

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



OSH PA MEETING

Held Wednesday 9 September 2020 @ 7.30pm

PRESENT

Committee Members: Clare Cartwright (Chair & Trustee), Tracy Lee (Vice Chair & Trustee), Roger Walker (Treasurer & Trustee), Hamish Pearson (Media/IT & Trustee), Julie Henry, Jenny Butterworth, Clare Thurston

Parents: Silvia McTaggart, Jason Mantle, Bisi Idaomi, Nonni Ndlova, Nazia Bibi, Frank Sinandima, Mr & Mrs Haseeb (on behalf of Faiuna Haseeb), Claudine Whatley Billau, Lee Salton, Justin Griffiths

Headmaster: Paul Kilbride

1. APOLOGIES

Apologies received from Jen Coleman, Hannah Le Quenelec, Kay Ramsarran

2. ACTIONS FROM LAST MEETING

To be discussed later in the meeting.

3. FINANCIAL

RW reported that the current account stands at £16,866 with £2,253 in an investment account.

4. SCHOOL LOTTERY & EASY FUNDRAISING

Your School Lottery – HP reported that we have still not hit 100 tickets, but we are hoping to do that this term. The link to the Lottery is always on the OSH Face Book page, and is also on the winner's notification which is posted every Sunday.

EasyFundraising – Money comes straight into the bank account, and we need to push this more this term.

5. SOCIAL MEDIA & COMMUNICATIONS

We still need to encourage people on to our OSH PA pages on various social media platforms, which could be included in the next Group Call. We do try to join with posts from the school in general, and vice versa. Hamish is happy to do the posts but he needs to be sent information to be shared.

Action – PK is writing to parents this week so he will reference the Lottery etc, and also the various PA social media platforms.

6. REQUESTS & CORRESPONDENCE

We received a request last term for a visualiser for the Geography department but have heard nothing further.

Action – PK to remind Mr Williams to send info and costs to PA.

7. FUNDRAISING & FUTURE EVENTS

Winter Ball 2020

This will not take place due to Covid restrictions, but we will continue to monitor the situation and hope to hold a Ball in the Spring/Summer of 2021. TL has already contacted the Band to ascertain their availability in May/June of next year, and has asked that our deposit be transferred once a new date is agreed.

We will also look at holding a Bavarian Night in the summer term too.

Action – To monitor the Government guidance regarding large gatherings.

Quiz & Curry Night

We are unable to re-arrange this (postponed in March) due to Covid restrictions. This will be cancelled as we won't be able to hold it in school in the foreseeable future.

Action – TL to send an email to everyone asking if they wanted a full refund, or were prepared to donate some if not all of their ticket money to the PA.

Online Quiz

It was suggested at the last meeting that we could hold an online Quiz, with a charge for a team to enter. There was mixed opinion about the interest and viability of this so we decided to discuss this further with Kay Ramsarran who suggested the idea. It may be more popular during the coming dark nights and we could ask the boarding houses to be involved via the Housemasters.

Action - CC to contact KR regarding potential online event.

Christmas Cards / Calendar

HP reported that an A3 calendar with 12 images would cost £2.80 each, which we could sell at £5.00-7.50 each. Turnaround time from our local printing company is approx 4 weeks; other companies have said 7 days. A6 Christmas cards work out to approx 16p per card including envelope so could be an excellent revenue maker for the PA. .

PK contacted Emily Pincher during the meeting, who responded very positively about asking students to produce images for a card.

ST asked if the SIMS app could be used to promote the Christmas cards and PK said this could definitely be an option.

CC recommended that we focus on Christmas cards only this year because of timescales and the need to pre-order a calendar so we don't have any left-over that we wouldn't be able to sell because of dates being on them.

Action – HP to look into potential online ordering for parents, so that cards could be posted out directly to them. PK to ask Louise Green (Bursar) if we could use Evolve for receiving payments.

School Tuck Shop

School have asked us to help run a Tuck Shop in the college building as all pupils are not currently permitted into town. This was agreed to be a good idea, with the PA providing the products to sell and managing the financial side, the school would deal with all other aspects, with all profits coming to the PA.

Action – PK to talk to Mr Dean in Foley about potentially overseeing this project. PA will look into sourcing the items.

Branded Face Coverings

This had been proposed as a potential fundraising idea by Jen Coleman, but it was decided that there would be very little, if any, profit to be made. All the students already had face coverings of their own so it

was felt we had missed the boat. PK pointed out that if we do decide to go ahead he could put us in touch with a parent who has a contact in Vietnam who produced branded face coverings.

8. HEADMASTER

PK thanked everyone for attending tonight, and encouraged new parents to keep coming along to the meetings, staying involved and supporting the PA.

9. AOB

Food Bank Collection

One of our Committee Members, Jen Coleman, is CEO of the Black Country Food Bank and the PA would like to arrange a donation/collection from school. It was agreed to try the first one to coincide with the Harvest Festival, with a second possibly just before Christmas. Several PA members have already offered to help with collecting and delivering donations.

Action – CC to liaise with Jen and discuss best option forward. PK to be initial contact, but may well find someone else to co-ordinate it at a later date.

One Off Donation to the PA

JM suggested asking all parents for a one-off donation to the PA of say £10. This was thought to be a very good idea but maybe not right now because of all the fees and other expenses that have had to be paid.

Action – To look at again in January.

House PA Rep

JM suggested having house or year PA Reps to help promote our activities.

Action – CC to liaise with JM to discuss further.

Recovery Curriculum Support

A survey will be sent to all students later this month to see how they are settling in. PK will let us know if any funding is required for motivational speakers etc so support the students.

Action – To review at next month's meeting when results of survey have been analysed.

10. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Wednesday 7 October @ 7.30pm via Zoom.