

## **Minutes of the BGS PA Meeting 28<sup>th</sup> November 2019**

### **Present**

Wayne Shirt, Vivienne Cogan, Nazrul Meah, Samm Thompson, Joe Bentley, Kevin Hubby, Amanda Ashby, Sarah Bowmer

### **Apologies**

Poonam Verma, Beth Street, Jean Pine, Claire Hanafin, Jill Swift, Katie Stitson, Preet Sandhu, Tony Pickles

### **Minutes of Meeting 26/9/19**

Accepted – Vivienne Cogan

Seconded – Wayne Shirt

### **Second Hand School Uniform**

The second hand uniform is now back up and running. A team of fantastic people have been meeting every Thursday morning in the Pavilion and have sorted through existing stock and donations in order to have a uniform sale at the Christmas Fair on Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> November 2019. Poonam Verma and Samm Thompson were nominated by Vivienne Cogan, seconded by Sarah Bowmer to run the group going forward. This was agreed by all attendees by a show of hands.

**Update:-** The sale went really well and we raised approximately £1250 towards PA funds. Thank you to all who helped set up, sell and clear up on the day.

### **Spring Fair Pre Planning**

Ideas were put forward for the Spring Fair which is to be held on 25<sup>th</sup> April 2020.

2020 will see the Olympics in Tokyo and Euro 2020 football tournament so it was a suggestion that the theme would be sport in general.

Suggestions were made to change some or all of the inflatables on Governors lawn to something that would not be affected too much by possible wet weather – dodgems or water zorbing – we shall investigate these possibilities price-wise and availability-wise.

It was suggested that maybe we donate the takings this year to a charity but KH is to check whether this is viable as we may, ourselves, be a registered charity.

Another suggestion was to invite a few local schools to enter a small-scale 5-a-side football tournament and a netball tournament which could be held in the Barn. We would have to check availability of facilities and see how much interest there would be in such a tournament. SB will approach Business Studies department to see if the 6<sup>th</sup> Form Business Studies pupils could perhaps organise the events including marketing, advertising and maximising fundraising.

### **Clock House**

Meetings have been held between Clock House and Senior School PA representatives. We are trying to reinforce the message that parents of all children at BGS are welcome at PA meetings no matter whether they are at CH or Senior School.

It was also agreed that PA funds would cover the following in this and future years:-

- 1) Year 6 leavers hoodies
- 2) £1000 would be allocated annually to CH solely for CH activities designed for our younger pupils such as discos/social evenings or picnics. The monies will be administered by FOCH and they can add to this account by holding various fundraising events throughout the school year.

The next FOCH meeting is to be held on 20<sup>th</sup> January 2020 at 9am. All are welcome to attend.

## **Year 7 Social Event – 17<sup>th</sup> December 2019**

We are now hoping to use the Senior School Dining Hall for the Yr 7 parents who are bringing children to the Year 7 Social on 17<sup>th</sup> December 2019 in Hockney Theatre. Emma Tomlinson (Yr 7 Head) will organise. Thank you to volunteers who are attending from PA.

## **Bid for Birdboxes – Mr J Bentley**

Mr Bentley from the Biology Department kindly attended the meeting in order to request funds for 3 nest boxes with cameras to be installed in school grounds. The idea is that children can see the activity inside the boxes through webcam technology which can be beamed onto screens around school. The boxes would be installed around The Glade but it was agreed that one box would be placed near CH so that the younger children also feel involved. It was suggested that maybe CH pupils could design and paint their box.

In respect of installation of the boxes, Mr Bentley will approach the Estates and Health & Safety Depts in school to calculate how much it would be to provide cabling and power for the boxes. It was suggested that a better alternative would be to install wireless cameras in boxes. These are more expensive but would negate the need for cables to be laid externally.

Attached are the details provided by Mr Bentley for his bid.

In principle the bid was accepted unanimously by a show of hands. We now require a formal monetary breakdown so that we can provide funding.

## **Networking/Coffee Mornings**

Various suggestions were received for coffee morning topics. These include:-

Duke of Edinburgh Introduction/Explanation of Categories – Mrs Heywood, Mr Hoath

Learning Support – Louise Croudson, Jane Chapman

Careers Advice – Mrs Chalashika, Mrs Flaherty

Mental Health – Jane Chapman

Wayne will approach the staff to enquire as to availability for future coffee mornings.

## **AOB**

Wayne has contacted Emma Tomlinson and confirmed that the PA will pay full transport costs for next year's PGL trip for Year 7 - September 2020.

**Date of Next Meeting – 27<sup>th</sup> January 2020 7.30pm - DH Room**

### BGS nest boxes




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### BGS nest boxes



Why?

How?

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### Why?

- \* To foster an interest in and passion for our local wildlife.
- \* To share in the trials and tribulations of our resident bird families.
- \* To provide valuable nest sites in an urban environment.

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How?



RSPB endorsed nest box and camera system

Cost: £149 each. I would like 2 or hopefully 3!!

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Where? In trees within the school grounds, away from Keighley Road e.g. behind the Kenneth Robinson Building

When? Ideally around late Feb/early March 2020 in time for the nesting/breeding season/

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