

BGS PA Minutes Thursday 15th March 2018

Present

Jim Tullie, Jan Tullie, Tony Pickles, Andrew Rattle, Dannielle Armour, Vivienne Cogan and Gill Bryan.

Apologies

Claire Hanafin, Amanda Ashby.

Welcome by the chair Jim Tullie

Minutes proposed Andrew Rattle, seconded Tony Pickles.

Plea for a secretary – Mrs J Tullie standing in for the meeting!

Spring Fair

Jim gave an update on progress so far :

Musical acts been an issue but slowly getting some contacts. Hoping to end up with a comprehensive provision throughout the day. Questions were raised relating to which school music groups / bands would be performing. Jim explained the school position and that the Concert band and Samaba band are taking part.

All school rooms/ facilities booked and confirmed.

Stalls seem to be moving slowly - numerous enquiries for sweet stalls! Not a lot we can do about the number of requests, but we are controlling how many as sweet sales is a product we wish to control the sale of.

On stall finder and Eventbrite and we will press on trying to get stall holders. Its slow at the moment.

Program is in final stages. Jim asked in any knew anyone / business / parents who may take out an advert as there are spots left to fill. A suggestion was raised about the photographer – does he advertise? Jim will investigate.

Volunteers is slow – further calls etc. will be made 1st week back after Easter as hopefully people will be clearer with their commitments with only 3 weeks to go. Would all please proactively ask friends to volunteer to assist. In that week we will also be sending out info for the bric brac collection etc. etc.

Spring Fair Flyer is complete and Mr Woods is aware and will arrange distribution before end of term.

Clipper on site tomorrow at 3pm for a site visit with Claire and Jim and Jim is meeting Barry Thorn to do the RA.

Year 7 doing soft toy tombola, penalty shooting and we will see our Orienteering equipment in use - run by year 7 – to quote from Mr Alcocks email to us : [Thanks to your early warning I have teamed up with a Yr7 form tutor to put on an orienteering maze using the electronic timing system at the fair – it'll be good to give something back to the PA! I do expect PA members to have a go at the event – it's not just for children! 😊](#)

PA equipment ordered and Pete Dutton confirmed he is ok for the day

Does any one have or know of anyone with a generator? Issues relating to PAT testing require us to use a generator for any non-school musical equipment. If anyone has access to a generator that would be a useful cost saving. One mum who arranges events was suggested and Jim will follow up.

Bids – Pass on Plastics Scheme and Year Book

JT circulated details of a bid for support by Harry Bolland, Joseph Riley, Adam Horrocks, Luke Sandiford (6th Form Students) for a project to reduce the use of plastics in school.

Their request is below.

Dear Parents Association

Recently we (Bradford Grammar Sixth form pupils) began a mission to drastically reduce the volume of plastics we as a school community consume, starting with reducing the plastic cups and bottles by contacting an established reusable metal bottle company called 'Chilly's', this is a great brand creating some of the best quality bottles on the market, and have organised a co-branding Bradford Grammar School water bottles to sell to all BGS pupils, staff and even you parents!

We would like to make it clear that this whole scheme is going to be entirely profit free, you pay as much as we do. The online retail price of such bottles is £20 but we intend to charge an affordable £12 (40% off retail price).

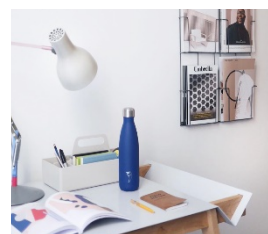
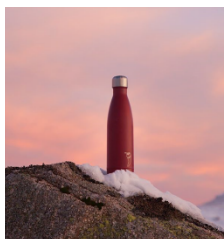
In order to set this project underway, we would need an initial investment of £1080 in order to buy 30 of each colour (the minimum order size), or an investment of £1800 for 50 of each colour. It is our hope that you, our Parents Association will be as excited as we are to **make a significant difference to the school by providing money for the 'extras' that really enhance school life.** We have already received a lot of great feedback from the sixth form and lower school. This project has already created much excitement as people are desperate to get their hands one of these great new bottles giving us great confidence that these will sell in no time and the investment can be soon returned to you.

All bottles are 500ml and will be offered in Maroon, Navy Blue, and Matte Black. Please find an order slip below to print off if you fancy one of these wonderful bottles yourself. I hope that you as the Parents Association can see the benefits of this scheme not only for the protection and conservation of our sea's but also for the image of our great school and find our idea worth the investment.

Thank you for your time,

Harry Bolland, Joseph Riley, Luke Sandiford, Adam Horrocks

<https://www.chillysbottles.com/bottles/>



Those present discussed the idea and gave it full support. JT to deal with the team and school finance department to support the project.

Year Book :

Alex Broadbridge wrote to us asking for our support to subsidise the cost of the Year Book as we have in the past. All present were in support and JT will advise Alex and school finance that we are happy to provide our support again. For Info; the book last year was £23 per copy. Last year, the subsidy was £5 per book for non bursary students (£18 for bursary students). Year 13 has around 120 students. Alex & School to progress absolute numbers and costs and confirm in due course.

Coffee mornings

Jim reported on the recent coffee afternoon – disrupted by the one day snow event – where we hosted Gemma Fieldsend (Charlie Waller Memorial Trust) and had an interesting talk on exam stress and Teenage Mental Health. For our next Coffee Morning we have invited Jo Rutter, BGS School Councillor and she will come along to talk to us along with Jane Chapman. Formal notification will be issued – provisionally looking towards the end of April / beginning of May.

AOB

Requests for donations for the tombola etc – week of the 9th April – once Easter is over.

Next meeting dedicated purely to the Spring Fair Thursday 12/4/2018 at 19:30.

Next full business PA meeting 14th June 2018 19:30.

Notifications will be issued at the appropriate time.