



Arnold Hill Academy Parent Teacher Association

Arnold Hill Academy PTA Meeting Minutes

Wednesday 27 January 2016

6:30pm – 8pm Lower School Library – Arnold Hill Academy

Attendees:

Apologies

Paul Drury (Deputy Chair)	Mrs Abbas
Charlotte Anderson	Rosie Stocks
Jenny McLaughlan	Sarah Kinton
Shafique Fazal	Faye Spencer
Kathleen Terry	Shirley Berry
Deb Campion	Sudha Vashisht
Brian Newson	Gemma Poulter
	Sarah Sewell

Minute taker: Ashley Brown (**Secretary**)

Welcome and apologies

3. Minutes of the last meeting: The minutes of the last meeting on 3 November 2016 were accepted.

Matters arising

Action

<p>4. Food Fair Feedback The food fair raised £560.70</p> <p>Positives regarding the event were: The fair looked impressive Good range of stalls Not too crowded Well-advertised Relaxed atmosphere in the café</p> <p>Areas for improvement: Range of stalls was not comprehensive – craft stalls were needed and the event bigger The hall was cold due to the heating failing Lack of foot fall (200 visitors) More for the children to do (video games/entertainment) More festive decorations</p> <p>For the next fair the school layout will be changed and the New Build would be an ideal venue where we could incorporate tours of the school and interesting activities for the children. The entrance fee could be justified if a free raffle ticket was included in the price of admission.</p> <p>The next fair date would be provisionally set for Sunday 20 November 2016 and would be a Christmas Craft and Food Fair. Ashley would make contact with Lee Roberts to confirm the availability of the Academy. As soon as the date was confirmed then advertising would be put on websites.</p>	<p>Ashley Brown Deb Campion</p>
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<p>5. Department Feedback</p> <p>Paul said he had been in touch with Alison Keates Head of PE and she had updated him on recent events and achievements. Mr Newson from the PE department would be putting in a bid for funding.</p> <p>Jenny hadn't been in touch with the Music department but was provided Mr Mile's email address.</p> <p>Kath Terry had nothing to report from her department but contacts with the Technology and Music department could be used to provide entertainment and provide catering for the Fair in November. PTA Department members should liaise with the faculties to see what support each individual department could provide.</p> <p>6. Deb Campion said there had been problems uploading documents from the old website and was struggling to upload large documents. She asked for feedback from all PTA members regarding the PTA page at the next meeting.</p> <p>7. Department Funding Requests</p> <p>Brian Newson wanted funding for Rugby kit for the 6th Form students and sub training kit. Wates had agreed to fund the boys and girls rugby team and have contributed £200. Subs' training tops and 6th Form kit was still needed because the older students were not required to have a school kit and the current kit being used for matches was over 4 years old and was very tatty; it was also used for year 11 matches. The students like having a smart alternative kit to wear to fixtures, as it looks smart and gives them kudos. Brian said he would get quotes for the kit needed and asked for funding up to £250, which the members voted on and approved.</p> <p>Paul Drury read out the funding request for Jade Richards - Drama department. They require a video camera to record performances to submit for exams and general practice performances. The department have asked for £150 for the camera. This request was put to the vote and approved by the PTA members.</p> <p>Mr Fazal would be contacting Ms Richards to ask about which camera was required and get some more information regarding the request.</p> <p>Please see the attached funding request forms.</p> <p>8. Other business</p> <p>Charlotte asked the members to look for other fund raising events that they could implement as the amount the PTA was raising was being outstripped by the requests being submitted.</p>	<p>Departmental Reps</p> <p>PTA Members</p> <p>PTA Members</p>
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<p>Ashley recommended that the PTA have a board in the new school building to promote the PTA and display more information regarding what the association does.</p> <p>Paul asked Mr Fazal why he had recommended that this meeting be held at the academy rather than at the Royal Oak.</p> <p>Mr Fazal said the school was an accessible place for parents and teachers and was familiar and neutral. He believed a public house meeting place could alienate some parents due to religious beliefs and could make them apprehensive to come on their own.</p> <p>It was agreed that the meeting time would be changed to 6.30pm to 8pm and will take place in the Lower School Library at Arnold Hill Academy on a trial basis. The changes being permanently implemented would rely on attendance numbers staying the same and positive feedback from members.</p>	<p>Ashley contact Lee Roberts</p>
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Next Meeting Wednesday 16 March 2016 6.30pm-8pm Lower School Library Arnold Hill Academy.