

BGS PA Minutes Tuesday 16th January 2018

Present

Suky Cheema, Chris Silberberg, Claire Hanafin, Jim Tullie, Tony Pickles, Andrew Radtke, Dannielle Armour, Rudo Chinembiri, Godfrey Chinembiri, Amanda Ashby, Vivienne Cogan, Helen Handy.

Apologies

Liz Ford, Sue Celik, Tracy Lord, Jan Tullie

Welcome by the chair Jim Tullie and introductions for first timers!

Minutes nominated by Jim Tullie seconded by Claire Hanafin

Plea for a secretary!

School Uniform

Jim and Helen gave us an update on the school uniform review. Notice has been given to Perrys and School Blazer are to be the new suppliers. There is going to be no discernible difference in the uniform only better fitting shirts! It will be all online and hoping to offer the girls the option of trousers.

Second Hand Uniform

Jim explained the previous system of cheques for payment for sold items and the issues with them. These included many going uncashed or running out of time to cash them. Jim then went on to explain the new system that has been arranged with the help of the school finance department. The cash generated from uniform sales will be collected and paid through the school system into the PA account thus sparing members of the PA a lot of paperwork and carrying large amounts of cash to pay in at local bank. The payment out to parents will be by deductions from the end of term fees twice a year.

Spring Fair

Amanda gave us an update on what has been sorted so far!

Booked outdoor attractions

Festival theme decided

Stage being confirmed just sorting out insurances

Ideas put forward by Dannielle to have ponchos as could rain!

Wellies a must!

Ice cream van booked

Discussion on costs for the various school departments of running the school fair. School has since reassured PA that these costs will be absorbed by the school and not passed on the PA which means more monies will be able to fund bids. THANK YOU DR HINCHLIFFE!

Jim to take on responsibility of mustering volunteers. Andrew to ask Sue Celik about a Clock House stall.

External stalls to be sorted by Sam and Amanda.

Jim to check availability of all the rooms need to run fair.

BGSHA looking to do a chocolate tombola and Mocktails.

More to follow on this! Meeting organised for Spring Fair Planning on Wednesday 21st February 2018 at Senior school 19:30.

Coffee mornings

Great coffee morning with Mr Rogers Head of Sport. Hopefully we can repeat this later in school year as many parents showed interest but couldn't make it and also to get update on developments in the sporting agenda at the school.

Will look to repeat the revision and learning and also the UCAS/careers coffee mornings that were very well received.

Next coffee morning is actually an afternoon on Thursday 8th March at 2.45pm where Gemma Fieldsend will be coming to talk to us again from the Charlie Waller Memorial Trust about our childrens mental health.

AOB

The Head has requested comments about the potential of a summer ball for the Yr13 Leavers. These were emailed into Dr Hinchliffe the following day :

Not sure the pupils would want their parents there.

Leavers already have their own event

Concerns about the alcohol and license.

Suggestion to do a summer ball for all parents and 6th form pupils.

Concern that it would be expensive.

Marquee would add to cost.

Too many people.

Concern that it would flop after a couple of years.

Need for a Yr 11 function as not all pupils stay onto 6th form.

Good idea but might be more inclusive if unrelated to leavers

Next PA Meeting Thursday 15th March 2018