

BGS PA Meeting Wednesday 15th November 2017

Present

Tracey Deacon, Vanessa McCormac, Judith Still, Chris Silberberg, Tony Pickles, Jim Tullie, Claire Hanafin, Amanda Ashby, Helen Handy

Apologies

Tracy Lord, Lisa Bradley, Vivienne Cogan, Andrew Radtke, Diane Anderson, Lesley Burke

Welcome by the Vice Chair Claire Hanafin.

Minutes approved by VM and seconded by JS.

Matters arising none

We are still 'Desperately Seeking Secretary'. You don't need to be a Madonna fan but if anyone is interested please drop a line to parentsassociation@bradfordgrammar.com.

We have had a request from Emma Tomlinson Yr 7 lead to host the parents whilst their children attend their disco on Tuesday 12th December which we have agreed to do offering mince pies and mulled wine in the dining room. If anyone can help out that evening please let us know on the above email.

Coffee mornings

Next coffee morning arranged since the meeting is Thursday 18th January 9.15 to 11am. Mr Ollie Rogers has kindly agreed to come and talk to us about the development of sports at BGS. All welcome and look forward to seeing you there.

Fair Planning

Ideas put forward for themes. We are going to follow up on festival/battle of the bands theme to check viability. Main concern at present is to book outside attractions and check with school re stage and electrics. AA to book outside attractions. JT and CH to follow up with school. AA reminded us what a huge task it is to organise the fair so formed a subcommittee to meet before Christmas to check on progress. So far members are AA, JT, CH, JS.

A reminder to be sent out to remind people to hold on to any hamper baskets they are sent at Christmas to be used at the Spring Fair.

Bid request

We have had 2 bid application from teachers at the school.

1. Emma Tomlinson Head of Yr 7 has asked the PA to support the Yr 7 residential trip in September 2018 to Caythorpe Court. The whole school year go on this trip aimed at building up the bonds of friendship and team building in the new year 7s as they join the senior school. The benefit of last year's trip were evident in smooth transition and settling of the pupils last year after the trip with hardly any friendship issues etc!

The PA agreed to fund approx. £2500 for the coaches to enable to reduce the cost of the trip for parents.

2. David Alcock Orienteering has asked the PA to fund a new set of modern kit for timing the orienteering team. At present they use clocking in sheets of paper which get very soggy in the rain! David kindly presented to the committee all the equipment and its extensive potential uses not restricted to orienteering. Orienteering is growing in popularity and yrs 7/8 all participate as well as it being a club available to all pupils.

The PA agreed to fund £3000 towards the equipment and look forward to having a go too!

The PA also agreed to fund the increase of approx. £250 to cover the cost of safety glass on the Kate Malone frame organised by Sarah Horsfield.

School Uniform

HH and JT fed back from the uniform tender process that they had been invited to attend. No specifics were talked about but clearly there was a unanimous decision made about the supplier and we look forward to hearing about it in the near future.

AOB

Flowers to be arranged for Lisa Bradley for a thanks for all her hard work as PA Chair for the last school year.

Date of Next Meeting

Tuesday 16th January 2018 DH Room