potential quiz masters.

11. FINAL THOUGHTS

CC thanked SM for her new ideas and enthusiasm. CC asked if she could be added to What's App group.

TL told us that the band is booked for next year's ball. GREAT NEWS

12. NEXT MEETING

Wednesday 4 November @ 7.30pm via Zoom.