

Minutes of PTFA Meeting 2nd October 2017

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1. Welcome to new parents

Welcome and introduction then a brief outline of what we do as a PTFA – we run occasional social events for staff, students and parents. We fundraise in a number of ways for equipment that can be used to offer enrichment opportunities for all Haslingden students including (although not exclusively) DofE equipment that is used by a lot of HHS students and we often provide refreshments and run raffles at key school events.

2. Y7 settling in and PRPs

Jude asked for feedback from the new Y7 parents about transition arrangements. The overwhelming response was positive and parents felt that we had been very organised and thoughtful in our arrangements for new Y7.

- Some parents did not know about the photograph day. Could details of these kinds of events be emailed as not all parents are on Facebook/Twitter?
- The information pack mentioned Parent Pay information coming in Summer which it didn't in all cases. Parents asked if the pack could tell parents to send students in with money for lunches on the first day.
- Query about what happens to the Summer Book Review – Jude said she would look into this. Jude asked Mrs Morgan about this – the winner has been selected and the prize will be awarded in assembly. She chased up English Staff to return these pieces of work to students.

3. Reports

Jude showed parents the current school report and the proposed changes. There was some discussion of what parents liked and disliked about the proposal. They felt that the colour coding made it easier to understand however they didn't like the idea of removing the 'Key Piece' as they preferred to know how their children perform under test conditions. The name 'key piece' was felt to be confusing however and they preferred to call it 'assessment' or 'block assessment'

4. Bid for funds

Colin Povey requested £200 for games club – this was granted
Kevin Gibbs requested £200 for a new electric guitar for the school bands to use – this was granted

5. Christmas Raffle

The raffle is going to run again using Parent Pay. It was suggested that we try to send out electronic ticket numbers this year to cut down on the administration. JRA said that she would look into doing that. Requests from Jude to parents to get raffle prizes.

6. Dance Show/Christmas Concert

Dates 7th and 8th December for the Dance Show and 12th December for the Christmas Concert. Jude will contact parents nearer the time for volunteers to sell refreshments or to do the 'early shift' selling raffle tickets.

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- Jude to check that the extra-curricular activity list is wholly up to date
- Jude asked to look into using Easy Fundraising as a school.
- 200 Club leaflets given out. We have now sold over 180 numbers!

NEXT MEETING: 23rd January AGM 6pm – 7pm

**If anyone would like to nominate anyone else for one of the three roles please email Jude.
Or if anyone is keen to step down from a role.**

Currently -

Chair – Tina Ainsworth

Treasurer – Claire Smith

Secretary – Kate Sieg-Hogg