

Minutes of PA Meeting 3 October 2018

Present: Jim Tullie, Claire Hanafin, Barber Nawaz, Danielle Armour, Sarah Thomas, Jean Pine, Andrew Radtke, Vivienne Cogan, Rizwan Rehman, Sofina Shafi, Murad Hussain, Nikki Alderson, Jo Jackson, Helen Handy

Apologies: Tony Pickles, Amanda Ashby, Kevin Huby, Tracy Lord, Tracey Deacon, Lesley Griffiths.

1. Jim Tullie welcomed everyone to the first meeting of this school year.
2. Apologies.
3. The minutes of the previous meeting had been circulated and were proposed by Andrew Radtke and seconded Vivienne Cogan.
4. Open Day – JT has final names and brief and will be issuing the rota and brief on Thursday to those supporting. Andrew R is supporting Clock House who have different arrangements to senior school. JT thanked all those who have volunteered to support the event.
5. Uniform – discussion regarding the issues with Perrys and their ability to supply for the start of term. JT advised that the PA and School had worked to help negate some of the impact with the provision of second hand uniform. Tracy Lord was managing this and was thanked for her sterling work and also noted that to date close to £600 had been raised from the sales. Questions were asked regarding Perrys / the contract etc and JT and HH advised that the contract was up for re-tender as the contract was nearing its contractual end date. We also outlined the tender process HH & JT had supported leading to the appointment of School Blazer.

JT advised that he had discussed the situation with school and that a tweet had gone out recently advising if uniform was required to still contact Perrys for the next 6 weeks or so and that School Blazer website is now anticipated to be on line and available in Q1 next year for Clock House and Senior School and 6th form will go live in the Summer Term.

ST reported she had to go to Perrys the day before term started in order to get her son's trousers. There were various complaints about the Perrys service, particularly from the Year 7 parents. VC mentioned Yr 7 Induction Day where the PA had provided a trying on service for school uniform that was immensely popular and asked whether School Blazer could provide the same service. HH replied that as an online service they would not provide this but that their returns service is much better therefore to order different sizes and send back those that didn't fit. NA had attended the Spring Fair and advised us that the service for 2nd Hand Uniform was fantastic and had really helped them prepare for the new school year.

JT advised there was no general sale of uniform planned at the moment, the focus was to ensure that any one without uniform was supplied.

6. Social event. JT asked if a social event of some kind would be a good idea. The newer parents in particular thought that it was a good idea and could we do one before half term! Try to involve Clock House as well. (the November was a suggested feasible date – JT/ CH to see about availability of room at school).
7. Bids: No bids had been received for this meeting to consider. We did have feedback from Emma Tomlinson thanking us for the support given to the year 7 trip that took place last week – not as cold as last year, just storm Bronagh to contend with!!

JT received an email from Harry Bolland of the 6th form with an update on the Chilli Bottle project – sales have started up again this term. The team has plans for a stall at open day and two pupils from lower in the school have registered their interest and enthusiasm towards helping with sales and continuing the project after Harry and his team leave school in summer 2019.

8. Coffee Mornings: Discussed running a Christmas Coffee Morning, mince pies etc, just as a social. CH has been in contact with Jane Chapman and Jo Rutter to support a coffee morning event in November.
9. AGM – date for the diary - JT advised that the AGM was booked for the 7th November at 7.30pm in DH room. Also mentioned that at the moment we have no secretary – a position we need to fill – and also that CH is standing down as vice chair at the AGM having been in position 2 years; although will still be a supporting member, so we need to fill her vacancy at the AGM.

10. AOB :

- a. JT asked if our new parents if they had signed the PA volunteers form for GDPR purposes; all have.
- b. HH suggested a “Silent Disco” for the young people. To be looked into by JT / CH
- c. JP – a silent disco could be great for year 7 but Clock House may prefer a more traditional event?
- d. DA suggested we look into a Year 11 leavers disco. Feedback suggests that year 11 are already discussing their end of year event!
- e. JP – suggested a Beetle Drive &/or quiz. Something that gets parents mixing.
- f. CH – should we have a stall at the Xmas Fair to help promote what the PA does. To be invested CH/JT. ST said she would help prepare a survey for that event to ask questions of parents what their interest are and see if that comes up with ideas for events for the PA to offer.
- g. MH asked about the various PA bodies such as the Sports PA's and how they all work. JT explained that essentially the specific sports PA operated to raise funds for the sport usually to assist in that sports future tours.

11. Date of next meeting - TBC